

RIVERCREST J.S. NEWS

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WELCOME BACK

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! We are delighted to greet students returning for another year of learning and extend a warm welcome to our new students who are joining us for the first time.

Rivercrest is a warm, vibrant learning community, and all of our staff members are here to help your children feel and be successful.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated teachers, ECE teachers and caretaking staff who have worked hard to prepare the school and the classrooms for another exciting year of learning.

A huge thank-you also goes out to our Office Administrator, Patti Anderson, for her invaluable assistance in making sure that we are off to a great start!

The teachers and staff at Rivercrest are all committed to providing your children with learning experiences that will support high achievement. We also know that your involvement in your children's education is one of the most critical factors in their success. We want to work in partnership with you to ensure that each child at Rivercrest succeeds.

We would like to extend a Rivercrest welcome to our new staff members: Ms. Foster (Diagnostic Kindergarten Teacher), Mr. Burgstaller (Head Caretaker), Mrs. Scarano (E.S.L. Itinerant Teacher), and Janice Manani (Kindergarten Lunch Supervisor). Welcome back to Ms. Ahamd, Kindergarten Lunch Supervisor.

We are ready! We are excited! It is going to be a wonderful year at Rivercrest!

Warmest regards,

A. Roach

Principal

Goodbye for Now and Good Luck!

Congratulations to Ms. Boehmer as she has secured a position to be a part of a team (Behaviour Regional Services (BRS) Team) with NW Family of Schools. In her role, she will support students, parents, teachers, and administrators in various schools. We wish her all the very best on her new journey as an educator.

BUILD CHARACTER BUILD SUCCESS!

Character Education is all about learning how to be a good person and how to get along with others. We actively engage in Character Education at our school because it's important to help students become more ethical and compassionate with each other. We use these skills to make our school a safe and fun environment to learn.

Our focus for September is Respect!

Quote of the month!

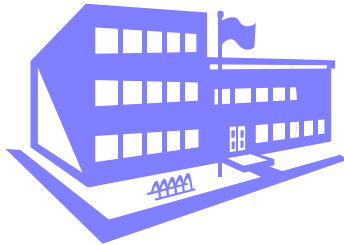
“Love yourself, respect yourself. Never sell yourself short. Believe in yourself regardless of what people think. You can accomplish anything, absolutely anything, if you set your mind to it.” (Marcus Allen)

School Organization

Throughout the Board, September is a month of adjustments. As new registrations come our way, we are carefully monitoring the impact to our school organization. We will notify parents as soon as we can of any changes or adjustments to the organization of the school.

SAFE & SECURE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

At Rivercrest we work diligently to maintain a safe & secure learning environment for our students. **To add to our security we have had a new camera/buzzer system installed at the front door.** We kindly ask all parents/visitors to please respect our safe entry process and sign in at the main office upon entry into our school. **Visitor passes must be worn by all parents/visitors at all times when in the school.** We thank everyone for supporting our safe entry process. **We ask all parents/visitors to respect this safety procedure**



and not to proceed into classrooms during school hours in order to prevent disruption of the learning environment. Parents must use the main office as a pick up and drop off point for students during school hours and not go directly to the classrooms.



School Council

I believe strongly that parents and school make a strong team. I want to invite you to become as active a participant as you can be. All parents and community members are invited to attend School Council meetings. **Our first School Council meeting will be on Monday, September 22nd at 6:30 p.m.** One of our goals is to hold elections for the executive positions for School Council. In this newsletter, we are once again including, as we did in June, a summary of the responsibilities of the executive, Chair Secretary and Treasurer and providing you with an additional opportunity to complete the nomination forms and send them back to school prior to the School Council meeting. I look forward into seeing all of you there.

Volunteers

Thank you to our volunteers who have offered their time to help in the classroom and all around the school. We appreciate and enjoy having our parents volunteer their time in our school.



There are a number of ways you can get involved in your child's education:

- Attending school events
- Volunteering in our lunch room, snack program, or classrooms
- Reading every day with your child
- Communicating regularly with us
- Participating in fundraising events.

If you are interested in being a volunteer in the school, please contact us at 416 394 7920 or come into the Office to get more information. Remember that your help in the school will make a difference in the lives of our children!

Arriving at School on Time

It is very important that all students arrive at school on time. If they are just a few minutes late, they will miss very important aspects of each day's lesson. Please assist your child(ren) to wake up, get ready and arrive at school on time. For safety reasons, all our doors will be locked including the **FRONT DOOR.**



School Hours

Entry Time	8:25 am
Instructional Time Begins	8:30 am
A.M. Recess	9:50 am
Lunch Begins	11:15 am
Entry after Lunch	12:10 pm
P.M. Recess	1:25 pm
Dismissal	3:00 pm

Teachers will be on duty in the schoolyard 10 minutes before the entry bell. Please **do not send your child to school prior to 8:15 a.m. in the morning or before 12:00 p.m. after lunch**, as he/she will be unsupervised in the yard.

Nut Free Environment

Rivercrest Junior School is a nut free environment. Some of our students suffer from a severe allergy to nuts and nut products. These children need to maintain constant vigilance in their daily lives as they can develop potentially life threatening allergic reactions to some foods. Some children are so sensitive to these products that even touching or smelling the food may trigger a severe reaction.

The following is a partial list of the prime possibility danger foods that may be hazardous to these children and must not be sent to school. This list is a composite list of allergens and not specific to any one child: peanut, nuts, sesame seeds, peanut oil, nut oils, sesame oil, peanut flour, and nut flower.

For this reason we ask that you do not send food to school.

SAFETY AT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP TIMES

We thank all parents in advance for the care and attention to safety that we are sure all will use in and around the school. The following organization will assist in this regard:



- Parking Lot for Employee Parking - *No Student is to be dropped off in this area*
- Front of School on Barford Road for school bus drop-off only,
- Please read neighbourhood street parking signs carefully

All students must enter the school through the playground doors where classes line up. School Buses will drop off and pick up at the front of the school. We therefore ask that the front of the school not be used as a pick up or drop off point. **Walkers must use the East (parking lot) sidewalk or West sidewalk to access the playground.**

Students are to use the entry and exit doors assigned to their classroom. Students are NOT TO USE THE FRONT DOOR except when they are picked up early by their parents for an appointment.

Let's work together to keep our students safe!

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Use of Adventure Playground

Students are **NOT** to use the adventure playground equipment or be on the fields during regular school hours without the supervision of a Rivercrest Staff. This includes before and after school, until 3:15 p.m.

Safe Arrival

Under the Community Check safety program, we will make every reasonable effort (each morning and afternoon) to contact the parent or guardian of a child who is absent and for whom we have not received a phone call. Please ensure that the school always has your current home and work phone numbers as well as emergency contact numbers.

At Rivercrest our emphasis on safety is proactive and encourages prevention. Please assist and support the school by following the procedures outlined.

Indoor/Outdoor Shoes

Cleanliness in schools is essential. It conveys respect to students, creates a more inviting learning environment, and tends to improve student behaviour. You can assist us in maintaining the cleanliness of the school by ensuring that your child has two pairs of shoes enabling him/her to change after entering the building. This will prevent students from unnecessarily tracking dirt and mud onto the classroom floors and carpeted areas. Indoor shoes should be kept in your child's classroom or at their coat hooks.

Student School Supplies

All supplies that a student needs for an education are provided by the school. However, sometimes a student likes to have their own personal items labeled with their name. Here is a guideline of some of the items that your child may want: pencil case, erasers, glue stick, pencils crayons, markers, crayons, pencil sharpener, highlighters, and scissors.

The following is a checklist to assist you in ensuring that all the requested materials are returned:

- _____ Lunch Information Form
- _____ \$6.00 for the Student Planner and parent signature for the program
- _____ Medical Information Form
- _____ Walking Excursion Form
- _____ Physical Education Form
- _____ Code of On-line Conduct
- _____ Rivercrest Code of Conduct
- _____ Student Media Release
- _____ Updated Student Emergency Information Form
- _____ School Council Nomination Form(s)
- _____ Accident Insurance (to be sent directly to the insurance company)