

October

River Heights Elementary

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2011



Important Dates in October:

Oct 4—Gr. 5 Immunizations (Part 1 of 3)

October 6—Parent Council at 7:30;

October 7—District PD Day—**NO SCHOOL**

October 10—**NO SCHOOL** for Thanksgiving

October 17—1st report card handed out;

October 19—Goal Setting Interviews 3:30-6:30 pm and Scholastic Book Fair

October 20—Goal Setting Interviews from 5:00—7:00 pm and Scholastic Book Fair

October 22—Staff Collaboration Day—**NO SCHOOL**

October 31—Halloween Costume Parade 1:30 p.m.; Classroom activities

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Hard to believe that a month has flown by already. We have finished the magazine fundraiser, field trips have started in earnest already and the weather...well the weather has felt more like August.

Our first report card will come out soon and would like to remind families that this first set of feedback focuses only on our Learner Attributes section. This, along with our Goal-Setting Night(s), will allow families to get some feedback on what kind of learner students are and be able to set some targets for growth.

We will be including a "cheat sheet" with the report to help explain how it works and what we mean by "The Developing Child".

Would like to congratulate all of our grade 5 students that participated in grade 5 soccer day and also send a congratulations to all of the students that took part in our the cross-country run. Good job to all of you!

Finally, a quick reminder that we are on Twitter now and are using this to update our news feed on the website. Please follow us @RiverHeightsES on Twitter.

Sincerely,
Mr. Sadlemyer

Please remember: There will be **no school** on:

Friday, October 7 for District Professional Development and on Monday, October 10 for Thanksgiving.

Hot Lunch:

October 14 and October 21

SCHOOL FEES:

This is a reminder that school fees are past due!

The fees this year are:

Gr. 1—Gr. 6 = \$105
Kindergarten= \$110

River Heights Mural...

Just a reminder that there are only 4 bricks left to be sold for our Mural. If you are interested, please stop by the office and pick up a form from Mrs. Weimer.

MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER UPDATE

A HUGE thank you goes out to all the students participating in our annual magazine fundraiser! What an amazing job you have done so far, and I'm not even finished tallying orders! Just a couple of quick items this time, as we have not yet finished calculating numbers. The students have earned an extended recess and popcorn & a movie. If we sell 750 (which I'm pretty sure has happened) the top class for magazine subscriptions sold will get to choose their favorite game to play against the teachers!! The top participating class will win an ice cream party! If we sell 1000 subscriptions, there will be an airband.....any parents wanting to volunteer for this, please let Lisa P or Lisa M know!!! If we sell 1040 subscriptions, a draw for a Google Powered Android Tablet will be made. Also the gumball machine will be drawn for on October 3rd's assembly. Chloe Wheeler won the Jumbo Piano and Carter Hyland won the DJ Mixer Mat. More info to follow...



This month's newsletter is coming to you from MR. FILLUP (Phillip)
CONGRATULATIONS TO JOSHUA THUNBERG, A GRADE 4 STUDENT AT VINCENT MASSEY SCHOOL!!
He was the lucky one chosen that came up with our logo name for our Sept contest. Joshua will enjoy a gift certificate for free lunches. Thank you to all of the children who emailed us your ideas, we enjoyed reading all entries, they were creative and playful.

Octobers Contest: "Name that Lunch"

We're always looking for new healthy fun lunch ideas. Email us your entrée idea(s) and the winner will have that entrée named after him/her for the month of December, as well as a great KP prize! Good Luck! Email: info@kidsplate.ca

We invite ALL children to enter this contest. We ask you email us your children's entry along with their name, grade and school. In the next month's newsletter we will announce the winner, what school they go to and what they have won!



WHO YA' GONNA CALL?

Please remember to call the school and leave a message when your child is going to be absent or late 527-3730.

Keep in the Loop!

Check the Parent Board, the bulletin board across from the office, whenever you are in the school. Posted on it is information about:

special events in the school; important dates; community events; wonderful parents helping in the school



A message from Parent Council...

It was great to see so many new and familiar faces at the September Parent Council meeting. During this meeting a lot of new ideas were circulated – which means we are going to have a fabulous year! This year looks to be a very exciting and fun filled one!

September was a big hit – with our magazine kickoff! Thank you to all who participated in this great fundraising event. In October there will be Halloween activities and parents are encouraged to dress up and attend the Halloween assembly! Students love to see their parents dressed up at this event!

Thank you to all of the parents who have already volunteered to be on the committees or the rep for their classroom. This being said we are still looking for more parent involvement – we are still in need of room reps for the following classes: Wendy Wylie, Michelle Warmink, Dalyce Harrison, Allison Jeal, and Renee Dowling's rooms. There are also opportunities to be on several of the committees – please check the parent council bulletin board across from the office – and sign up!!

Christmas is just around the corner – and so is our Christmas Extravaganza!! This event is one of our biggest! That being said we really need someone (or more) to help Amy Warren organize it! Please let Kari (in the office) know if you would like to help.

Our next parent council meeting is scheduled for Oct 6 @ 7:30. Hope to see you there!

Have a great month!

Sonita, Lisa P, Lisa M & Randi

Recycle My Cell Challenge

(October 17th – November 17th, 2011)

Do you have an old cell phone lying around? Ask your parents, neighbours, relatives...find as many as you can...and bring them to school...the earth will thank you.



Recycle My Cell (Canada's national cell phone recycling program) wants to support Waste Reduction Week in Canada by issuing a challenge to Canadian schools to make a difference environmentally. Schools have been challenged to recycle as many old wireless devices and accessories as possible between October 17 and November 17, 2011. Along with helping the environment, our school could also win \$500 for use towards green initiatives.

We will have a recycling box set up in the office for people to drop off their out-of-use cell phones, smartphones, wireless PDA's, pagers, as well as their batteries and accessories, to be properly recycled. Remember to delete any sensitive information before recycling (ie. contacts, emails, etc.). If you would like more information about the program, please check out the Recycle My Cell website at <http://www.recyclemycell.ca/>.

Thank you for recycling!

Mrs. Marshall

Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair will be open during the following hours:

Tuesday, October 18 – lunch recess (12:20-12:45)

Wednesday, October 19 – lunch recess (12:20-12:45); goal setting conferences (3:30-6:30)

Thursday, October 20 – lunch recess (12:20-12:45); goal setting conferences (5:00-7:00)

PARENT COUNCIL OF RIVER HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Meeting Agenda for Thursday, October 6th, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Call to order

Co-Chairs

Sonita Goehring
Lisa Perich

Adopt minutes of September meeting

Secretary

Lisa McMow

Reports from school and council

Principal
Teacher Reps
Co-Chairs

Corey Sadlemyer
Glenda Groom/Barbara Krupnyk
Sonita Goehring
Lisa Perich
Randi Perry

Treasurer

Reports from committees and council representatives

Hot Lunch
Fine Arts
Magazine Fundraiser
Christmas Extravaganza
Sign Committee

Shawna Thomas & Rayko Blyth
Voula Douvis
Lisa Perich & Lisa McMow
Amy Warren and Diane Meier
Marcie Moore / Terrie Chapdelaine /
Deirdre Mayzes

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Lisa Vermette—Recycling Program
- Kim Bratvold—Year Book and Movie night

INFORMATION

THANK YOU FOR COMING!!

Next Parent Council Meeting will be November 3rd, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Parent Council meets regularly on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. In May and June, we meet at 8:00 pm to accommodate spring sports. Every effort is made to limit the meeting to one hour. **All parents are welcome!!**

Should you have new business for council to consider, please put your ideas in writing and submit 10 days prior to the meeting. Concerns of an individual parent or specific situation are always discussed in private, and the confidentiality of the situation is always respected. Please feel free to contact us in person:

Sonita Goehring: sonita@canopycanada.net or **Lisa Perich:** lkperich@telusplanet.net

Concerns or questions can also be dropped off in the Parent Council mailbox in the office or by e-mail to rhparents@student.sd76.ab.ca or click the link on the school website: www.riverheightsschools.ca.