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## April 2024 Newsletter

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### Message from the Office

Have a look at the important dates outlined below as well as the information included in the newsletter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at the school. As a reminder, as it is slowly transitioning from winter to spring, we encourage all students to wear appropriate clothing for the weather i.e., jacket, gloves, toque, boots, etc. Aside from extreme weather conditions, students are expected to be outside for the duration of recess as well as for daily physical activity.

### Important Dates:

Monday, April 8 <sup>th</sup>	PA Day ( <b>No School</b> )
Wednesday, April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pizza Hot Lunch
Wednesday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pizza Hot Lunch
Wednesday April 24 – 26	Grade 8 Muskoka Woods Trip

### Grade 8 Muskoka Woods Trip

Students in Grade 8 have the opportunity to attend the 2024 Muskoka Woods field trip this month. With that being said, please ensure that you are making the applicable payment, through School Cash Online, for your student. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the school directly for support. Information packages and waivers have been sent home, as well as the remaining cost of your student's trip. Please ensure that these are handed back in to the school in a timely manner and that you have reviewed all the required information included in these packages.

### Canada's Wonderland

Students in Grade 7 have the exciting opportunity to participate in a school trip to Canada's Wonderland, in Toronto, on Monday, June 3rd, 2024. More information along with permission forms will be sent home shortly.

### School Attendance and End of Day Dismissal

Regular school attendance is extremely important for the success of all learners. As difficult as it can be some days, beginning the instructional day on time is an important step in making sure

your child achieves their goals this school year.

We would also like to quickly remind parents/guardians that we are unable to accept phone calls that provide students with permission to drive with other students or parents/guardians to extra-curricular activities or change their arranged transportation at the end of the day (e.g. walk with a friend home instead of taking the bus). RDHS always prioritizes student safety and having clear, written permission from a parent or guardian ensures that staff are safely dismissing your child at the end of the school day. Please email your students' teacher or provide your child with a note prior to the beginning of the school day if there is a change in their regularly scheduled dismissal.

### Electronic Newsletter

This year, much like last year, to reduce the amount of paper and copying, we are asking that parents/guardians access the monthly newsletter and calendar through the RDHS website. Each month, the newsletter will be posted as close to the beginning of the month as possible. There will be no paper copies sent home. You can bookmark the site using this address <https://www.lkdsb.net/school/RDHS/7-8/Pages/default.aspx#/=>. The school newsletter will also be e-mailed via School Messenger each month.

### Staying Connected with RDHS

For the most up-to-date information, please consider following us on Facebook. Our Facebook page is intended to be an information page that gives reminders about upcoming events and does not take comments or receive messages. You can also find important dates and upcoming events by following us on Twitter @ridgetown\_dhs as well as on our school website, <https://www.lkdsb.net/school/RDHS/7-8/Pages/default.aspx#/=>.

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Communication between home and school is key to your child's success. If you ever have concerns or questions, please speak directly to your child's teacher. If any concerns remain, please contact Ms. Bruette or Mr. Harwood.