

THE RED HAWK REPORT River View Public School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We would like to extend our thanks to all members of our school community, including students, parents, and staff, for an amazing kick off to our 2022-2023 school year.

Did you know, according to [Harvard Medical School](#), “gratitude is strongly and consistently associated with greater happiness”. [Being grateful is important, however expressing your gratitude will have an even larger impact on your happiness.](#) (Check out this link for a fun video about gratitude.) With Thanksgiving around the corner, we encourage our families to reach out to someone who has a positive influence in their life and let them know! Not only will you be happier but imagine how amazing that person will feel after receiving such a compliment! We are truly grateful to be a part of our amazing River View team and, on behalf of our staff, we wish our families a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Ms. Cocco
Mrs. Martin

RIVER VIEW SCHOOL CALENDAR AND DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

In addition to our school events listed, you will find a link to the DSBN Days of Significance calendar on the first of each month. [Click here](#) for more information about the DSBN Days of Significance calendar.

STAFFING UPDATE

On Monday, October 3, we welcome Mrs. Charlene Lyndon as our new administrative assistant. We are thrilled for her to be joining the RedHawks and can't wait to work along side her. Welcome to the Nest!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Cross Country Meet Oct. 3
- Int. Soccer Tournament..... Oct. 4
- Junior Soccer Tournament..... Oct. 5
- World Teacher's Day..... Oct. 5
- Jersey Day Oct. 7
- Thanksgiving Day..... Oct. 10
- Secret Path Week Begins Oct. 17
- Take Me Outside Day..... Oct. 19
- Dress Purple Day for Child Abuse Awareness..... Oct. 27
- School Photo Day Oct. 28
- Halloween Oct. 31

PA DAY

Monday, October 24 has been designated as a PA Day for the District School Board of Niagara.



SUPERVISION REMINDERS

Your child's safety is very important to us at River View. To help us keep your child safe, we ask that you keep in mind the supervision schedule for students. Supervision for students begins at 8:35 am. Students should not be arriving prior to 8:35, as supervision is not provided prior to that time. When there is inclement weather, students will enter the school from the doors closest to the bus drop off starting at 8:35 am.

CREED-BASED HOLIDAYS

The Niagara Region is growing more diverse in creed and/or religious beliefs and practices. The District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) is committed to fostering diverse, equitable, and inclusive learning and working environments that promote acceptance and protect individuals from discrimination and harassment based on the protected grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Code. Creed and/or religion is one of the grounds that is both an individual right and a collective responsibility. The DSBN recognizes and embraces the creed diversity represented in its students, staff, and community members. As we start our school year, I invite you to share with me your family's most significant creed-based holiday(s). We will work together through the accommodation request process as we here at River View School recognize the importance of families celebrating their creed and/or religious beliefs and practices. The DSBN has created a Family Guide: Recognizing and Respecting Creed Diversity to support families in requesting accommodations. This guide has also been translated into the following languages: Arabic, French, Hungarian, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, Urdu and Vietnamese, which can be viewed on the DSBN Equity webpage. For a list of Days of Significance, please refer to the Days of Significance Calendar.

WORLD TEACHER'S DAY – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

World Teacher's Day is recognized annually on October 5. I would like to thank our teaching staff for all you do each and everyday to ensure that our Red Hawks are safe, well, and challenged to do their best. Thank you to our amazing teaching staff for making our community an amazing one to be a part of and supporting our students to be the best version of themselves in everything they do!

TERRY FOX

On Friday, September 23, our River View Hawks participated in the Terry Fox School Run. Thank you to the families that donated directly to the Terry Fox Foundation through the [River View Public School donation page](#). Through the generosity of our families, we raised \$570 to support cancer research. As a school we also tallied the number of laps we ran in our school yard. Way to go Hawks for running approximately 1788 laps.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – OCTOBER 28, 2022

School photo day is coming soon! Our school photos are scheduled for the morning of Friday, October 28, 2022. Further information and reminders will be sent home closer to photo day.

STUDENT NUTRITION PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that our student nutrition program has begun! Following protocols set out by Niagara Nutrition Partners, students will be able to access 'grab-and-go' snacks, including fresh fruits and grain products, in their classrooms throughout the day. We appreciate the financial support of our partners at Niagara Nutrition Partners!

THE NOSE KNOWS: NO SCENTS MAKES SENSE

Scented products have chemicals that can cause health reactions in people with asthma, migraines, allergies, or environmental sensitivities. Please help keep our air breathable for everyone and use unscented or scent reduced products where possible. Woodland is a Scent-Reduced Environment. Some staff and students have a sensitivity to odours, smells, and scents. Please do not wear, or send your child with, perfume, cologne, after shave, or scented body lotion into the school

ANAPHYLAXIS – BE NUT AWARE!

Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening reaction to certain food substances. We have students in our school that suffer from a severe allergy which can cause an anaphylactic reaction. An anaphylactic reaction is an allergic reaction so severe that in some cases, it can be life threatening. These children have a severe allergy to nuts. Prevention is the best approach. Therefore, we ask your cooperation in not sending any snacks or lunches containing nut products with your child.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our first School Advisory Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 27. Thank you to all the parents that attended our meeting. At this meeting, our executive was elected. Our executive for our council is as follows:

Chair: Mrs. Andrea Waters

Co-Chair: Mrs. Ying Wang

Secretary: Mrs. Reshma Seecharan

New members are always welcome to join and meeting may be added if the need arises.

KEEPING OUR SCHOOL SAFE AND HEALTHY

If you have a child with a Prevalent Medical Condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy) we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child. The Plan of Care form is a new document that replaces the Emergency Action Plan. All parents of children with Prevalent Medical Conditions are asked to fill out the new Plan of Care and submit to the school. You can download the forms here dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions.

For more information, please contact the office.

DSBN SOCIAL WORKER SUPPORT AVAILABLE

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 River View team

EXTRA-CURRICULARS UPDATES

We are looking forward to offering a variety of extra-curricular opportunities for our RedHawks during the 2022-2023 school year. Here is what is currently being offered!

Activity	Dates	Staff Lead
Cross-Country	Practices Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning @10:30am Meet on October 3 DSBN Meet on October 13 or October 14 (TBD)	Mrs. Musgrave
Intermediate Soccer Tournament	Festival on October 4 @ Greater Fort Erie Secondary School	Ms. Friesen
Junior Soccer Tournament	Festival on October 5 @ Westlane Secondary School	Mrs. Higgins
Intermediate Volleyball	Season begins week of October 24	Mrs. Hann & Mr. Machulla

DSBN eFLYERS

Many community events and activities are posted on the DSBN eFlyers website. I encourage you to take a look, on occasion, to ensure you do not miss any community events that might be of interest to you or your family. To view the eFlyers, please follow the simple instructions:

1. Log onto our website: www.dsbn.org
2. Click on "Community" tab
3. Click on "eFlyer Request" and you may browse through the 'Recent eFlyers' to find offerings from a variety of community organizations.

SO MANY WAYS TO 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.dsbn.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](#)