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École Riverside School

June 2021

Kindergarten Registration is Open

From the Office:

Can you believe it is finally June?! The 2020/2021 school year has both felt as if it was never-ending and at times that it was flying by. The year was filled with many challenges and the need for constant flexibility. I am sure I'm not speaking for myself when I say that I have been so impressed by our students, staff and the entire Ecole Riverside community who continuously worked hard following protocols, being kind and making the best of every day.

Over the next few weeks, classes will continue to cover curriculum work as well as finding time to participate in individual or cohort activities to celebrate their successes this year. Our Grade 8's are preparing to move on to their next chapter as High School students at RD Parker. Due to ongoing Public Health restrictions, their promotion to RDPC may not look the same as in past years, however we will miss them just as much!

I am hopeful that this summer we can all find time to get outside, make new memories, visit new places, reconnect (in person) with family and friends who we have missed throughout the year, read some books and just do whatever makes your heart happy! Until then, let's finish off the last few weeks strong - we are almost there!!

I know I will likely run into many of you over the break but to those I don't, I look forward to seeing you in September! Be safe, explore and have a great summer. Mme. Hepp



Stay Hydrated!

Water is the best way to stay hydrated. It is essential to drink more water in the heat to prevent dehydration.

Sugary drinks like slushes, pop, ice tea, fruit drinks contain a lot of sugar and very little nutrition.

May Attendance

92.2%

Important Upcoming Dates

June 11—No School—School Planning day

June 23—Grade 8 Promotion (stay tuned for details)

June 24th—Kinder Grad (stay tuned for details)

June 30th—2:30 dismissal

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



Welcome to Kindergarten (WTK) has partnered with Chirp Magazine to provide a special WTK Chirp edition in our WTK bag of family resources this year. Chirp has also partnered with CBC to provide a series of [Online Chirp Episodes](#) that are very appropriate for children's viewing.

These online episodes are wonderful for families to view together with their children. They also provide wonderful opportunities for follow up with fun art, dress-up or simple science related activities. This type of family engagement that creates play-based activity and conversation is at the root of children's healthy, optimal growth and development.

Read Sing Play every day!



Virtues Program - Call for student artwork!

The École Riverside School virtue program currently follows the 7 Grandfather Teachings. The 7 Grandfather teachings are also known as good life teachings and natural laws. We are asking for student artwork to incorporate into the design of our new virtues awards certificates. Each virtue is associated with an animal and a color. We are looking for original artwork of each of the virtues animals. The color associated with each animal should be very visible in your artwork – with the exception of pencil drawings. ANY art medium will be accepted: pencil drawing, watercolor, oil pastel, mixed media, a real picture (as some examples). Please use paper no larger than letter size (8.5 x 11) – you can ask the office for the paper, and design only one animal per page. **Please submit your entries to the office by June 18th.** You can submit one art piece for each animal! If yours is chosen, it will be part of the virtues awards certificates!

Humility – wolf – black

Honesty – sabé – purple

Wisdom – beaver – orange

Truth – green – turtle

Love – eagle - yellow

Respect – red - moose

Courage – bear - white

Thank you! We can't wait to see your creations!

Virtues Committee: (Mr Brisson, Mme Dickieson, Mme Donovan, Mme Houndle, Mme Portey)



Canadian Parents for French's *Concours d'art oratoire* is Canada's largest, annual French language public speaking competition, involving close to 100,000 students every year. The aims of this public-speaking contest are to stimulate the interest of students learning French, to improve their oral skills, and to give them experience speaking in public. Grade 11 & 12 students who place 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each of the categories will move on to the National Finals.

The École Riverside staff is working towards having their grade 3-8 students participate in the Concours annually. This, among many activities, will help develop the student's oral communication skills from an early age, with the intent for them to be able to compete in grades 11 and 12 where there is opportunity for monetary prizes and scholarships.

Below are the classes who participated this year, with pictures of their winners.

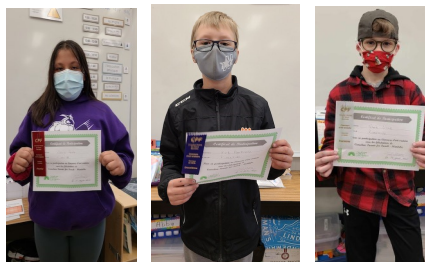
Congratulations to all those who participated.

Mme Portey
French Coordinator



Mme Dickieson (Gr 4/5): 1st – Christian Paynter, 2nd – Piper Crook, 3rd – Natalia Botelho

Mr Brisson (Gr 4): 1st – Darya Soheili-Mehr, 2nd – Ava Haywood, 3rd – Abi-



Mme Houndle (5/6): 1st – Faham Sikander, 2nd – Ibrahim Alnahhal, 3rd – DJ Nicol-Sawh

Mme Dickieson (Gr 4/5): 1st – Alexis Abele, 2nd – Kirk Pankratz, 3rd – Noah Slack

Thinking Outside the Classroom



It is my experience that when you look for the good in even the most difficult of situations (this school year), you can find it. This year, our librarian, Mrs. Tomchuk, was assigned to go from class to class every day, to cover teacher prep times (while also getting books from the library and returning them for classrooms). She was one



busy lady who rose to the challenge! All winter she took classes outside to go snowshoeing, on nature walks, to build snowmen, and even read books to them in the snow! When they were stuck inside with colder weather, she was taking



students on imaginary dragon adventures, designing gemstones to wear as dragon trainers, and of course, reading to the students.

This spring she had Kindergarten students collecting sticks and

painting egg cartons to create trees for the grades ones collecting sticks to decorate to make mobiles. She also



their tree unit, and wrap with yarn and had the grade 7's to paint positive

outside collecting rocks

messages on and hide for others to find. Thank-you for going above and beyond to help create great memories for our students during a difficult school year Mrs. Tomchuck!



~ Your grateful co-workers ~

