

River View and FJ Rutland Times

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Mark Your Calendars

February 1 - French Immersion Open House @ Prince Philip

February 2 - Kindergarten Open House @ River View

February 3 - Pizza Day

February 6 - Carousel Players @ CPC for River View students

February 7-9 - Mobile Dental Clinic

February 7 - DSBN Academy Open House @ James Morden

February 8 - French Immersion Open House @ John Marshall

February 9 - Term 1 Report Cards go home

February 16 - Gr. 8 Grad Photos and Sub Day

February 17 - Early Release Day

February 20 - Family Day

February 23 - Family Literacy Night @ River View

February 28 - School Council @ 6pm @ River View

Principal's Message

February is here, and we're just about to mark the half-way point in our school year! Our Primary students will soon be celebrating the 100th day of school - incredible! How quickly time flies when you're having fun!

Next week, you'll be receiving your child(ren)'s Term One report card. Our staff have worked diligently to make these reports an accurate reflection of learning skills and academic achievement over the past five months. More importantly, we hope that we have provided you with meaningful next steps to help your child achieve his or her goals. As you read the report with your child, be sure to celebrate strengths, note growth and discuss plans for the future. If you are interested in a face-to-face meeting with your child's teacher about the report card, please contact the school. We are your partners in education. If you have questions or concerns, we invite you to contact any of our staff or the school office. Communication is the key to mutual understanding.

This month also includes the Family Day holiday. If you have not yet made other plans, look inside this newsletter for some suggestions on how to encourage your child to use his/her critical thinking skills during board and card games. These are skills that are being reinforced daily in our classrooms and it benefits our students to experience an extension of their learning outside of the classroom.

Near the end of the month (February 23rd), we will be hosting a Family Literacy Night at River View. Please 'save the date' as we look forward to seeing you!

Construction Update

Bromac continues to work hard to complete the job at River View. Our new gym now has 6 basketball nets! It was very exciting to don a hardhat and steel-toed boots and go into the addition this past Friday to witness the progress. Our 2 glass backboards and 4 adjustable nets are in place, making the gym look so much closer to completion!

The architect has finalized the plans for the King George's bell, currently housed at FJ Rutland. The bell will be mounted on the ceiling in the main foyer. They are reinforcing the steel beams to enable us to display the beautiful bell prominently.

Over the next 3 weeks, the terrazzo work will take place in the addition. This flooring is extremely durable, but it takes a significant amount of work to install it. Once the terrazzo work is finished, they will begin to install the gym floor if the humidity levels are appropriate.



Term 1 Report Cards

On February 9, 2012 all Grades JK-8 students will bring home the first term elementary report card. The Progress Report in November provided you with information about how your child was learning in the classroom and gave an indication of progress towards achieving the curriculum expectations for all subjects.

Learning Skills and Work Habits are an important focus of the report card. These are critical life skills that students will work on from Grades 1 to Grade 12. Teachers evaluate how well students are achieving these skills for their grade level and include a comment about each student's strengths and some next steps for continued growth.

For each subject being taught this term, your child will receive either a letter grade (Grades 1-6) or a percentage grade (Grades 7 & 8). If a subject is only being taught in Term 2, then the teacher will check NA (not applicable) for that subject on the report card. For each subject, there will be a comment that describes your child's strengths and some next steps that will support learning in Term 2.

All parents/guardians are invited to contact the school if you would like to schedule an opportunity to discuss your child's achievement and next steps with his/her teacher.

Sunday Bingo & Nevada Tickets

Eight times per year, a very small but dedicated group of our School Council members give up their Sunday mornings to run a bingo to raise funds for our schools. We are asking for a few more volunteers who would be willing to be trained for this task. The bingos remaining this year are: Feb. 26, April 22 and May 27. Please contact the office if you are able to help out!

Also, in case you were not aware, we have a Nevada ticket account at the local Daisy Mart. Proceeds from the sales of these tickets come back to the school. Please support us!

Vote for our New Mascot

Included in this newsletter (Page 5), you will find a ballot of all of the mascot submissions we received in the month of January. We appreciate all of the families who participated in the first step of this endeavour. It's now time to take the next step!

Please clearly mark the ballot provided with your **Top 10** mascot choices. Your ballot must be returned to the office of either school by **Wednesday February 8, 2012**.

The Top 10 will be further reduced to the Top 3 by a vote taken within the schools. Once we have the Top 3, classes will be encouraged to discuss the 3 choices extensively and review how well each of the options represents the spirit, culture and geography of River View Public School.

By the time the March newsletter is published, we will have our new mascot selected and will begin to plan on how it will be incorporated into our new building!

We thank you in advance for your input on this matter and look forward to determining the result!

Throw No Snow

The safety of our students is a prime concern at River View and FJ Rutland. Thus, we have a strict policy that forbids the throwing of snow. (This includes face washing, snow down coats, kicking snow at others, etc.) Students who throw snow will be subject the following sequence of action:

First Offence: Loss of recess and letter home.

Second Offence: Loss of 2 recesses and letter home.

Third Offence: Loss of all recesses while snow is on the ground and phone call home.

We realize that this is a strict policy with strong consequences, but we want to encourage safe play. We prefer to be proactive and to prevent injuries on our school yards. Please discuss this policy with your child. Thanks for your cooperation!

Kindergarten Open House

Do you know any children who will be four years of age by December 31, 2012? If so, he/she is eligible to enroll in Kindergarten (ELP) starting September 2012.

Mark your calendar for **Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 4-6 p.m.** for our Open House at River View. Families should bring *birth certificates, immunization records and health cards* to the open house to complete the registration process. Visit www.dsbm.org and click on "Kindergarten Registration" for more details!

When Should Students Stay Home from School?

As a parent, making the decision to keep your child home can sometimes be challenging. Nobody wants their child to miss school unnecessarily. According to Public Health, your child should stay home if they are experiencing:

Vomiting/Diarrhea through the night or in the morning

Fever ... this indicates active infection

Eye Irritations with yellow discharge or redness ... it could be pink eye which is contagious

Runny Nose, especially with thick mucous

Untreated Head Lice ... child should stay home until treated with special shampoo and nits removed

Rashes ... only your doctor can diagnose so have it checked out

Stomachaches & Headaches ... keep your child home for observation and if they happen often, see your doctor
Sore Throat can usually spread infection

Cough ... night cough or any continuous coughing

Toothaches ... child should be seen by a dentist

We appreciate you keeping your child home in these circumstances.

River View Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

Later this month (week of February 21st), River View students will have the opportunity to take part in our annual chocolate bar fundraiser. Participating students will be able to sell chocolates through the end of March break for the chance to win some awesome prizes!

As always, participation in our fundraising efforts is optional. We will be sending home more pertinent information in the weeks to come.

Popcorn is Coming to River View

We will begin selling popcorn on Thursday, February 2nd. We will be selling 4 flavours every Thursday for the bargain price of \$1 per bag. The popcorn meets the new nutritional standards set out by the Ministry of Education.

A special thanks to Mrs. Stotski and Mrs. Bartlett for taking on this initiative.



School Council

Our next School Council meeting will take place Tuesday February 28, 2012 from 6-7:30pm in the new *Learning Commons* at River View. Please look at our website:

<http://riverview.dsbm.org>

for the minutes from our meetings. You are always welcome to attend and we value your input! **Childcare will be offered in the computer lab at River View during the Council meeting to facilitate attendance.**

Newsletter Draw Winner

Congratulations to the Cuthbert family who won January's newsletter draw! The Cuthberts have won a family-size pizza from the Chippawa House!

Pancakes, Anyone?

Every weekend from now until April 15th, 2012 and throughout the March Break, White Meadows Farms will donate 5 cents from every pancake sold to help support student nutrition programs across Niagara. In addition, they have also committed 50 cents from every bag of pancake mix sold in their store throughout the year.

Niagara Nutrition Partners support the breakfast programs at both River View and FJ Rutland. Without their financial support, we would not be able to offer the programs we do. Please enjoy some tasty local maple syrup while supporting this great cause!

For more information, please contact:

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Suggestions for February Activities at Home

On those cold days when you are stuck in the house, take the time to play games with your child. Play board games, dice games, card games, dominoes, chess and backgammon. Solve puzzles together.

While playing ask questions:

- Who is winning? By how much?
- What number do you want to roll? Not want to roll?
- How many cards do you have left?
- Which card would be the most helpful? Least helpful?
- How many dots are there on this domino?
- Where could you move that piece?
- Which piece do you want to move next time?
- How did you know that puzzle piece went there?
- How did you add up those two dice? Cards?
- Ask questions about their thinking?
- Why did you move this piece instead of that piece?
- What did you do to try to win the game or solve the puzzle?
- Would you do the same thing next time? Why or why not?
- What could you do to make it easier to win this game?



Remember to keep it FUN!

Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized by their teachers in January:

ELP1 -	Mrs. Kowalewski & Mrs. Meli	Avaya DiCorrado Mariah James
ELP2 -	Mrs. Keagan & Mrs. Schaefer	Sophia Ward Terenique Timothee
ELP3 -	Ms. Van Lierop	Christopher Gravestock Jordan Cavanagh
Grade 1 -	Mrs. Stotski	Ethan Whitfield Makayla Wasiloff Taneika Timothee
Grade 1/2 -	Mrs. Costantino	Brianna Chopp Nathan Hilborn Serena James Albert Wain
Grade 2/3 -	Mrs. Laakso	Aiden Thorne Isaak Vallis Nathan Muma
Grade 3 -	Ms. Mammoliti	Rhys Weston Madison Burnside Cassidy Terryberry



Electronic Newsletter?

Are you interested in conserving paper and tired of getting multiple copies of our monthly newsletter, or worse, not getting a copy at all? If you are interested in receiving our newsletter monthly via email, please complete and return the form below. We appreciate your conservation efforts!

Family name: _____
 Email recipient's first name: _____
 Email address: _____



February Newsletter Draw

Share your thoughts: During our Literacy night on February 23, would it be helpful to offer a session explaining assessment and evaluation (report cards) to those in attendance? Please comment:

We appreciate your input!

Family Name: _____
 Student Name(s): _____ Grade(s): _____

River View Mascot Submissions

Please indicate your **TOP 10** choices and return this form by Wednesday, February 8th. Both schools will narrow them down to 3 and our new mascot will be named in the March newsletter. Thank you for your participation in this exciting endeavour!

River View Agents	<input type="checkbox"/>	River View Raptors	<input type="checkbox"/>
River View Beavers	<input type="checkbox"/>	River View Ravens	<input type="checkbox"/>
River View Bull Dogs	<input type="checkbox"/>	River View Red Hawks	<input type="checkbox"/>
River View Cheetahs	<input type="checkbox"/>	River View Renegades	<input type="checkbox"/>
River View Dolphins	<input type="checkbox"/>	River View Reptiles	<input type="checkbox"/>
River View Eagles	<input type="checkbox"/>	River View Rhinos	<input type="checkbox"/>
River View Falls	<input type="checkbox"/>	River View Robots	<input type="checkbox"/>
River View Flames	<input type="checkbox"/>	River View Rockets	<input type="checkbox"/>
River View Knights	<input type="checkbox"/>	River View Rockstars	<input type="checkbox"/>
River View Lions	<input type="checkbox"/>	River View Romans	<input type="checkbox"/>
River View Monkeys	<input type="checkbox"/>	River View Royals	<input type="checkbox"/>
River View Monsters	<input type="checkbox"/>	River View Royalty	<input type="checkbox"/>
River View Musketeers	<input type="checkbox"/>	River View Sharks	<input type="checkbox"/>
River View Penguins	<input type="checkbox"/>	River View Soccer Balls	<input type="checkbox"/>
River View People	<input type="checkbox"/>	River View Spider Monkeys	<input type="checkbox"/>
River View Raccoons	<input type="checkbox"/>	River View Sports	<input type="checkbox"/>
River View Rainbows	<input type="checkbox"/>	River View T-Rex	<input type="checkbox"/>
River View Rainforest	<input type="checkbox"/>	River View Water	<input type="checkbox"/>
River View Rangers	<input type="checkbox"/>	River View Writers	<input type="checkbox"/>
River View Rapids	<input type="checkbox"/>	River View Wolves	<input type="checkbox"/>
River View Rappers	<input type="checkbox"/>	River View Zappers	<input type="checkbox"/>

RIVERVIEW/F.J RUTLAND NIGHT AT THE ICEDOGS!

Thursday March 8th, 2012

Game time is 7:00 p.m



MISSISSAUGA ST.MIKE'S MAJORS

VS.

NIAGARA ICEDOGS



GATORADE GARDEN CITY COMPLEX, ST. CATHARINES

Tickets are \$13.00 each!

Bring your family and friends to see the IceDogs take on the Mississauga St.Mike's Majors on Thursday
March 8th at 7:00 PM. **You are all invited to participate in the Riverview/F.J Rutland Skate from 5:00-5:50 PM prior to the game.**

Detach here and return to your teacher.

Please complete the following form and return it to your teacher **no later than Feb 28th**.



	Per Seat HST & Service Charges Included	# of Tickets	Total charge
Students/family/friends	\$13.00		\$



NAME	
GRADE	TEACHER

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