

## The Royal Review



**Riverview School Newsletter** 

April 2, 2024

#### PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Hello April! We hope Spring is approaching, although Winter is still hanging around. We trust that everyone had a rejuvenating break! April is a vibrant month for us at Riverview School, with several significant events. We recognize World Autism Day, Earth Day, Easter, and the International Day of Pink.

We look forward to having Anne Marie Armstrong and Deb Hebert from Sunset Metis come again this month to teach us more about 'Jigging.' As we look forward to spring weather, let's ensure our students are dressed for any weather conditions that may arise during school hours. March was a busy month for staff and students. Our field trip to Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung was a delightful learning day for everyone, and we enjoyed the fantastic weather! We had a visit from 'Frisbee Rob,' who shared valuable lessons on physical literacy, resiliency, kindness, and self-awareness. Riverview students 'Rocked their socks' during World Down Syndrome Day! Our Grade 8 students brought home the gold medal in Basketball from Donald Young School, and our Grade 7 students played exceptionally well, a testament to their hard work and dedication.

We sincerely appreciate your ongoing support and active involvement in your child's education. Good attendance is a crucial part of academic success. We want to remind parents and guardians to send their children to school daily unless they are sick. Consistent attendance helps students build a routine and stay engaged in their learning. Together, we can help our students build a strong foundation for their future success.

Mrs. Osadchuk, Mr. Yahnishchak & Mrs. Beckett



#### From Balanced to Structured Literacy

The new Language curriculum in Ontario has shifted from a Balanced to a Structured approach. What does this mean?

It is working to create a strong foundation with the most basic elements of sound-letter relationships and building on those to find meaning.

Explicit and sequential instruction includes:

**Phonology** - the ability to identify and manipulate individual sounds in spoken words *Example* 

isolating, identifying, segmenting, blending sounds, syllables, rhymes, making/breaking words

**Orthography** - sound-symbol knowledge *Example* 

there are different ways to spell the /k/ sound, , , or ,, however, we usually use at the end of words

**Morphology** - words and the parts that carry meaning

Example

un + help + ful

**Syntax** - how words combine to create meaningful sentences, grammar

**Semantics** - meaning of words, phrases, and sentences, comprehension, vocab *Example* 

irony, which refers to when someone says one thing but means another - if someone standing in the rain said, "What a great day!"

<u>Parent Guide</u> - check the guide for more information

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#### **AVAILABLE SPRING 2024!**



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# **Anti Human Trafficking Presentation for Parents**



April 9, 2024
Fort Frances Memorial Arena
6:00pm - 8:00pm



For more information contact: Brandis (807) 274-2042 ext. 4250 boliver@fftahs.org



<b>Upcoming Events:</b>	
Easter Monday—No School	April 1
<b>World Autism Day</b>	April 2
Jigging with Ann Marie	April 4
Gr 7/8 Basketball	April 6
Solar Eclipse	April 8
International Day of Pink	April 10
Gr 7/8 Basketball	April 13
PA Day—No School	April 19
Earth Day	April 22
Grade 8 Day	April 26

April is oral health month and it's time for @theCDHA's Attack the Plaque colouring contest! It's also a great time to remind everyone to brush their teeth at least twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste (2x2 minutes).



A total eclipse is scheduled for April 8, 2024, stretching from Southern Ontario to Newfoundland and Labrador, with the rest of Canada witnessing a partial eclipse. Our area will only experience a partial blockage of the sun as we are not in the path of the total eclipse.

The solar eclipse will take place between 1:00pm – 3:10pm (CST) on April 8th, with the sun reaching maximum coverage around 2:00pm. Therefore, schools will be in session, but breaks will be adjusted accordingly.

Leading up to the eclipse date, students will have the opportunity to learn more about this rare celestial event. Additionally, resources on safely observing a solar eclipse are available from the Northwestern Health Unit.

NWHU Solar eclipse safety

Solar eclipse safety

### **April 2024 Riverview School Newsletter Draw**

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	When is the PA Day?	
	When is World Autism Day?	<del></del>
3.	How does consistent attendance help students?	
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	Signature of Parent/Gu	ıardian

Please cut off the bottom and return to the office or email your answers to madeline.hartnell@rrdsb.com by Friday, April 26th to be eligible for the draw. Last month's winner was Brexton Bosma!

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