

RIVER VIEW TIMES

Mr. S. Shad, Vice-Principal

Dear Parents,

The staff and students have been working hard to establish routines and build relationships during the past five weeks. It has been rewarding to see staff taking the extra time and effort to model 'Being There' for all our students and families. It has been wonderful for me to get acquainted with all the students and many of the parents in our community.

The staff and I are constantly collaborating to make every day a positive learning experience for our students. Over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on students being actively engaged in their learning through Accountable Talk. All our students will be asked to participate in focused discussions during lessons. This will allow them to share their thoughts and benefit from hearing other students thinking. You are encouraged to be involved in your child's learning by reading with them and discussing the story. If you need assistance with discussion topics please call the office.

The Rocket Reading Program will be launching in October. This program utilizes our tremendous community volunteers. Students needing a reading 'boost' spend time working one on one with a volunteer. Many thanks to Mrs. Stotski for coordinating the Rocket Readers.

I am pleased to announce that our request to increase our Educational Assistant time has been granted. Mrs.

Conhiser, our grade two Educational Assistant will increase her time from half-time to full-time, beginning Wednesday, October 1st, 2008. I would like to thank our great staff for working together to prepare the successful application. I would also like to welcome Mrs. K. Mills who is our half-time grade 2/3 Mathematics and Physical Education teacher.

I look forward to a fantastic month of learning in October!

Mr. S. Shad

Character Education

October Character Trait

-Choose Your Attitude-

Choose Your Attitude

Be responsible for consciously choosing how you want to show up in the world, no matter the situation.

- Be aware of your impact. Is it the one you want?
- Consciously choose your response to what life throws in your path. Live in alignment with who you say you want to be.

Choose Your Attitude is not an order or admonition, but a reminder to yourself, "I can and do choose how I show up in the world." Because attitudes are neutral—the same attitude may be harmful in one situation but beneficial in another—each of us must determine what impact we desire and then ask ourselves if the attitude we are choosing is helping us achieve our goal.

Let's choose to have great attitudes even when it is tough to do so!



School Council

River View and F.J. Rutland had their first School Council meeting on September 23rd. The Chairperson for this school year is Charlene Lyndon. We had excellent input and discussions on topics such as EQAO, School Growth, Fund Raising, and Community Nights. Please feel free to join School Council. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact the school. Our next School Council meeting is on Tuesday, October 28th at 6:00 pm at F.J. Rutland. Please see the attached calendar for more details on the October Community Night.

Terry Fox Marathon of Hope!



The River View students and staff had a great time on Friday, September 26th during our Terry Fox Run/Walk. We spent time watching a very informative Terry Fox documentary. The documentary detailed the progress that has been made in helping patients with the same type of cancer as Terry. We then had a very energetic run/walk around the school. Our community

raised \$120.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Well done River View!

Students of the Month

Each month, the staff at River View takes time to recognize students who demonstrate excellence in a particular area. Our first recognition assembly was held on Tuesday, September 30th at 1:30 p.m. Students received a certificate and will have their pictures displayed on the Fish of the Month board. The students recognized for the month of September were:

Serena James, Jacob O'conner, Kiorah Brown, Hadden Maddelena, Emily Cote, Nathyn Koon Koon, Olivia Sargeson, Kiara Wilcox, Retha Farhat, Sebastian Fawkes, Jakob VanKralingen, Draven Standen, Julia Doucet, Nathan Jahns, Sarah Zabzinski, James Cousineau, Lauren Jahns

Our next Student Recognition Assembly will be Thursday, October 30 at 9:00 am. We will attempt to notify parents prior to the assembly. We look forward to seeing you there.

School Spirit Days

Our students and staff are very proud to display the River View School Spirit Banner in their class for the greatest participation. Our next Spirit Day is Thursday, October 30th, 2008. The theme for the day will be 'Orange and Black Day'. We encourage students to wear their orange and black clothing to school.

From the desk of Mrs. Paugh



Parents are reminded to please call the school prior to 8:40am if your son/daughter will be absent or has an appointment first thing in the morning!

From the Desk of Mr. Robinson

A reminder to parents that the road in front of the school is a no parking area. Please use the Kiss & Ride area to pick up and drop off students. Thank you for your cooperation.

Hotdog Lunch

A Hotdog lunch for students will be held on Friday, October 17th, 2008. Order forms will be sent prior to the Hotdog day.

Pizza Lunch

A Pizza Lunch will be held on Friday, October 24th, 2008. Order forms will be sent prior to the Pizza Day.

Fire Drills

We have had two fire drills to date. Students have done an excellent job exiting the school. Each school practices three times in the Fall and three times in the Spring. The drills prepare us in case of a real emergency. We will have our third drill sometime during Fire Prevention Week (October 6th-October 10th). Please make sure you discuss a Fire Exit plan for your home.

Federal Election

Tuesday, October 14th, 2008, is Federal Election Day. Polling Stations will be set up in the gym both at River View and F.J. Rutland. Voters will be entering and exiting the school throughout the day. If you are interested in applying for a polling station job, please call Anne at Elections Canada-Niagara Falls, 6144 McLeod Road (905)356-0226

Newsletter Draw

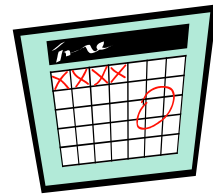
Congratulations to Cierra and DJ Shannon for being the lucky winners of our September Newsletter Draw.

Don't forget to return the slip for October's draw.

Garbage Bag Fund Raiser

The Garbage Bag Fund Raiser will run from Friday, September 26, until Thursday, October 9th. Your support is greatly appreciated. The funds raised will be used toward student activities. Students were given an order form to bring home. If you did not receive an order form, please notify the office.

Calendar Reminders



Please see the attached calendar for important school dates.

NEWSLETTER DRAW:

Please sign and return this slip to indicate that you have read the *RiverView Times*. One return slip will be chosen randomly. This lucky student and their family will win a free pizza!

The _____ family has read the *RiverView Times*.

Student(s) Names

Teacher(s)

Parent Signature: _____

Please return this page by Thursday, October 9th