

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Welcome to the New Year, 2024!

After a joyous holiday season and as we settle into another new year, we would like to take this opportunity to provide many thanks.

Firstly, thank you to all parents and caregivers for providing our students with continuous assistance in achieving their educational goals. These next few months will continue to be very important learning months.

Secondly, we would like to extend our gratitude to our Parent Council for organizing an excellent Christmas Tea that provided a perfect opportunity for students, staff and community members to come together and enjoy the festivities of the holiday season.

Lastly, a huge thank you to our hardworking and talented students as well as to our dedicated staff for organizing and presenting a fantastic Christmas concert that was enjoyed by all. Having a full gym of parents, caregivers, friends, family and community members was very uplifting.

With winter's late arrival, please ensure that students are dressed warmly and appropriately for the weather. Hats, mittens, winter coats, snow-pants and boots are a necessity. Please keep in mind that students will be spending time outdoors for recess and at times, during gym classes for skiing and snowshoeing. If temperatures are below -25 degrees Celsius, students will be spending time indoors.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year!

Mrs. Osadchuk & Mrs. Beckett



Upcoming Events:

Bell Let's Talk Day	January 24
PA Day	January 26
Family Literacy Day	January 27
Term 1 Reports Go Home	February 12
Family Day—No School	February 19
March Break	March 11—15



2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR SURVEY

Every year, students, families, employees and community members have an opportunity to provide feedback on

the upcoming school year calendar. There are two draft calendar options for you to choose from. [Please click here to complete the survey.](#) or visit the RRDSB website. This survey is open until Thursday, January 18.

2024 - 2025 School Year Calendar Survey



Follow the link below to fill out the survey for the 2024 - 2025 school year calendar.

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Mental Health Memo Returning to School After Winter Break

Returning to school after winter break can be difficult. Going from all the downtime to your typical schedule, can be hard for all of us and often our kids will struggle with the transition back to routine, rules, and schoolwork.

While any transition can be difficult, these tips on getting back into the school routine after holiday break may help:

- Return to bedtime routines – quality, consistent sleep is essential to their ability to learn
- Frame going back to school as a new beginning – talk about what they're hoping for in the new year
- Choose one way to make your life easier – a little planning and organizing will help with the transition
- Plan something fun to look forward to – consider a family activity or outing for the weekend
- Talk about what they'll share with friends – plan what they will say about their vacation
- Validate their feelings – acknowledge that they may be having mixed feelings about returning

Whether you're looking forward to sending your kids back or will miss the time you had together (often it's a little of both) these tips will help make the transition easier for both you and your kids.

Check out this article to learn more:

<https://www.lovetoknow.com/parenting/parenthood/going-back-to-school-after-winter-break>

Say Hello to Xello!

All students from grade 7-12 have been using Xello, an online program to support their Individual Pathways Plans (IPP). With Xello students can start exploring different options early, and develop future goals and plans for their education, career, and life.

Now Xello is offering Family Accounts to allow parents/guardians to view their child's IPP profile, and to try Xello out for themselves from a student's perspective.

If you have a child in grade 7-12, and an email contact listed with the school, you will soon receive an activation email from noreply@xello.world with the subject "Welcome to Xello!" Use the link in the email to activate your account within 7 days of receiving it. All you'll need to do to get started is to set a password. If you don't wish to activate your account, you can ignore the email.

We're hoping your Xello Family Account will support you in discussing your child's future plans with them. Visit bit.ly/AboutXello23 (or use QR Code included here) for more information. The RRDSB will also be offering opportunities in the new year for families to learn about our pathway planning program, and how to make the most of your family account.

If you have any issues accessing your account or have more questions, please contact your child's teacher or email Rob Donaldson, Experiential Learning Lead at the RRDSB:

robroy.donaldson@rrdsb.com



January 2024 Riverview School Newsletter Draw

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

_____, _____, _____, brought home this newsletter.

1. When is the next PA Day? _____
2. What is on January 27th? _____
3. When do Term 1 Reports go home? _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Please cut off the bottom and return to the office or email your answers to madeline.hartnell@rrdsb.com by Friday, January 19th to be eligible for the draw. Last month's winner was Harlie Brusven!



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