

THE REDHAWK REPORT



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Whether you are new to or returning to River View, we are so happy to have you with us for the 2020-2021 school year. We know that this year is different than other years, but we are going to continue doing what we do best, growing young minds and building character.

You will notice that there are a number of changes to our routines, safety procedures and teaching practices as we work through learning experiences and caring for your children during a pandemic. Please be patient with us as we work through this school year. The safety and well-being of our school community is our top priority.

At the end of June, we said 'good-bye' to some of the River View staff. Ms. Larochelle (Gr.6), Ms. Costantino (Gr.1/2), Ms. Green (Prep), Ms. Handy (EA) and Ms. Neufeld (EA). We wanted to wish them the very best with their future endeavors.

As well, our local crossing guard, lunch helper, babysitter, best hugger, friendliest smiler and dear friend to the River View staff and students, retired. Pam Burse has completed 17 years of employment between the former FJ Rutland Public School and River View Public School. She has worked tirelessly to ensure that our students are always safe in the community. We truly cannot thank her enough for her dedication to our school. Saying good-bye is never easy, so we are going to stick with..."See you around Pam!" Enjoy your retirement and please come back to visit! Our doors will always be open for you.

We would like to give a warm welcome to some new staff this year. We are so lucky to have Ms. Newton, Ms. Pagendam and Mr. Lambert joining the team!

We would like to take a moment to recognize the caretaking team for working so hard to get the building ready for our students. It was no easy feat as, on top of their regular duties, they also removed a lot of furniture out of our classrooms in order to maximize the floor space for the staff and students.

And to our lovely, Mrs. Theriault, we thank you! She is our rock and our superstar in the front office. She is a multitasker extraordinaire! Mrs. Theriault has spent the last week registering our new families, completing paperwork, answering phone calls and helping to keep us organized!

Lastly, we want to thank the teaching and support staff for all of their hard work these past few weeks. They have been in preparing their classrooms and hallways for a great start of the 2020 school year!

We want to wish Ms. Plato, Mr. Serafino, Mr. Kushniruk, and Ms. Derosie the very best of luck with the start of the school year. They are currently teaching with the Virtual School. We will miss your faces in the building, but we know you will be back!

All the best for a safe and wonderful school year!

Ms. S. Welsh and Ms. H. Randall

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Interested in knowing more about DSBN's back to school plan? Please visit www.dsbn.org



LET'S KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE

BE NUT AWARE!

When you are packing your child's lunch, please remember that we are a nut-free environment. We have members of our school community with nut allergies and we want to ensure their safety is considered.



BUSY PARKING LOTS

We know how busy some mornings can be. However, we ask that you consider the safety of our students when accessing the River View parking lots. This year will be particularly challenging as we will have an increased number of students being dropped off. Please consider dropping an older student off at the nearest side street or just down the road and allowing them to walk the remainder of the way.

If you are accessing the Kiss and Ride, please let your child out of the car, and then make room for another family to access your spot. If you need to exit your car, we kindly ask that you park your car in a spot in a designated parking space.

GOING TO BE ABSENT?

If your child is going to be absent, you can either use the School Messenger app or call 1-866-606-5567 to report the absence. Absences can be reported in advance, and can be done 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. When you are logging into your Messenger account for the first time this year, please log out of Messenger and then log back in.



Sept. 30
is Orange Shirt Day.

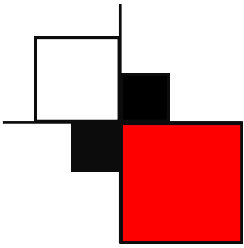


On September, 30th, we encourage everyone to wear orange. Students will be learning about the residential school legacy in an age-appropriate way. Moving forward, we want to ensure that we honour the survivors and support the victims.

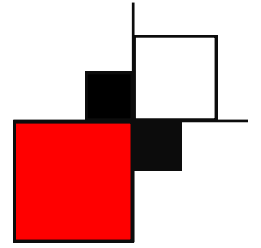
TERRY FOX WALK



As in the past, we will honour Terry Fox and support cancer research through our annual Terry Fox walk and will take place on the school grounds. Our students and staff will complete their walk in shifts to ensure proper physical distancing.



DAILY REMINDERS



This year we will be spending additional time outdoors in order to give students a break from wearing their masks. Please dress your child for the weather yes, even for light rain showers! Sending in a change of clothes for your primary child would be appreciated.



AGENDAS

This year, DSBN schools will not be distributing agendas to students. Instead, staff will be sharing information between home and school digitally. Further information and details will be shared by your child's homeroom teacher.

**COMMUNICATION
IS WHAT MAKES A
TEAM STRONG**

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BREAKFAST CLUB

This year will look a little bit different for our Breakfast Club, and due to this, the Club will be on hold for the first few weeks of school as Niagara Nutrition Partners works through developing a prepacked/bagged snack program for our students. We will notify families when Breakfast Club is up and running!



IMPORTANT

In the next week or so, there will be important documents coming to you, either as a paper copy or digitally. These documents will need to be sent back to the school as soon as possible. It is critical that the information we have on file about your child is accurate. We appreciate your continued support with this matter.



RIVER VIEW STAFF LIST

September 8th, 2020

Principal	Ms. S. Welsh
Vice– Principal Instructional Coach	Ms. H. Randall
Admin. Assistant	Mrs. D. Theriault
Learning Resource Teacher	Mr. K. VanLeeuwen
Kindergarten 1	Ms. J. Bouchard Ms. S. Pepin
Kindergarten 2	Ms. K. Higgins Mrs. L. Schaefer
Grade 1	Ms. N. Keagan
Grade 1/2	Ms. S. Gabriel
Grade 2/3	Ms. L. Harasty
Grade 3/4	Mrs. D. Musgrave
Grade 3/4	Ms. M. Hallett
Grade 5/6	Mrs. L. Hilborn
Grade 5/6	Mr. J. Lambert
Grade 6/7	Mr. A. Hall
Grade 7/8	Ms. J. Hann
Grade 7/8	Ms. K. Friesen
French Second Language	Mrs. M. Carfagnini
Teacher Librarian/Rotary	Mrs. C. Flachs
Science/Social Studies/LRT	Ms. S. Newton
Arts	Ms. R. Pagendam
Educational Assistant	Mrs. M. Parks Ms. H. Gilmore
Youth Counsellor	Ms. C. Dobbin
Social Worker	Ms. S. Lichter
Custodial Staff	Ms. R. Raymond Mr. D. McGibbon
Lunch Supervisors	Mrs. K. Kinghorn Mr. D. Pester



BELL TIMES

8:50—9:10	Period 1 (Entry)
9:10—9:50	Period 2
9:50—10:30	Period 3
10:30—11:10	Period 4
11:10—11:50	Period 5
11:50—12:30	Period 6
12:30—1:10	Period 7
1:10—1:50	Period 8
1:50—2:30	Period 9
2:30—3:10	Period 10

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ENTRY AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

In keeping with Niagara Public Health requirements, we are unable to allow adults to gather or congregate at school entry or exit.

As a result, **ONLY STAFF AND STUDENTS** will be permitted on the school yard. If you drop off your child at school, we are asking that you say a quick good-bye on the sidewalk or at the school gates.

We kindly ask that you promptly leave the school property once your child is safely inside the gates.

When students arrive, they must stand and wait in their community zones. Therefore, it is best to have your child arrive to school as close to the morning bell as possible.

This will help to keep our community safe!

