



Welcome Spring!



Riverside Public School

May 2019



Principal's Message

Dear Riverside Families,

Another very busy month has passed by and a lot has been happening at Riverside. As we move into the last couple of months of the school year, we will be looking to really reflect on our work with the students to determine our next instructional steps, specifically in mathematics.

Professional Learning

We spent the April PA day reflecting on our math journey and determining next steps in our school improvement plan. Our staff completed a whole school math task this year and the consensus is that we have a lot to celebrate in the student work. Students are definitely showing a greater understanding of number lines and decomposition of numbers. We were all very excited and very pleased with the results.

Staffing Updates

We would like to welcome back Mr. Stark in Grade 3/4! That means we say "Until we see you again!" to Miss Robertson who has been filling in with us since October. We would also like to welcome Miss Russell and Mr. Galbraith, two fabulous Educational Assistants who have joined our team. Finally, we say farewell to Educational Assistant, Mrs. Atkinson, who has been on leave since the fall but has now officially retired. We wish her all the best as she takes on new adventures in life!

Education Week and Mental Health Week

Next week, May 6th-10th, is Education Week and Mental Health Week combined. This is a time for students, teachers and families to celebrate teaching excellence and student achievement. Along with this we recognize that everyone needs healthy and supportive places to work, live and learn. We at Riverside are doing a lot of work to ensure that all of our students are receiving top notch education and that they feel as if they are an important part of our amazing school and community.



Many of our classrooms are opening up their doors to families throughout the week. We hope that you will be able to join us for one or more of the events listed in the schedule that was emailed out to celebrate learning at Riverside. One event open to all families this year is a Muffins and Math event on Wednesday, May 8th from 8:15-8:45 in the morning. We will be located in the Library/Learning Commons and hope that we see you there! All families in attendance will receive a math grab bag to take home!

Please note that for our Open House visits, all visitors are expected to sign in and out at the office. You will also receive a Visitor label to identify you in our school building. Thank you for respecting the times selected to visit your child's class. See page 3 for more information.

EQAO

On May 23rd, students in Grade 3 and 6 will begin writing the EQAO assessment. This is an assessment of what students have learned in the primary and junior divisions. This truly is a whole school endeavor and we set up conditions for our students to do their very best including quiet halls and limited disruptions. Please be cognizant of this if you are in the school at all between May 23rd and 31st. Grade 3 and 6 families, please ensure that your child is present and on time to school during those days. We thank everyone for your support.

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Playground Update

Our playground equipment and climbers are now open. For safety reasons, students are only allowed on the climbers with running shoes or fitted sandals. Flip flops, loose shoes, Crocs and boots will not be allowed. Students are always to hold on to the bars with at least one hand and tag is not allowed on the climbers. Students are encouraged to enjoy their time outside on the yard, but to remember to be safe, respectful and kind.



Jump Rope for Heart



Our Jump Rope for Heart kick off assembly will be held on the morning of Wednesday, May 8th led by Madame Innanen. Our Jump Rope event will take place on Friday, May 17th. Just a reminder for students to bring their collection envelopes back on that morning as the Heart and Stroke representatives will be here to help run the event and collect the donations. Online donations will also be an option. Thanks so much for contributing to such an important cause.

Walk to School Wednesdays

With the changes in the weather we are seeing many students walking or wheeling to school. Mrs. Wilson and I will be walking every Wednesday in May to Fiddlers Green and back to join in the walk to school. Please feel free to join us. This is our attempt at inspiring students and families to walk to school. We hope you will join us in inspiring your children to take every opportunity to be active.

Parking

Parking continues to be an ongoing safety concern for our Riverside students, staff and families. Please adhere to the parking signs posted on both Pinetree Drive and Oak Park Drive and please be sure to note times on signs. These signs are posted to help ensure everyone's safety. We appreciate your efforts to help out in this capacity.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: Spring Drills

All schools are expected to complete safety drills, as a review, in the spring. Riverside staff and students will be completing our fire drills, a lockdown drill, a severe weather drill and a hold and secure within the months of May and June. Once we have completed the drills, we have more information that allows us to adjust any procedures and/or expectations required to continue to keep our students and staff safe in emergency situations.

Dress Code

As the warmer weather comes upon us, there is a need to remind students of appropriate dress for school. A school is like a workplace for students and students need to be dressed in a respectful manner. Please ensure that you review the dress code in the front of the student planner and adhere to this.

We hope that you and your family are enjoying the beautiful spring weather and all the new life that Spring brings with it. We hope that you are able to pop by next week during Education Week to celebrate the great learning at Riverside.

Sincerely,

Kelly Fortney, Principal

Education Week

May 6-10, 2019

Every year during the month of May, Ontario schools celebrate Education Week. It's a great time to recognize the amazing things that are happening in our schools.

TVDSBs Strategic Plan goals of *relationships, equity and diversity* and *achievement and well-being* are demonstrated EVERY week across the District and will certainly be a focus next week as well.

Riverside P. S. will be opening their doors to the great learning that takes place throughout the week. Below is a list of events that will be taking place.

Monday - Music Monday. Performances by various classes. 9:20 a.m. in the gymnasium. Everyone welcome!

Wednesday - Muffins and Math. Easy and fun math games which can be played at home as well. Grab bags included! 8:15 a.m. in the library. Everyone welcome!

Thursday - Poetry Coffeehouse in the classrooms of Mrs. Dilamarter and Miss Fox. 9:00 a.m. Grade 2 families welcome!

Friday - Math fun with Kinders! The Kindergarten classrooms will be opening their doors at 2:00 p.m. Kindergarten families welcome!

We are looking forward to seeing lots of families come out and celebrate with us. Please make sure that you sign in at the office prior to your visit.

Yours in Education,

Kelly Fortney
Principal






Home Connections in Mathematics

May 2019

Math Trails!



Now that the warm weather is here, it is a great time to go for a walk or a bike ride and explore the environment around you. While exploring, stop at different spots and find the math along the way. Get outside and enjoy some physical activity, cooperate, and learn in a fun way that helps kids see how math is everywhere around them. Try these activities to get you started!

Activities
 <p>Estimate how many hands tall a fence is. Now measure how many hands. Do you get a different number with kid hands and adult hands? Why are these numbers different?</p>
 <p>Run and JUMP! Who jumped the farthest/shortest?</p>
 <p>Look for shapes- how many different shapes can you find on your walk? Name them, talk about what makes a triangle a triangle, for example.</p>



Make a collection of sticks from the yard. Order the sticks from shortest to longest. Can you find a stick that is half the size of another stick? How do you know it's half?



Can you find 6 different rectangles?
How many sides does a stop sign have?
What about a yield sign?



How many steps does it take to walk around the playground?



Find 5 rocks and line them up in order from lightest to heaviest.



Time how long it takes to run from lamp post to lamp post.
How many times can you go down the slide in 1 minute?

Math is all around us so get out and explore!

Our next RHSA meeting is Monday May 6th @ 6:30pm in the library!!

We are always looking for new faces to join us! In fact, new members are essential to our ongoing success. As members eventually graduate out of the school, we need new members to assume executive roles and carry on the tradition of an amazing Home & School. Questions?

Email us at riversidehomeandschool@gmail.com



We've got great news! There are now 2 ways to follow the RHSA and keep up to date on what's going on at Riverside!

Our Facebook account has been changed to a Page and is now "Riverside Home & School Association" AND...

...we are now on Remind!

Get alerts delivered right to your smartphone!

Text @rhomea to the number (647) 931-1813

You'll receive a welcome text from Remind.



mabel's labels

We continue to partner with Mabel's Labels who make labels for all your child's school things. Save money by keeping your child's belongings out of the Lost & Found. Use the following link to see what Mabel's Labels has to offer. 20% of our sales are given back to Riverside!

https://mabelslabels.com/c/?funId=582&cur_website=base



Don't forget your Lunch Lady orders!

To Order:

<https://order.lunchlady.ca/Home.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fdefault.aspx>

For information:

<http://thelunchlady.ca/parents/>

Our Lunch Lady's name is Sheela. You can email Sheela at london@thelunchlady.ca

You can also contact her by phone at 519-933-8044

The deadline to order for our June 6th pizza lunch is May 30th. Don't forget to go to www.munchalunch.com to pay or create your new account!



Spirit Wear orders will be ready soon. Follow us on Facebook to check for pick-up dates!

Also, stay tuned for more info on our end of the year event. Details are being finalized shortly.

Don't forget to celebrate mom on May 12th!



... Riverside Cares! ...

On April 4th, Riverside had a Beach Day to support the TVEF and donations totaled \$132.35! We will be having Freezie Fridays in May. There will be announcements to follow! - Ms. Fazakas, Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Milonas & Ms. Miszczyk



The Thames Valley Education Foundation

Join Us!
Sunday, June 2

B. Davison Secondary School
Registration: 8:30am

Proceeds to
The Caring Fund

Supporting students in crisis.
The Caring Fund supports all
schools in the Thames Valley
District School Board

Details at tvdsb.ca/TVEF_Run #TVEF_Run #RunfortheFUNd @TVeducationFdn

... Library News ...

Thank you to RHSA for organizing the Indigo Adopt a School night. Thank you to the staff and families that came out and made purchases to support our library. We raised just over \$500 to buy new book for our library.

Thank you to all of the Forest of Readers who stayed dedicated and finished their books in order to be able to vote. Our voting day happened on April 26 and we will go to Western Fair Agriplex to meet some of the authors on May 10. Thanks again to RHSA for purchasing the books so our school can participate in this fantastic program. - Mrs. McCallum-Harris, Librarian



The intermediate dance team's hard work and dedication was evident at their performance at the TVDSB Dance Festival on May 8. They danced their hearts out and Mrs. McCallum-Harris is very proud of all of you. - Mrs. McCallum-Harris

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Music Monday at Riverside!



On, **May 6, 2019** our Riverside Rams will be joining thousands of students across Canada to celebrate the importance of Music Education. This annual tradition has taken place for 15 years and is sponsored by "The Coalition for Music Education."

During this day of celebration, our students will be sharing their class work, treated to a choral workshop and participating in different music activities. The Grade 7 and 8 students will be treated to a guest speaker, named Jeff Christmas. Mr. Christmas is a composer, conductor and drummer. He is a professional musician who performs locally and internationally. Our grade 8 band will be participating in a band workshop with him as well. We are very lucky to have such an accomplished musician come to Riverside and work our awesome Rams!

This is going to be a great day for our school!

Please wear your Riverside spirit wear on this day!

A huge thank you goes out to our **AMAZING** Riverside Staff for always supporting Music Education! - Ms. Rees, Music Teacher

Junior Basketball

Congratulation to over 100 Riverside students who came out to join Mr. Campbell and Mrs. Young at junior basketball. The students spent March and April developing skills and learning the game! The boys were invited to Byron Somerset for some exhibitions games and showed tremendous growth over the season. Congratulations Boys! - Mr. Campbell & Mrs. Young, coaches



Riverside Student Council

**STUDENT
COUNCIL**



Student Council was very excited to see the turn out for the "Buy a Grade 8 Helper Day". We were able to raise \$275.00 and helped purchase a Sensory Path outside of the Library Learning commons. Come hope, skip, and jump your way down to check it out next time you are visiting Riverside!

- Mrs Young, Mrs McCallum-Harris and Mrs Schmitt-Bindner



**Spring Photo Day is
Friday, May 10th!**

Extra forms are available in the office as well as on our Riverside website calendar. Simply click on the May 11th event date to download the PDF!

Riverside's Green Team is Growing Again



**Come join us for an hour of gardening,
music and cool treats.**

Each Thursday from May 24- June 21

Details to follow in permission forms.

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SUPERHERO DAY



You are formally invited to the
London Majors Superhero Day

VS

The Welland Jackfish



Sunday May 26th @ 1:05pm

At Labatt Park

Dress as your favourite Superhero & run the bases just like your
London Majors



London Majors Tickets Order Form
Please pay online - School Cashnet

Purchase tickets before May 16th and tickets will be distributed during the following week to the classrooms.

Ticket price:

Adult	\$10.00 each
Students/Children/Seniors	\$8.00 each

Riverside Yearbook: Pre-order

Pre-order your Riverside yearbook before May 21st for free shipping to the school. The yearbooks will be delivered to the school by the middle of June. If you order after the deadline, you will have to pay for shipping to your home.

Choice of: Soft cover \$20
or Hard cover \$29

Free Customization: You can add 4 FREE pages with your own photos!

Go to: <https://riversideps.picaboo.com/>

Or scan to go to the order site.



Lester B. Pearson Summer Arts Camp

1 week session OR 2 week session

Register Early!

We Offer:

- Children's Theatre • Dance • Drama • Music
- Musical Theatre • Visual Arts • Photography

All sessions taught by qualified teachers

www.tvdsb.ca/pearson



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SchoolCashOnline

For safety and efficiency reasons, Thames Valley District School Board would like to reduce the amount of cash & cheques coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the *SUPPORT* option in the top right hand corner of the website registration screen.

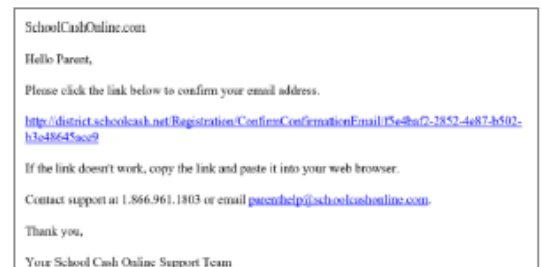
Step 1: Register

- If you have not registered, please go to the *School Cash Online* home page <https://tvdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> and select the "Get Started Today" option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and *School Cash Online* account. The confirmation link will open the *School Cash Online* site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Confirm the School Board Name (Thames Valley District School Board)
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Student Number (available on your [TVDSB Parent Portal](#)), Last Name and Birth Date.
- Select *Continue*.
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select *Continue*.
- Your child has been added to your account.

Find Student

School Information

School Board Name: School Board 1575
Looking for a student in a different school board?

School Name: Eagle High School

Student Information

Do you have the student number?

Student Number:

First Name:

Last Name:

Birth Date:
Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

(No students? [Click here](#))

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" and repeat the steps above. 8 children can be added to one parent account. If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

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Fast. Safe. Convenient.

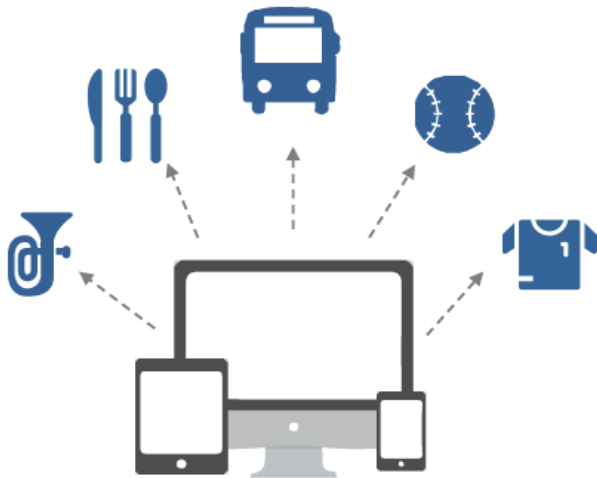
Welcome to *School Cash Online*

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees. The portal is customized to meet your school's needs and allows you as a parent, to add your students, make payments, check current balance/account history, print or view receipts, and receive notifications about upcoming events.

Why Use School Cash Online?

With School Cash Online, you can pay all your student's school fees with the click of a button. Wherever. Whenever. Trips to the school to drop-off cash or sending your student with money will be a thing of the past. School Cash Online also enables you to keep track of your student's school items and activities.

Purchase these items and more online.



Credit Card

Pay with Visa or MasterCard on School Cash Online by entering your credit card number, CVV number (the three digits on the back of your card), card expiry date, and billing information.



eCheck

An electronic version of a paper check used to make payments online. Anyone with a checking or savings account can pay by eCheck through School Cash Online.



myWallet

An online wallet that can be loaded to hold funds and pay for your child's fees on School Cash Online. myWallet also allows you to allocate funds to pay for school fees at a later date, as you would with a gift card.

How to Register

Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account today.

- 1 Create Your Profile:**
Go to <https://tvdsb.schoolcashonline.com> and click on "Get Started Today".
- 2 Confirm Your Email:**
Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.
- 3 Add a Student**
Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details. You will need to know your child's student # (available on your [TVDSB Parent Portal](#)), last name and date of birth.



Stay connected by selecting "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.



I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.

For more information contact Parent Helpdesk at
parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com or 1.866.961.1803

Helping your Child to Relax

Relaxation is beneficial in many ways for your mind and body. It is an important life skill for coping with any stressful situation. There are many ways that you can help your child learn how to relax.

Some activities you can do with your child:

- Get physically active outside and enjoy nature together.
- Listen to calming music.
- Cook together and plan family meals.
- Play a board game or do something fun together.
- Take some slow, deep breaths.
- Avoid screens for at least one hour before bed and enjoy some time reading.

From your Public Health Staff

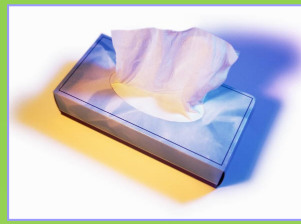
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*We build each student's tomorrow,
every day!*



KLEENEX BOXES for CLASSROOMS:

With seasonal changes that means allergies and colds are looming! With that comes runny noses and watery eyes. Any donations of Kleenex boxes would be greatly appreciated for your child's classroom as well as the Music room & Library/Learning Commons.



Pop Can Tabs



Thank you for saving your tabs. The collection can is in front of the office on the window ledge. All the tabs will go toward purchasing a wheelchair for a student in need. Each year a poster is posted on the outside doors to provide you with information as to whom we are saving the tabs for.



Riverside is Recycling Inkjet Cartridges!

Inkjet printer cartridges can be recycled, they can be reused and that trash can be turned into Cash!

We are collecting **Empty inkjet cartridges** to help raise funds for student events & clubs throughout the year. An inkjet cartridge is a small printer cartridge, which will fit in the palm of your hand. Please visit the Cash for Cartridges website www.cashforcartridges.ca for more information and a list of applicable cartridges. **Currently we are only accepting HP, Canon and Lexmark cartridges.** Please drop off your empty inkjet printer cartridges at:

The collection box located outside of school office.