

# Riverview Central Public School

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## Upcoming Dates

**October 3**  
School Picture Day

**October 7**  
PA Day – No school for students

**October 10**  
Thanksgiving Holiday!

**October 21**  
Best Start is Closed for the day

**Nov 11**  
Progress Reports and Initial Observations sent home

**Nov 18**  
PA Day – No school for students

**Nov 17-18**  
Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews

**Nov 30**  
School Council Meeting

## Message from the Principal

Hello Riverview School Community! It is hard to believe that we are already saying goodbye to the summer weather and looking at October on the calendar. I would like to thank everyone for being so welcoming and supportive with those that are new to the building and to the Port Lambton and Sombra area. What a wonderful place to be! I enjoyed meeting so many of you at the Meet the Staff night, and it was just as much a pleasure to see so many empty pizza boxes and chip bowls at the end of the evening. I think we can all appreciate how great it was to have a chance to gather, chat amongst friends and meet the faces that go along with all the stories and events our children come home and talk about at the end of the day.

Our school team gathered on a PA Day as we looked to set our goals for the year and strive to support each individual student here at Riverview. We appreciated that our student well-being goal could be addressed as we excitedly look at planning school-wide events that will help make this 2022-2023 a memorable one!

The Riverview School Council met at the end of September to make plans for the school year. The team was energized in looking to be involved in coordinating fundraisers to support our school with exciting plans for Riverview! We are always looking to expand our team, so please reach out.

As the school year progresses, I want to reinforce our commitment as a school to showing kindness to one another, understanding our differences, and celebrating each child's unique contributions to the school. It is our hope that each student at our school can find themselves expressed and represented in the building. We remain committed to our goals regarding equity and inclusion. The learning that our students engaged in through National Truth and Reconciliation week, and the recognition of Orange Shirt Day are reflective of this commitment. We will continue to grow in our efforts to be responsible members of the school community and implement the practice of restorative justice to resolve conflicts within the school. Coinciding with the LKDSB vision, mission, and belief statements, our students will shape the world we live in, and by providing a safe and caring learning environment and embracing diversity and respect for self and others, we can help our students mature into individuals that will have a positive impact on those around them.

Sincerely,

Nick Nienhuis



## Bittersweet Farewell!

It is with mixed emotions that we say farewell to Ms. D as she retires from her years of service to the school, particularly here at Riverview; her impact on children has been a positive and profound one. Ms. D has always put the happiness and well-being of a child at the forefront of everything she does here at the school. Her wonderful personality and love for life and education has instilled in our students a fondness for school and desire to be here. She encouraged students to be bold, brave, and celebrate their own individuality, instilling students with the confidence they need to enter Grade 1. She brought humour and joy to the school with her enthusiasm and genuine love for the students in her class. We know that we cannot replace her and wish her all the best as she begins a new chapter of her life. We are thankful for everything that she has done for the school and for the community. The staff and students are so much better off having had her here enriching our FDK classroom. All the best Ms. D!



## Important Announcements

- Newsletters, forms, and communication to parents/guardians will primarily occur via email. We strongly recommend that you agree to accept email from the school when completing the **Student Verification Forms** sent home in the first week of school. **If you are not receiving Newsletters or emails and wish to, please contact the school and let us know.**
- Please remember to sign up for **School Cash Online** as Riverview will handle all transactions through this method of payment. Information is available on our Riverview and LKDSB website.

[School Cash Online Link](#)

**If you are having any difficulty or require your child's student number, call the school for assistance.**

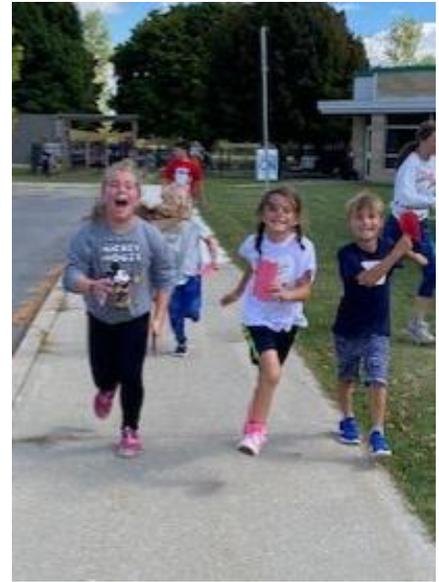
- All bussing information for parents/guardians can be viewed at the following website:

[Bus Information Link](#)



## Terry Fox Run

Well done Raiders! We were able to raise over \$1200 for the Terry Fox Foundation! A special shout-out to our Grade 7/8 class that demonstrated wonderful leadership throughout the run by supporting and encouraging a buddy in the Primary classes. The giggles and smiles throughout the day from our younger students was proof that our Intermediates did a fantastic job! Your parents and guardians should be proud!



## National Day For Truth and Reconciliation

On September 30<sup>th</sup>, our staff and students came to school wearing orange shirts. The participation was incredible! But why are we wearing them? For many years in Canada, Indigenous children were taken from their homes to attend Residential schools. Sadly, many of these children were never able to return home to reconnect with their families. For those that did return, the impact of being in the school was significant. On September 30<sup>th</sup> we recognize the children that never returned, the survivors of residential schools, and the families and communities that continue to be impacted by the residential school system. Orange Shirt Day recognizes the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools and is a vital component of the reconciliation process. It is important that we wear orange shirts on September 30<sup>th</sup>, but it is just as important that we understand the why and appreciate that reconciliation is not achieved just by wearing an orange shirt once a year on September 30<sup>th</sup>. It is just one step in a long process. Our students engaged in class discussions, podcasts, read-a-louds, and videos that provide the knowledge necessary for understanding the why and the need to continue moving forward to support in the healing process. We interviewed students throughout the day, and the responses show how knowledgeable our kids are!



## We are a STEM school!



## Housekeeping Items

### Safe Arrival and Dismissal

**School Arrival:** Students are expected to arrive at school **no earlier than 7:50 am**, as their safety on the yard cannot be monitored without a staff member present. Classes will begin at 8:05 am.

**School Attendance:** Any student who arrives after 8:05 am will be considered late and must get a late slip from the office. Please enter through the front doors.

**We encourage you to be present and on time each day as it is important to a successful school year!**

**Early Pick Up:** Should there be a need to arrange an earlier pick up time, please call the school office and ask that the message be given to the teacher and your child through the office. To avoid this, we ask that parents please call the school before 2:10 pm to make alternate pick-up arrangements.

### Attendance Reporting

In the event that your child is absent from school, we would appreciate a phone call with the child's name, their homeroom teacher, and the reason for their absence. If this information is not received by the

school, a Safe Schools call will be made to determine the reason for the absence and that the parent is aware of the student's absence. If there is no call and the office cannot reach a parent concerning the reason for an absence, the child's absence is recorded as truant, that is, an absence with no permission.

### Prevalent Medical Forms

Should your child have a medical need (such as anaphylaxis, diabetes, asthma, or epilepsy) that requires special attention please inform the school and a **"Plan of Care"** will be put in place. The forms for this purpose are available with our resource teachers.

### Parent/Guardian and Community Volunteers

We tremendously value community and parent volunteers at the school and greatly appreciate the help to allow our students to participate in activities that require additional support and supervision. All volunteers will require a **Vulnerable Sector Check**. If you are interested in volunteering at the school, we'd ask that you complete this process and notify the school as early as possible.