

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are excited to welcome everyone back to Riverview for the 2021-2022 school year!

We are also happy to welcome new staff, students and families to Riverview.

Joining our teaching staff are Kim Nussbaumer, Krystina Mc Ardle, and Melissa Jenson. Alicia Anderson is also joining our staff as librarian. Our administration team is James Chorney, Principal, and myself, Bev Arpin, as Acting Vice-Principal. Many of you may already be familiar with me as I was part of the teaching staff before.

We have been busy preparing our school and classrooms to provide an environment that is safe and inviting. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. We value your input and are looking forward to a great year!

Mrs. Arpin & Mr. Chorney



STUDENT ATTENDANCE

When your child is absent from school, please call 852-3561 or text 271-0787 to let us know the reason for late or absence and the length of their absence. If you do not call the school and your child has been marked absent, you will be called at your contact phone numbers in order to ensure your child is home.

Upcoming Events:

K-12 School Council Meeting	TBD
Picture Day	Sept 21
Terry Fox activities	Sept 29
Rowan's Law Day	Sept 29
Orange Shirt Day	Sept 30
Thanksgiving Day (no school)	Oct 11
PD Day (no school for students)	Nov 1

COVID-19 School Screening

Students, parents/guardians and school staff

Answer a few questions before leaving for school.



[Ontario.ca/SchoolScreening](https://ontario.ca/SchoolScreening)



Parents/guardians are expected to screen their children and youth prior to them leaving for school each morning.

Please use the Ontario Ministry of Health's COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

Further to this, the Ministry of Education has requested that as an additional safety measure, schools will confirm that students have completed this screen for the first 10 days of school— September 2-16, 2021.

For students in JK-Grade 3, parents/guardians are asked to confirm in writing that your child has been screened daily.

Students in Grades 4-12 will verbally confirm that they completed the screening with their classroom teacher.

The School Day

8:30	Supervision Begins
8:40	Warning Bell to Come In
8:45	Classes start 1 st block
10:25	Start 1 st Nutrition Break
11:10	Classes Begin Second Block
12:50	Start 2 nd Nutrition Break
1:35	Classes begin 3 rd block

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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 along with Mrs. Kreger who volunteers daily to come and help. 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. Arpin 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 3 minutes to cook as it does not allow time for everyone to use the microwave. It should be used for short duration, only. We also ask that you only send food items that students are able to open themselves and do not require assistance.

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 and ask that you remain outside until the bell rings at 3:15pm.

At this time, parents able to come into the school if necessary. Thank you for your continued support for the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff in our school.

No Fish, Peanuts & All Nut Products School

Riverview is a 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.



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CELL PHONES

For the students' well-being we are encouraging parents not to send 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!

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

School Councils play an important role in student success. We encourage a strong partnership between the school and your family. School Councils help parents become actively involved in the education of their children. School Councils help good schools become better. Until further notice, school council meetings will be held remotely. Information related to connecting to the meeting will be posted on the school webpage. Please stay tuned for the first K—12 School Council meeting shortly.

MEDICATION INFORMATION CHANGE

The school cannot administer medication to a student without a signed authorization from parents/ guardians and the prescribing doctor. If your child needs to be given medication during the school day contact the school to access the necessary forms. A reminder that staff members cannot administer any medication that is not prescribed by a medical practitioner

Riverview School Handbook

Please review our School Code of Conduct for all other school information on our website and here:

[Riverview Handbook](#)



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Student develops COVID-like symptoms

(as described by the COVID-19 school screening tool)

While at school:

Parent/guardian contacted and pick up arranged

Student remains in designated room until parent/guardian arrival

Siblings within the household picked up at same time as ill student (*unless fully vaccinated and asymptomatic – if so, sibling can remain at school*)

Student and/or parent/guardian follow advice based on their results from the school screening tool:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

While at home:

Student stays at home

Siblings within the household stay home as well (*unless fully vaccinated and asymptomatic – if so, sibling can continue to attend school*)

Student and/or parent/guardian follow advice based on their results from the school screening tool:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>



Our Staff

Principal	Jim Chorney
Acting Vice Principal	Bev Arpin
Secretary	Madeline Hartnell
Kindergarten	Melissa Jenson
Grade 1/2	Sarah McInerney
Grade 2/3	Chelsea Maydo
Grade 4/5	Hillary Hansen Nordberg
Grade 5/6	Krystina McArdle
Grade 7/8	Michelle Van Beek
French	Kim Nussbaumer
Special Ed.	Melissa Nordin
Reading Recovery	Melissa Nordin
Library	Alicia Anderson
Speech	Mary Crosswell
EA	Deany Ewald
EA	Sherri Kreger
EA	Pam Pearson

ASP is Back this Fall!

The After School Program will return to the Recreation Centre on September 21, 2021.

The program runs after school on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday of each week from 3:15-5:30.

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to socialize and explore activities in a safe and healthy environment. Programming will emphasize healthy lifestyles, physical activity, and positive relationships. The ASP program is very affordable for just \$7/week per child.

If you are interested in registering, you can contact the Rec Centre at 852-4446, email rainyriverrec@tbaytel.net, or stop by the Rec Centre.

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, SeeSaw, Report Cards, meetings and newsletters are important tools to help you understand and connect with your children's education.

Moving forward, the school newsletter will be sent electronically this year through SeeSaw in order to be as paperless as possible.

It will also be posted on our website and Facebook (<https://riv.rrdsb.com>)

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Mental Health Memo

Supporting a Mentally Healthy Back to School



This past year has been anything but usual!

While many students and families are eager to return to a “more normal” school experience, some will be worried about starting back, and what this new school year will look like for them.

You can support your child as they head back to school by: taking care of yourself so that you can support your children; talk to them about what to expect and what school may look like; pay attention to special transitions and find out how your school is organizing tours/visits and start to introduce regular family routines and schedules.

In discussions with your child, consider asking these questions:

- Who are you looking forward to connecting with this school year?
- What is one thing you’re hoping to do during the school year?

What are the strategies that really worked for you during remote learning? Are there things we can build on?

- How are you feeling about this school year?
- What’s one thing you feel excited for?
- Is there anything you feel a bit worried about?
- How can I help you to feel comfortable about school?

Click on the link to see the entire article [How to Support a Mentally Healthy Back to School for Your Child](#)

For more information, please contact the RRDSB Mental Health Leader: tracey.idle@rrdsb.com

NEW



STUDENT PORTAL
rrdsb.powerschool.com

PowerSchool

We have a new student portal called PowerSchool, which has replaced Edsby. Secondary students can now use their student number and password to sign into our new student portal to view their class schedule, attendance, marks, etc.

<https://rrdsb.powerschool.com/public/>

PowerSchool mobile app is available for both IOS and Android. Our district code is LPZT.

The parent portion of the portal will be available later this year.

September 2021 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 are the Terry Fox activities 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 or email your answers to madeline.hartnell@rrdsb.com by Friday, September 17th to be eligible for the draw.

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