



Riverview Elementary School

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At Riverview, we are a community of: responsible, respectful, learning, caring citizens!

September 2023 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Welcome to all students and parents for the 2023-24 school year at Riverview!

It's been a busy week getting kids settled in to their classes and getting all of our student services up and running. We're very pleased with the attitude that students brought with them after the summer break and that has made it a calm start to the new year.

Like any year, some things have changed. For example, we have moved to one recess break where all students are outside at the same time. So far this has gone really well, with a lot of good energy on the playground. We are sticking with our split lunch hour for this year and we will look at it in June to see if we want to change for September 2024.

Mary Bell is our new PAC President and Breakfast Coordinator. She's been hard at work already on providing a nutritious, high-quality breakfast for all of our students who request it.

This fall our new school website has been launched. We're working to update it with news and special announcements. You can access it through the SD28 website, under the schools tab.

Thank you to all of you for your continuing support of our school! We are all looking forward to an amazing 2023-24 school year!

Mr. Tim Lofstrom

School Hours:

8:30 am - 2:36 pm

Recess

10:15 am - 10:30 am

Lunch

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Secretary Hours

Monday 8:00 - 3:15

Tuesday 8:00 - 3:15

Wednesday 8:00 - 3:15

Thursday 8:00 - 3:15

Friday 8:00 - 3:15

Please note secretary hours are subject to change.

Student Water Bottles

Just a reminder to send a reusable water bottle with students



Absent Students

Parents and guardians, please let us know:

- If your child will be late or absent from school
- If a different person will be picking up your child at the end of the day
- If your child will be walking to a different location after school
- If your child will be leaving during the course of the day



Student Supervision

Parents are reminded that there is no student supervision at the school prior to 8:00 am and no student supervision after the buses have left.

PLEASE NOTE

WELCOME!

To all returning and new staff at Riverview.

Our staff are as follows:

Mr. Lofstrom	Principal	Ms. Mindel	AES
Mrs. Zappone	Secretary	Ms. Robertson	AES
Ms. Bronswyk	Kindergarten	Mrs. Stephanie Shopa	YCW
Ms. Brines	Grade 1	Ms. Parks	YCW
Ms. Malner	Grade 2/3	Ms. Stromquist	EA
Ms. Caldwell	Grade 2/3	Ms. Wall	EA
Ms. Fraser	Grade 4	Ms. Smith	EA
Ms. Millership	Grade 4/5	Ms. Beauvillier	EA
Ms. Dunsford	Grade 6/7	Mrs. VanLeusden	EA
Mrs. Dawson	Grade 6/7	Ms. Daly	EA
Ms. Yee	LA	TBA	EA
Ms. Muratspahic	Counselor	TBA	EA
Ms. Yuris	Resource Teacher	Ms. Bell	Breakfast Club/Student Supervisor
Ms. Moore	Resource Teacher	Mrs. Jones	Student Supervisor
TBA	Early Literacy	Ms. Fillion	Student Supervisor
Ms. Moore	Librarian	Ms. Christen	Student Supervisor
Mr. Scallion	Music	Mrs. Green	Custodian

Student Forms

IMPORTANT

Students have been sent home with the annual verification and permission forms. These forms are crucial in keeping our emergency information up to date. *Please review, sign, and return to the school even if there are no changes.*

Changing Weather

Please remember to dress for the changing weather, especially with our morning becoming colder! Students are expected to have a warm coat, gloves, a hat, and proper footwear for the colder weather. Students will only be kept in on days where the temperature is below -15.



Daily Health Awareness

As another school year commences, it is important to remember health awareness. Health awareness reduces the likelihood of a person/child with illness coming to school when they are infectious. **This includes a person checking regularly that they or their child are not experiencing symptoms of illness to ensure they are not coming to school when they are sick.** This will help prevent the spread of germs and will keep our school community healthy.



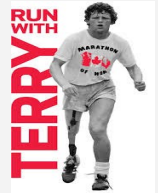
Parent/Guardian Access to School Site

- Parents and visitors must make appointments when meeting with teachers or staff.
- Anyone needing to drop off items for students can enter the main door and check in with office staff and leave the item there.
- Visitors are reminded to check in at the office and are encouraged to hand sanitize when entering the building.



Terry Fox Run

The Riverview Terry Fox Walk/Run will take place Friday, October 6th. We are going to have a breakfast **for all students/staff** at 8:40 am, consisting of pancakes, sausages, fruit and a juice. Students will be going for walk around the neighbourhood to recognize Terry Fox's worldwide contributions to the fight against cancer. **We are asking students to bring a small donation for the Terry Fox fight against cancer.**



District Lunch Program

If you are in need of this program, please contact the office for a registration form. Unfortunately, this program is not able to accommodate most allergies. Forms need to be in the office by Wednesdays to order for the following week.



School Parking Lot

This year there are many more students riding the bus as well as new students in the school it is imperative that we improve safety in our parking lot. **Only staff and school district vehicles are allowed in the parking lot between 8:00 am and 8:40 am in the morning and 2:15 pm and 2:45 pm in the afternoon.**

Student drop off can be done at the parking lot at the Trinity Lutheran Church and Harper Avenue as well as on Hartley St. We realize that at times this can be an inconvenience but student safety is always our biggest concern. Thank you.



Electronic Policy

Just a reminder of the "no electronic" policy throughout School District #28 for all elementary schools. Phones, iPods, Gameboys etc. should be left at home and this includes school field trips and sporting events. If students must bring a phone to school, please remind them, they must stay in backpacks while at school. If devices are seen at school, students will be reminded of this rule the first time but if they continue to be used while at school they will be taken and held at the office until the end of the day. Riverview is not responsible for lost or stolen devices.

ALLERGY NOTICE—FISH/SHELLFISH FREE SCHOOL

Due to severe Fish/Shellfish allergies, Riverview School is a FISH/SHELLFISH FREE SCHOOL.

These allergies are **life-threatening**. We appreciate your assistance in ensuring NONE of these foods are brought to the school. All fish, scallops, shrimp, tuna, salmon, crab, etc.



Orange Shirt Day

On Friday, September 29th the school will be honouring Orange Shirt day. This is a day that we recognized the suffering that occurred in the Residential School system. All students will be learning about Residential schools through classroom lessons.



No School

A reminder to parents/guardians; school will not be in session on the following date(s):

- ⇒ **Monday, Oct. 2 - National Day of Truth & Reconciliation Observed**
- ⇒ **Monday, Oct. 9 - Thanksgiving**
- ⇒ **Friday, Oct. 20 - Pro D Day**



Breakfast Club

All students will enjoy a healthy breakfast snack that will be delivered to the classroom. Children can't learn on an empty stomach. Therefore, at Riverview we are committed to ensuring all students receive the healthy start they need in order to be successful learners. We are partnered with the Breakfast Club of Canada and local community groups to offer a universal breakfast program. Thank you to all for organizing this program.



PAC

The PAC is an important voice for our students and our school. Without enough parents, the PAC cannot vote on important decisions such as supporting the performing arts performances, equipment purchases and much more. Please come out to a PAC meeting to see what you can do for your child and our school!

The First PAC meeting is Tuesday, September 19th at 2:45 pm

Please check out and like our school Facebook page!

Search: [Riverview PAC](#)



Scent Free

All School District 28 schools are scent free. Please refrain from using perfumes or highly scented products.



School Photos

Right Photography is **scheduled for Monday, October 16th for student photos**. All students must have their photo taken as our provincial registration process needs a current photo. Students will receive a proof of the photo and will be provided with options of a photo package that can be purchased. Cost and information regarding purchasing packages will follow once available.

Photo Retakes are on Wednesday, November 8, 2023



September 2023

Duk'ai hadulh bunun (du) (k'ai) (ha) (dulh) (bu) (nun)

Translation: the time when the trout come back



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3	4 Labour Day NO SCHOOL	5 NI Day NO SCHOOL	6 1/2 Day for Students	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 District Lunch Program Starts	26	27	28	29 Orange Shirt Day	30



October 2023



Lhooz hadulh bunun (lhooh) (ha) (dulh) (bu) (nun)
 Translation: the time when the white fish come back



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 National Day of Truth & Reconciliation Observed NO SCHOOL	3	4	5	6 Terry Fox Run	7
8	9 Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Student Photo Day	17	18	19	20 Pro D Day NO SCHOOL	21
22	23	24	25 1/2 Day for Students	26 1/2 Day for Students	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween				