



Riverside Public School | November 2025 Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Riverside Families,

November is here, and with it comes a renewed sense of excitement for learning! Over the past few weeks, I've had the privilege of visiting classrooms and witnessing incredible moments of growth and engagement. Literacy and Numeracy learning is in full swing, and I continue to be impressed by both our students and staff in demonstrating their commitment to learning, their courage to make mistakes, and their ability to have fun along the way.

In Kindergarten, I recently observed students exploring letters and sounds using a classroom *sound wall*. Watching them connect letters to their corresponding sounds with such enthusiasm was inspiring - it's a wonderful example of how foundational literacy skills are being developed with our youngest learners.



In Grade 1, I joined a Number Talk routine where students were using mental math strategies, like *counting on*, to solve addition problems. The confidence and collaboration they demonstrated during these discussions highlight the power of thinking aloud and learning together.

Each day, I'm reminded of the incredible learning that takes place across our school with moments of curiosity, collaboration, and growth that make Riverside such a special place. As November unfolds and the chill of winter approaches, we look forward to continuing this journey together, embracing new challenges, and celebrating the successes along the way.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's learning journey.

Peter Atack

Principal, Riverside Public School



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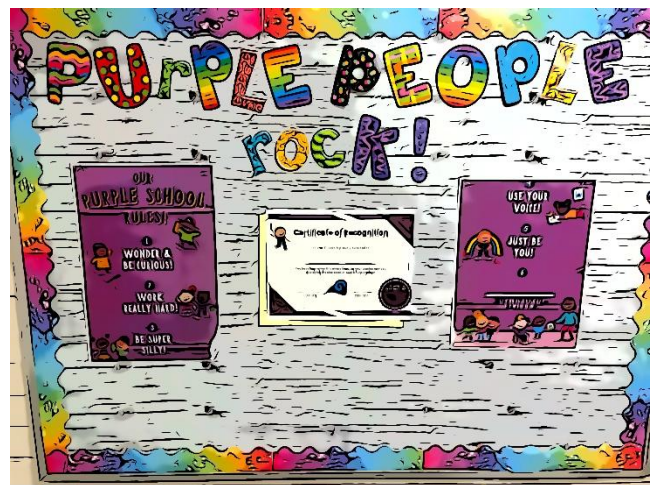
Progress Reports & Kindergarten Communication of Learning

As we move further into the school year, we are excited to share the first formalized learning updates with families. Progress Reports for Grades 1–8 and Kindergarten Communication of Learning will be sent home with students on **Friday, November 7th**. These reports provide a snapshot of your child’s growth and learning so far, and we encourage you to celebrate their efforts and achievements. A reminder that you will have opportunity to connect with your child’s teacher during **Parent/Caregiver Teacher Conferences on November 13th and 14th**.

Purple People Assembly!

On October 27th we held our very first Purple People Assembly, inspired by Kristen Bell’s book *The World Needs More Purple Schools*. This special event brought our school community together to celebrate what it means to be a Purple Person - someone who shows kindness, respect, and curiosity every day.

During the assembly we recognized students from each class who have gone above and beyond in showing **respect** to members of our school community. It was wonderful to see students supporting one another and embracing the values that make our school a welcoming and inclusive place.



We are excited to continue these assemblies throughout the year as we work together to make our school a vibrant, caring, and collaborative environment because the world truly needs more Purple Schools.

Terry Fox Fundraiser – A Record-Breaking Success!



We are thrilled to share that our school’s Terry Fox Fundraiser was an incredible success. Our goal was \$3,000, and thanks to the generosity and spirit of our community, we raised an amazing \$4,970 in support of cancer research!

A special thank you goes to Ms. Rees for hosting an energetic and inspiring pep rally that motivated our students before the run. We also extend heartfelt thanks to Ms. S. Fox for all of her hard work behind the scenes to organize this



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important event. Finally, we want to thank all of our community members who made donations and helped us honor Terry Fox's legacy of hope and perseverance.

Together, we have made a meaningful contribution to cancer research and shown the power of coming together for a great cause. Thank you for making this year's Terry Fox Fundraiser such a success!

Extracurricular Highlights

It has been an exciting few weeks as many of our extra-curricular programs continue to bring students together beyond the classroom. Our **Intermediate Girls and Boys Basketball teams** have been practicing regularly and competing in weekly games, showing great teamwork and school spirit. Music continues to fill our halls with both **Primary and Junior/Intermediate Choirs** meeting during morning recess breaks, and the **Intermediate Band** gathering before school to prepare for upcoming performances. We are very grateful for retired teacher, Mr. Thompson, for volunteering his time to host our **Chess Club**, which meets during the morning lunch break on Fridays in the library.

These activities provide wonderful opportunities for students to learn new skills, build friendships, and contribute to our vibrant school community. Thank you to all staff and students for making these programs such a success!





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BE BOLD ABOUT BEING KIND

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This month your child's school will be talking about bullying and how we can all work to prevent it.

How can you help us build safe & welcoming schools?

- Encourage your child to **'Be Bold about Being Kind'** by:

- Being honest.
- Being trustworthy.
- Respecting people's feelings and space.
- Supporting friends when they need help.
- Solving problems by listening & working together.
- Sharing that healthy friendships help us feel happy and safe.

- Support the **TVDSB Code of Conduct**
- Participate in TVDSB learning about bullying prevention and intervention



- **Report bullying** to your school. For a definition of **bullying** [click here](#).

Important Dates:

- Friday, November 7th – Progress Reports / Kindergarten Communication of Learning
- Tuesday, November 11th – Remembrance Day
- Thursday, November 13th – Picture Re-Takes

2025-26 PA Days:

- Tuesday, September 2, 2025
- Friday, October 10, 2025
- Friday, November 14, 2025
- Friday, January 30, 2026
- Friday, April 24, 2026
- Friday, May 29, 2026
- Friday, June 26, 2026

2025-26 School Holidays:

Thanksgiving: October 13, 2025
 Winter Break: December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026
 Family Day: February 16, 2026
 Spring Break: March 16 - March 20, 2026
 Good Friday: April 3, 2026
 Easter Monday: April 6, 2026
 Victoria Day: May 18, 2026