



# THE RIVER

École Riverside School

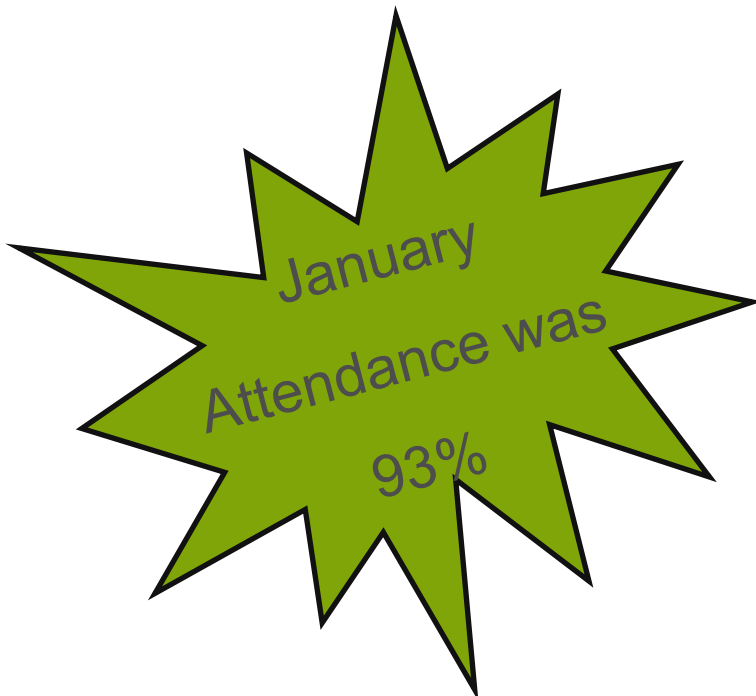
February 2018

## The Cold Weather Continues...

If January did not bring us enough cold weather, it seems to be continuing into February. But, this did not stop our students from celebrating their learning the entire month. Many great things happened last month and we have some great things planned for February as well. In February so far we have student council selling Candy grams for 25 cents until February 13th. As well as our Jump Rope for Heart practices continues at lunch time, a different grade has the opportunity to practice each lunch hour.

Just a friendly reminder, we continue to experience the cold weather, it is important that your child is dressing appropriately. This includes ski-pants, hat, mitts, scarf, neck-warmer and appropriate boots. Recess is outside until the windshield factor reaches  $-30$  or colder. When the weather is cold students are welcome to come inside our lobby area and wait for the 8:50 bell to ring.

Just a reminder that SDML and École Riverside have gone paperless, if you would like a paper copy of the newsletter, please feel free to contact the school (204) 677-6115 and we will gladly send one home with your child.



### Important Upcoming Dates

Feb. 7th District Professional Development

Feb. 8th Parent Council 6 pm

Feb. 19th—No School—Lois Reil Day

March 2 — report card writing, no school PM

March 5-9th—Spring Break

March 15th—Science Fair

March 30th—Good Friday, no school



## Science Fair Projects

Are you a young inspiring scientist? Do you love to create experiments and see the outcomes? Well the École Riverside science fair is coming March 15th.

Students in grades 3—8 can enter as individuals or partners.

Students have been given the opportunity to register for science fair through their classroom teacher. All registrations are due to Mme. Mervat by February 28th.

**MAR 15<sup>TH</sup>**



## Physical Education Corner

By: Mr. Vermette

### Jump Rope for Heart

The Jump Rope for Heart program for grades 1 to 6 started this week at lunch time. Students will be raising some funds for the Heart & Stroke Foundation all through the month of February. Schedules are posted on the phys. ed bulletin board and on our school web site. If you child is participating they would have received a fundraising envelope this past week, please ensure it is returned to school before March 1.

### Basketball

The basketball league for our Junior High is going full swing. The tournament is tentatively scheduled for February 23rd and 24th at two elementary schools! Nothing in stone yet!!! Please keep listening to the weekly synvervoice for updates on games, practices and tournament information.

### Ski Club

Mr. Vermette , Ms. Almeida and Mme. Ketch started a Cross country ski club for grades 5 and 6. We will get together on Thursdays or Tuesdays, weather permitting. Please dress warm!!

Dates for downhill ski trips are: gr. 7-8 on Monday February 26th, 2018 ,

gr. 6's on Monday March 12th, 2018 (Yesss, first day after Spring Break)

**Quote of the month:**

**Winning isn't everything, wanting to is**

# Thompson Festival of the Arts

As many of you know, **Thompson Festival of the Arts** is quickly approaching! There are many disciplines in which your child can enter to showcase his/her talents. Individuals, duets, trios, small groups, large groups, classrooms, and ensembles can enter to perform. If your child wishes to enter the festival as an individual in any of the disciplines please ask them to come and see our school reps.

Registration forms are available from **Mme. Squires and Mme. Hayes**. There are 5 forms available, depending on the discipline you wish to enter.

*The 5 disciplines are:* **Dance, Visual Arts, Instrumental (Piano, Strings), Speech Arts, and Vocal/Choral**

There are entry fees associated with each registration and all other entry fees are listed on each form.

## ***The Festival dates are as follows:***

Dance	April 6-7, 2018
Visual Arts	May 14-18, 2018
Piano/Strings	April 5-6, 2018
Speech and Vocal/Choral	May 2-4, 2018



We are asking for registrations to be brought in to either Mme Squires or Mme Hayes by: **Tues. Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018** to allow plenty of time for them to be sorted and processed with the appropriate class codes for adjudication.

Any questions can be brought forward to either of us, anytime.  
Looking forward to a great festival!

## Mme Gagne's Grade 6 Students experienced Lego Robots



The robots were a fun activity where we had to build and program our robots to do a track that had right and left turns and the robot had to be able to back up and make a sound. Before we started building we had to organize the pieces into a tray so it would be easier to find parts while building. We had to build the main part of the robot which is the wheels and body and we had to add eyes and a speaker, but some people added an extra arm so it can hit a ball or do other cool things. We had a book of instructions to build and it told us the exact number of pieces we need and the length of parts. We had to follow instructions to the dot because it may not affect the robot at that exact time, but during the track you may need to completely restart. When we programmed we had to use a computer to do different movements for the right amount of seconds and if it had to go straight the arrow had to be directly in the middle. If it had to turn right the arrow had to be not too much to the right. If it was too much to the wrong side it would do a full turn and would go in the wrong direction. The robots are very old so even if we didn't touch anything it would sometimes go off track. After we had completed the track we had to make the robot go straight for 22 seconds for a race. In conclusion the robots were a fun activity.



By Mia Millar