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May 2024 Newsletter

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Message from the Office

The end of the school year is fast approaching. With that, there are lots of exciting events for students, families, and the community to look forward. Check the schedule below for all the important upcoming dates in May and June.

Important Dates:

Monday, May 20 th	Victoria Day (No School)
Friday, May 24 th	Field Trip to Moravian Town for a Cultural Day
Tuesday, May 28 th	Elementary Track and Field at CKSS
Thursday, May 30 th	RAIN DATE Elementary Track and Field at CKSS
Monday, June 3 rd	Grade 7 Trip to Canadas Wonderland
Wednesday, June 26 th	Grade 8 Graduation @ 7:00pm
Thursday, June 27 th	Grade 12 Graduation @ 7:00pm



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. Just a reminder, a meal plan is included and is valid for an entrée, side, and a regular-size fountain drink. No outside food or drinks are permitted in the park. However, students may bring their own refillable water bottles. Students may also need additional money for discretionary purchases such as additional food/drinks, playing games or buying souvenirs. As the trip is outdoors and requires a great deal of walking, we encourage students to wear comfortable shoes and be prepared for the day's weather i.e., sunscreen, jacket, hat, etc.



Grade 8 Graduation

Grade 8 graduation is set for Wednesday, June 26th, 2024, at 7:00pm, at the Rudy H. Brown Rural Development Centre, located on the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus. Graduates please arrive at 6:00pm for photos. We are excited to welcome families, friends, and the community to this gathering to celebrate the Grade 8 students and their achievements.



Track and Field

Elementary Track and Field is planned for Tuesday, May 28th at Chatham-Kent Secondary School. Students will leave Ridgetown District High School at approximately 9:15am and return at approximately 3:00pm. Spectators are welcome to attend and cheer on the athletes. If cancelled due to the weather, the make-up day is Thursday, May 30th.

To all RDES 7/8 families attending the track and field event at CKSS on May 28:

1. CKSS has reminded us that there is to be NO parent parking in CKSS parking lots. We need to use the parking lot at the Erickson Arena during this event.
2. This is a weather dependent event. We will notify families ASAP if there is a change of plans due to weather. We do have a weather date of May 30 at CKSS.
3. A reminder that all spectators MUST watch from the stands/behind the fenced area at the track. No spectators should be entering the fenced in area.
4. Buses will be leaving at 9:15am sharp on May 28. We will not be holding buses as the timeline to finish all events at CKSS that day is very tight.
5. Please get your permissions forms in ASAP, even if your child WILL NOT be attending as we need to finalize events and numbers. Ensure you indicate your student's transportation plans for the day on there.
6. The optimist food truck will be on site during this event. Food prices were sent home with students on the permission form.

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.