

THE RED HAWK REPORT River View Public School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we enter the home stretch of the school year, many significant events will appear on your calendars, including graduation and end-of-year field trips. When schedules get busy, it becomes even more important for students to remain focused and stay the course with their learning goals. Now is a good time for students to review their goals and to finish the year strong. It is also important to keep a close eye on calendars as they get very busy at this time of year. Helping your child plan ahead and keep on top of all the events will help your child remain calm and organized. We are looking forward to a lot of fun and learning during the next two months of school.

Ms. Cocco and Mrs. Martin

FAMILY ARTS AND GAMES NIGHT

OUR FAMILY FUN/GAMES & ART SHOW was a tremendous success!!

We wish to thank all our families who joined us for a fun evening on April 18! We had over 80 families admire the amazing artwork, make a puppet, show their creativity painting, make music playing a bucket drum, and playing some fun games! A big thank you to all our families who contributed to the bake sale ... so many tasty treats!! A special shout out to our school council members and staff who volunteered their time and enthusiasm to make the night so special!

PLANNING FOR 2023-2024

In order to assist us with making the best decisions possible with respect to class organization and student placements for Riverview Public School for the 2023/2024 school year, we would appreciate if you would let the office know if your family is planning to move in the next few months. Providing us with this information in the spring will also facilitate transportation arrangements for September. We thank you in advance for keeping us informed!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Date	Event
May 4	Star Wars Day ("May the force be with you")
May 6	Prom Project
May 9, 16, 23	Grade 3 Swim to Survive Dates
May 10	Grade 7/8 Trip to Stamford Musical
May 16	School Support Staff Day – Superhero Day
May 19	PD Day – no school
May 22	Victoria Day – no school
May 23	Area track and field meet
May 24	Kindergarten Heartland Forest
May 24-June 8	EQAO – Grade 3 and Grade 6
May 30	Hearing and Vision Clinic

VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND

The school will be closed for a PD Day on Friday, May 19 and Victoria Day on Monday, May 22. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Victoria Day long weekend.



Student's Corner

Congratulations Farida

Congratulations to Farida who received second place in this year's impromptu French speaking competition. This event requires the contestant to prepare a spoken impromptu story after receiving a picture prompt. Afterwards, the contestant needs to answer questions about the picture and their story. Farida worked hard to prepare for this event and was awarded well for her efforts. As well, she was asked to be a part of next year's promotional materials, in order to demonstrate the requirements for this competition and to show future contestants what is expected when taking part in this event. We are all very proud of Farida for her perseverance!

Congratulations Fatima

Congratulations to Fatima as one of this year's winners of the 2023 Director's Artisan Card Contest! To celebrate all winning artists, Fatima and her family were congratulated at the DSBN board meeting on April 25. Fatima was presented with cards that were created with her artwork. Congratulations Fatima, we are so proud of you!



Red Hawk Clubs

Forest of Reading

On Thursday, April 27th our grade 5 and 6 students who have been participating in our Silver Birch Forest of Reading program had the opportunity to attend the Virtual celebration with other grade 5 and 6 students across the DSBN. We spent the afternoon listening to fantastic authors speak and attended two workshops. In our first workshop we learned to create 3D Comic Text Pop Art and in our second workshop we had the opportunity to create a painting entitled "Watercolours in the Night Sky". It was a fantastic celebration for the hard work these students have done over the past few months. On Wednesday, May 3rd, we are looking forward to our grade 7 and 8 Red Maple Forest of Reading program celebration, which is happening at Club Roma this year. It will be an exciting day full of author presentations, activities, and workshops. Thank you to Ms. Drouse for leading our Forest of Reading club.

Choir

The choir continues to meet twice a week at second break and have been having fun singing such songs as "Hakuna Matata", "We don't Talk about Bruno", "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious", and "Treat People with Kindness". As well, the choir has added a new song to their repertoire for the upcoming graduation concert; "By Your Side and in Your Heart" it is a fantastic piece of music with messages about confidently moving forward with our lives and focussing on the power of making a positive difference in the world. We are so very proud of the number of students who diligently attend each week and who fill our hallways with the sound of joyous music. Thank you to Mr. Dekker and Ms. Sally for running a successful choir.

RedHawk Sports

Badminton

Congratulations to the intermediate badminton players who participated in their first tournament at Princess Margaret School in April. All the Red Hawks qualified to participated in an additional tournament at Canada Games Park at Brock University on May 4.

Junior and Intermediate Baseball

Mrs. Musgrave and Mr. Machulla can't wait to start Junior/Intermediate Co-Ed Baseball try-outs in May. Any interested students in grades 4-8 are encouraged to come and try out. Both teams will be attending a one-day tournament in June. Let's play ball!

Track and Field

It is that time of year for track! All junior and intermediate classes will be spending some time in their physical education classes learning about the different track events and practicing the skills. This year Mr. Machulla and Mr. Hall with the support of the Junior/Intermediate teachers will work with a small group of students and bring them to the area track and field meet on Tuesday, May 23 at Canada Games Park at Brock University.

Student's Corner

Thursday, May 4	Star Wars	Dress up in any Star Wars apparel or in black/gold/yellow clothing! May the "forth" be with you.
Tuesday, May 16	Superhero Day (DSBN Support Staff Day)	On Tuesday, May 16 the DSBN will be recognizing our Support Staff. Our Support Staff are superheroes at River View and we encourage our students to dress up as superheroes to honour our Red Hawk Support Staff. Thank you to Mrs. Lyndon, Mrs. Pepin, Mrs. Schaefer, Ms. Thompson, Mrs. French, Ms. Anderson, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Konyi, Mr. Claros Castillo, Mrs. Kinghorn, Mr. Pester and Mrs. Stonham for your continuing support of our students and around the school! You always go above and beyond the call of duty and we truly appreciate everything you do for us!
Tuesday, May 23	Red Hawk Spirit Day	Some of the Grade 4-8 students will be attending the Area Track and Field meet. Dress up in Red Hawk shirts or red/black/white to support our students participating in track events.

Fun Fair 2023

Welcome back Riverview Fun Fair.

We are very excited to welcome back the Date' for Fun Fair! Please save the date: Thursday, June 15 4pm-7:00.

Our Fun Fair will have:

- 2 giant inflatables
- carnival games with prizes
- an amazing raffle table (win things like Niagara Helicopter passes, Niagara Parks passes, Clifton Hill fun passes)
- BBQ (hot dogs and hamburgers)
- Karaoke
- bake sale
- snow cones and popcorn

More info coming soon. All proceeds go towards the River View Student Activity Fund to bring down the cost of trips and presentations. Thank you, Mrs. Musgrave, for all of your hard work organizing this special event for the Red Hawk community!

Well-being at River View

This year students have been learning about the importance of healthy minds by engaging in many different mindfulness activities in their classroom. One strategy that our primary classes are focusing on is identifying and managing emotions. Through the support of our youth counsellor many classes have been introduced to a program called, "Zones of Regulation". This program helps students' categorize feelings into four colored Zones, all of which are expected in life. Once we understand our feelings and zones, we can learn to use tools/strategies to manage our different emotions. The simple, common language and visual structure (see image below) of The Zones of Regulation helps make the complex skill of regulation more concrete for our learners and those who support them. Ask your primary students today to share what they know about "The Zones."





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 Council meeting minutes will be posted on the [River View web site](#) once they are approved. Our next meeting will be on May 23 at 5:15pm in our library. New members are always welcome.

Save the Date – Grade 8 Graduation

We are excited to announce our Grade 8 Graduation will be held in the evening of **Thursday, June 22**. We look forward to honouring the River View class of 2023 with the families of our graduates. As we continue to finalize our plans more details will be shared with our graduates and their families.

Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO

Students in Grades 3 and 6 will begin writing the provincial EQAO tests tentatively scheduled to begin around Mid-May. It is essential that students attend school during testing and arrive on time at the beginning of the day so that they are able to participate fully in the testing. We encourage our students to try their best on the tests and to put great effort into showing what they know! More details will be sent home directly to students in Grades 3 and 6 closer to the starting date.

Swim to Survive

The Grade 3 students are so excited about the upcoming Swim to Survive program that they're participating in! Swim to Survive is a Lifesaving Society survival training program that teaches children the basic skills needed by all Canadians to survive an unexpected fall into deep water. This is a FREE program paid for by the Education Foundation of Niagara. Our grade 3 students will be going to the McBain Centre on May 9, 16 and 23 to swim!

EFN Prom Project

Grade 8 Graduation is coming! We encourage students to come in clothes they feel comfortable wearing to celebrate their milestone achievement. Prom Project Niagara is a one-day, fun, free formal wear extravaganza for girls and guys! Students can select their perfect head-to-toe look for their prom, formal, or **graduation** for FREE!

If you know of a student who could use this program, please join us on Saturday, May 6, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at St. Catharines Collegiate. [Click here for more details!](#)



Parents' Corner

DSBN Social Worker Support



Do you have questions about your child's mental health and well-being, such as anxiety, behaviour or self-harm?

Do you need support in accessing supports in the community?

Do you need advice for setting goals to help with regular school attendance?

Do you have any questions or looking for support regarding a certain aspect of parenting?

If these are some questions that you have, please speak with your child's teacher or Ms. Cocco/Mrs. Martin. All DSBN schools work with a DSBN Social Worker who supports families to provide an additional layer of support to help our students and families achieve success. Our DSBN Social Workers are an invaluable member of our Redhawk team.

Niagara Region Public Health

Please [click this link to read the May updates](#) from Niagara Region Public Health.

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