



the Royal Review

Riverview School Newsletter

September 4, 2019

WELCOME BACK!

A very warm welcome back to all our staff, students and their families and a special welcome is extended to all those staff, students and families that are new to Riverview School. We look forward to meeting you at our Fall Feast Open House on September 19th, 2019.

We are happy to have Mr. Steven Korobanik back until Mrs. McInerney returns from her leave, as well as Claudette Scott who will be returning as Custodian.

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page for upcoming events at Riverview. We have created a new page.

Keeping an eye on the school newsletters and the See Saw App will keep you current with any additional information and school happenings.

Mrs. Mosbeck, Mrs. Carradice and Mr. Chorney

Important Information

Your child will be bringing home a Student Verification form. Please verify that we have the correct information regarding your child and **return the Student Verification Form with any corrections made using a coloured pen/pencil by Friday, September 13th, 2019.**

There are two sections that need specific attention
1) the collection of Data/consent to Disclose
2) the Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation Consent. If the first section is left blank or is marked "no" your child will not be able to have his/her picture taken by Lifetouch on September 24th. If the next section is left blank or marked as "no" then the RRDSB and school will not be able to communicate with you electronically.

I'M HERE

Northern Ontario schools are facing a very serious problem with student absenteeism. The school boards in Thunder Bay Region have the highest rates of persistent absenteeism at 21.6 %!

Based on 194 days of instruction, an Ontario elementary student who misses 19 days of school is deemed persistently absent. With the number of sporting events, family commitments, travel days, and illness, it does not take long to reach this number. We know that student absence negatively affects academic performance.

HERE is the math...

- ◇ Students who miss an average of 2 days per month in elementary school stand a 60% chance of dropping out in Grade 9
- ◇ A higher absenteeism rate in Kindergarten is associated with lower achievement in Grade 3
- ◇ When students have high absenteeism in Grade 9, they are much more likely to drop out and less likely to graduate
- ◇ Students with high absenteeism have a more difficult time to adjust to school routines and more likely to have altercations at school.



Upcoming Events:

Fall Feast Open House/Bookfair	SE 17
School Council Meeting	SE 19
Terry Fox Walk	SE 26
Scholastic Book Fair	SE 16—20
Picture Days	SE 24
PD Day (no school for students)	SE 30
Cross Country Run	OC 10

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Educating the HEART and MIND of every child – today and tomorrow.

Principal – Mrs. Michelle Mosbeck Vice-Principal—Mrs. Anne Carradice

POSITIVE MESSAGING—CHEERS, NOT JEERS, PLEASE!

A new school year is a fresh start. Riverview School staff is trying hard to keep things positive. We are asking parents to also contribute to keeping a positive climate at the school. We encourage families to solve school related conflicts, disagreements and issues (jeers) with school staff rather than on social media.

Conflicts and disagreements are a natural part of any relationship. But when the school is blasted on social media, it affects the learning environment for all of us, even your child. We, as adults, are models for our children. It is important not only as a social skill but also for mental health reasons to work through conflict in a proactive manner.

As parent/guardians we want the best for our children. Please help us create an awesome learning environment by working together this year through the good and the not so good.

FALL FEAST OPEN HOUSE

The staff of Riverview School extends an invitation to families to attend the annual Open House. We invite parents/guardians and students to come enjoy a BBQ. After supper meet the teachers and visit the **Scholastic Book Fair**. We are looking forward to seeing you here on Tuesday, September 17!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council plays a very important role in the life of a school. We are looking for interested parents who enjoy working with others and want to make a difference at Riverview. **School Councils provide advice to the principal, connect the parents to the school, help plan special events and meet at a minimum, four times per year.**

Please consider getting involved in this very worthwhile endeavour. You can nominate yourself or another parent at the Open House. First meeting is September 19th.

RRDSB TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALLERGIES & FOOD RESTRICTIONS

Food allergies can be life threatening. The risk of accidental exposure to foods can be reduced if we all work together to minimize risk and take measure to provide a safe environment for food-allergic students.

Riverview is a **fish, nut and peanut-restricted** school. Please do not send peanut butter or any other nut products to school with your child. Check labels of all food items.

Buses are a **NO FOOD ZONE**. The buses transport students with food allergy restrictions and it is critical that we have everyone's compliance to make sure the buses are kept clean and food free to minimize everyone's risk.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION CHANGE FORM

All changes to student transportation must be done on a Student Transportation Change Form (F11), and returned to your child's school. No changes will be accepted by any other method. A student Transportation change Form can be found on our website under the "Forms" section. Please make sure that all information is filled out correctly before sending it in. Once the change is approved, you will hear back within 3 business days.

The School Day

8:40	Warning Bell to Come In
8:45	Classes start 1 st block
10:25	Start 1 st Nutrition Break
10:40	Bell to go outside
11:05	Bell to come in
11:10	Classes Begin Second Block
12:50	Start 2 nd Nutrition Break
1:05	Ring to go outside – 2 nd break
1:30	Ring to come in
1:35	Classes begin 3 rd block

SEPTEMBER'S CHARACTER TRAIT—RESPECT

We respect ourselves and treat others with Courtesy, Dignity, and Positive Regard. We honour the rights of others. We respect their belongings, the environment and the world around us.

THANK YOU! A special thanks to our caretakers Al Wolanicki, Clint Jenson, Tina Hagen and student worker Reece Chorney who have worked throughout the summer to clean, paint and maintain our school. We appreciate your work!

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Once again this year we are offering the Breakfast Program. The free breakfast will be offered every morning. Ms Kreger is our lead in that program with teachers volunteering.

As with any program, it takes dedicated people to make it happen. If you would be willing to volunteer to help out please let Mrs. Carradice know. Many thanks.

MICROWAVES

Each classroom has one microwave for students to heat or reheat lunch items. We would ask that parents do not give students full microwaveable meals that take more than 2 minutes to cook as it does not allow time for everyone to use the microwave. It should be used for short duration, only.

SCHOOL DAY/SAFE ARRIVAL

The school day begins at 8:45 am. Please make every effort to have students here on time. Supervision begins at 8:30 am.

Please ensure that students do not arrive before 8:30 AM as there is no one responsible for supervision of students before that time.

If your child will not be attending school on any particular day, please call and let us know. We have voice mail and a short message from you would be greatly appreciated. If we do not know where your child is, we will be calling you. Please help our busy secretary, Mrs. Hartnell, and call us first at 852-3561.

SECRETARY

Please note the change in secretary time. Mrs. Hartnell will be at the school from 8:00—11:30. If your matter is urgent, please call Anne or Michelle.

CELL PHONES

For the students' well-being we are encouraging parents not to send students with PEDs (Personal Electronic Devices) from home, like iPhones, because they will not be allowed during the instructional day. The RRDSB provides all students devices to use during the school day as the teacher deems necessary. Our goal is to have them engaged in the lessons during class so they can experience success. During recess, we want them active for their well-being. We also want to protect your child(ren) from having someone take pictures of them. **Should they have the cell phones on during school the following steps will be taken.**

- 1st time—friendly reminder to put it away
- 2nd time—taken away and returned to student at the end of the day
- 3rd time—brought to the office, student can collect at the end of the day
- 4th time—brought to the office, parents must collect from the office

Thanks so much for your support!

SAFE WELCOME

The Safe Welcome Program supports a welcoming learning environment by ensuring that parents and other authorized visitors can access elementary schools while keeping students and staff safe.

The aim of the Safe Welcome Program is to increase safety for both staff and students by locking the front door of the school during the day. Visitors will be required to press a buzzer to request access. Staff in the main office will be able to see and speak to the visitor, and release the door lock to provide access. We continue to ask visitors to sign in at the school's office. We recognize that many parents come to pick up their children at the end of the day so the door will be unlocked at 3:00 p.m. in anticipation of 3:15 dismissal.

As always, parents are welcome in our school any time. Thank you for your continued support for the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff in our school. **Doors will be locked from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Staff have been trained in many Safe School Procedures such as: Bomb Threat, Severe Weather, Lock-down and Fire Drills.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Rainy River District School Board has purchased accident insurance for all full-time students. This insurance covers all school sanctioned events.

This insurance covers the requirement under the Field Trip Policy for student accident insurance and is effective September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020 for all school-sanctioned activities. The information is posted on the Board's website under Parents, with a link to the insurance company on How To Make A Claim.

SCHOOL/HOME COMMUNICATION

We believe that communication between home and school is critical to children's success. Phone calls, notes, school work samples, school website (<http://riv.rrdsb.com>), Seesaw, report cards, meetings and newsletters are important tools to help you understand and connect with your children's education.

The school newsletter will be sent home at the beginning of each month with the youngest student in your household. Watch for your copy - please check your child's backpack. It will also be posted on our website: (<http://riv.rrdsb.com>)

MENTAL HEALTH MEMO: HELPING KIDS (AND YOURSELF) GET BACK INTO THE SCHOOL ROUTINE

The start of a new school year is exciting for most kids. It can also be a little anxiety provoking for both caregivers and children). The school environment makes demands on kids that they don't usually face during summer activities: organization, attention, highly structured daily schedules, separation from family, and engaging in peer interactions.

While every child faces these challenges when heading back to school, this can be especially difficult for the approximately 20% of children who experience a mental health issue. Here are some ideas to help make the transition from the lake to the classroom:

- validate that it's normal to be nervous when transitioning back to school and problem-solve ways to address their concerns with them

September 2019 Riverview School Newsletter Draw

My/our child(ren) (please list childrens' names)

_____, _____, _____, brought home this newsletter.

1. Why don't we want students to have cell phones in class and recess ?

2. What day is the Fall Feast Open House/Bookfair for Riverview? _____

3. What time does supervision start in the morning? _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Please cut off the bottom and return to the office by Friday, September 13th to be eligible for the draw.

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