

# THE RED HAWK REPORT

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#REDHAWKPRIDE

#WATCHUSSOAR

#WELCOMETOTHENEST

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

March Break is just around the corner. This will be a week to find balance between structure and freedom for your children. They will have reached a point in their school year where they are ready for a break, and they will want to enjoy their freedom from the schedule. However, their need for structure will still persist. Before long, they'll be asking "what can I do now?" By planning a balance of indoor and outdoor activities, our Redhawks may avoid the "video game trap". I hope you find some time to include reading for pleasure. A simple trip to the book store or library is always a good way to break up the week, while promoting literacy as a family. Perhaps you challenge members of your family to cook or bake a new item for the family to try? Cooking and baking are great ways to apply math skills, such as fractions, reading procedural texts (to follow instructions) and just a great way to spend time together as a family!

If you would like to send a "Shout Out" to someone in our River View community, please send us an email to [rvw@dsbn.org](mailto:rvw@dsbn.org) and we will share your thanks or congratulations with them!

What ever plans you have for March Break, we wish our families a safe and healthy break and look forward to reconnecting once we are refreshed and ready for the remainder of the school year!

Ms. Cocco and Mrs. Martin

### TOONIES FOR TUMMIES

We are excited to announce that River View was recently a recipient of this years, *Toonies for Tummies grocery gift cards*. Thank you to those who shop at the local Foodland grocery store and donated money towards the campaign. Thank you to Foodland for selecting us as the recipient of this generous gift. With the funds we received we will be hosting a pancake breakfast for all students on March 9 and March 10. The money will also be used to support our daily snack program. Thank you, Red Hawks families, we appreciate your support.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Date	Event
March 2,9,23,30	Pizza Days
March 3	Practice Lockdown drill
March 8	Holi & International Women's Day Little Caesar's Pick up,
March 9,10	Pancake Breakfast
March 10	Harriet Tubman Day 'Lucky Day'
March 12	Daylight Savings begins
March 21	World Down Syndrome Day – "Rock your socks"
March 22	World Water Day JK/SK Fluoride Treatment
March 23-April 20	Ramadan
March 24	Earth Hour Dress Day
March 28-30	Art Gallery Visits for each class
March 28	Lego Robotics Team Challenge
March 31	Proud of Me Day

### WINTER BREAK

Winter Break is from March 13 to March 17 inclusive. We look forward to seeing our families on March 20 after a restful and healthy break.

# Student's Corner

## Red Hawk Clubs

### Choir

Choir practices continue each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The kids have been working hard on three songs: "A Million Dreams" from the movie The Greatest Showman, "A Whole New World" from the movie Aladdin, and "Here Comes the Sun" by the Beatles. They have been doing well to include harmony and dynamic phrasing while singing. The choir is excited to add a few more tunes to their repertoire as they continue to prepare for this year's grade 8 graduation.

### Lego Robotics

River View has a *Lego* Robotics Team this year! The team of 4 Junior students and 4 intermediate students have been designing, building, and programming *Lego* Robots which can compete tasks, such as picking up objects with robotic arms. River View received five new *Lego* Spike Robotics kits from the DSBN. The robots can be programmed using coding similar to Scratch code language. Four of the eight student team members attended a Robotics workshop with their coach, Mr. Kushniruk, at DSBN Curriculum Services in January. On March 28th, our River View Robotics team will compete in the DSBN Area 1 Robotics Tournament at Forest View School. Team members are Aden, Katherine, Mark, John, Daniel, Kayla, Ari and Eva. Keep up the great efforts RV Robotics Team!

### Forest of Reading

Forest of Reading is off to a great start! Grades 5 and 6 are reading a selection of 10 books in the Silver Birch Fiction. Grades 7 and 8 are reading a selection of 10 books in the Red Maple group. These students come to the library once or twice a week to read and select new books. Their goal is to read at least 5 of the books either in paperback or via Destiny online. If they have read at least 5 of the books, they might get to go to the conferences happening at the end of April (Silver Birch), or early May (Red Maple).

### Primary Lego Club

Everything is awesome with our primary LEGO Club! Every day at second break a different primary class gets the chance to build and create their own masterpieces. It's been great to see all the smiles and groupwork while students work together and have fun!

## Red Hawk Sports

Congratulations to the Girls and Boys Intermediate Basketball teams on their successful seasons. Our students' hard work and dedication was evident in their growth throughout the season, playing some of their best basketball as the season finished. A resounding "thank you" to all our parent-volunteers who transported our teams to and from games safely, ensuring our students could represent the Red Hawks!

We look forward to beginning the Junior Basketball season for both the girls and the boys. Announcements will be made for tryouts soon and the season will begin right after March Break. Thank you to Mr. Lambert and Ms. Cook for coaching these teams.



## Spirit Days

Friday, March 10	<b>"Lucky Day"</b>	To celebrate with a St. Patrick's Day spirit students are encouraged to wear some green, or rainbow colours or bring in a lucky charm. This is an Irish holiday celebrated around the world.	
Tuesday, March 21	<b>Rock your socks for World Down Syndrome Day</b>	In awareness for World Down Syndrome Day, we are asking students to wear colourful, creative, mismatched socks. The campaign for World Down Syndrome organization is, "With us, not for us"	
Friday, March 24	<b>Earth Hour</b>	Held every year on the last Saturday in March, people from over 190 countries turn off their lights from 8:30 – 9:30 pm to show support for addressing climate change. We will recognize this day at school on Friday, March 25 as we 'switch off' our non-essential electricity for an hour and go dark. Students are encouraged to wear earth colours (green/blue) or they can 'go dark' by wearing black as we participate in classroom-based activities.	
Friday, March 31	<b>Proud to Be Me Day</b>	Dress in anything that makes you proud! This may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• something special given to you by someone special (grandparent, parent, etc.),</li> <li>• something you have earned like a medal, ribbon, or an award,</li> <li>• traditional or cultural clothing,</li> <li>• clothes with a cause or positive message,</li> <li>• a uniform, jersey, or clothing from an activity you participate in</li> <li>• or anything else of your choosing.</li> </ul> <p>We are looking forward to celebrating the diversity, uniqueness, and passions of our Red Hawks!</p>	

## Parents' Corner



### Kindergarten Registration

Wanted...Future Red Hawks born in 2019! Do you know a child who will be turning 4 before December 31, 2023? If so, spread the word that Kindergarten registration is continuing in the DSBN! We are excited to welcome a new group of Junior Kindergarten students in September 2023, no experience necessary! [Click on the link here to ask a question or to register.](#)



### School Advisory Council

All School Advisory Council meeting agendas and minutes will be posted on the [RiverView web site](#) once they are approved. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21. New members are always welcome to join.

### Litter Caesars' Fundraiser

Little Caesars Fundraiser was a success again this year! Thank you to all of those families who purchased items to support the school. We sold approximately \$1400.00. Way to go RedHawks!

**REMEMBER – Pick up day is March 8 from 3:30-5:30pm.**



## Attendance Matters

### Did you know?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with schoolwork, dealing with a bully, or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

### What can you do?

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school everyday, make that the expectation.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.

If you require some assistance improving your child's attendance, please contact your child's teacher or the school office. Supports are available to support regular attendance at school. This information is used with permission of Attendance Works.

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### Important Message about Inclement Weather

#### Transportation and School Closures:

There are times in Niagara when weather conditions are so poor that we must cancel student transportation, and/or close schools to preserve the safety of students and staff.

The decision to cancel transportation and/or close schools is not taken lightly; a variety of factors are considered when making this choice. To learn more about how these decisions are made, please go to

<https://www.dsbm.org/inclementweather>.

#### Transportation Cancellations:

Information about transportation delays and cancellation are posted to <https://portal.nsts.ca/Cancellations.aspx>. When transportation is cancelled, every effort is made to communicate the decision by 6:00am on the day of the cancellation. There are times when transportation is cancelled, but schools remain open. If, on those days you feel it is best for your child to stay home, please report your child's absence <https://dsbn.org/safearrival/>, so we can make sure they are safe at home.

#### School Closures:

Every effort will be made to share school closure information before 6:00 am on the day of the school closure. You will find it on dsbn.org, all school websites, DSBM social media, and local media share the news widely as well.

### Winter is HERE!

With the cold and wet weather upon us, we have a few reminders for comfortable and safe outdoor play during the winter months:

1. Bring appropriate outdoor clothing to school daily (hat, mitts, jacket, snow pants, and boots).
2. Have dry indoor shoes and keep an extra outfit at school too (in case shirt and pants get wet outside).
3. Students are not permitted to throw snow or slide on ice patches.

If you need a winter coat, snow pants, boot, hats, gloves or mitts, please contact the school office by phone or email ([rvw@dsbn.org](mailto:rvw@dsbn.org)) to inquire about the support we can provide in getting these much-needed items for your children.

All students will continue to have recess outside, in the winter months, weather permitting. Kindergarten children will also continue to have outdoor exploration time during the winter months.

**Our 2 outdoor fitness breaks will occur regularly throughout the winter except in when an extreme cold weather alert is issued by the Niagara Region. For this reason, it is essential that students come prepared for the weather! We appreciate your efforts!**

## STAY INFORMED AND CONNECTED

In our busy lives, events can sometimes be overlooked. Technology allows us multiple ways to connect with families. The following is a list of ways we use to connect with families to ensure all families are aware of the many events happening throughout the year.

**SCHOOL WEBSITE** – <https://riverview.dsbm.org/>

Please take some time to visit the River View Public School website. Our website includes current newsletters, school calendars, code of conduct, school council information, a school year calendar, classroom websites, and bell times.

#### SCHOOL MESSENGER

Using the School Messenger program, all families will receive emails with newsletters, reminders and important information or reminders about events for the upcoming week. If you are not receiving these emails, please check your contact information with the office to ensure we have the most current information.

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER** All newsletters will be posted to the school website and sent via School Messenger through email on the first school day of the new month.

**SOCIAL MEDIA** - Please follow us on these social media platforms ([Instagram](#)) to see updates on exciting events. All posts and tweets will be updated on our school website as well. We are [#riverviewschoolchippawa](#)