



# Riverside Public School | October 2025 Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

Dear Riverside Families,

It's hard to believe that September has already come and gone! The first month of school has flown by, and what a fantastic start to the year it has been – a month filled with energy, enthusiasm, and a strong sense of community. Our students have demonstrated tremendous dedication to their learning, diving into new routines and challenges with curiosity and resilience. Their hard work is already evident in classrooms and hallways throughout the school.

Our staff have demonstrated their commitment to creating welcoming, caring, and engaging spaces for all learners. Their passion and professionalism set the tone for a positive school culture, and their impact is felt every day.

For me personally, it has been the many acts of kindness observed throughout our school that have stood out the most. Whether it's paying someone a compliment, holding a door, welcoming someone with a smile, helping a friend in need, or welcoming a new classmate, these moments remind us of what it means to be a community.

A special thank you goes out to our amazing Riverside Home and School Association for hosting our Family BBQ event. It was wonderful to see so many families connecting with staff and each other — again, a true reflection of a very special community.



Thank you all for your continued support. October promises to bring even more learning, growth, and celebration, and we look forward to sharing it with you as partners in your children's learning journey.

Sincerely,

Peter Atack

Principal, Riverside Public School



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## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day 2025

On September 30th, Riverside Public School came together to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as Orange Shirt Day. This important day honours the experiences of Indigenous children who were sent to residential schools and acknowledges the ongoing journey toward healing and reconciliation.



Students engaged in meaningful learning about Phyllis Webstad's story—the inspiration behind Orange Shirt Day—and deepened their understanding of Indigenous cultures, voices, and resilience.

Riverside Public School is committed to Truth and Reconciliation. We believe in creating a school where every child feels seen, heard, and valued.

## Extracurricular Highlights

September has been full of energy at Riverside!

- Our **cross-country** team has been training hard in the mornings, and this week nearly 60 students from Grades 3–8 took part in our school meet. We're excited to cheer on those heading to the Regional Meet on October 8th—good luck, runners!
- Riverside PS **soccer** players recently gave it their all at the regional tournament, playing four great games and showing awesome effort, sportsmanship, and leadership. Way to go, team!
- The halls are alive with music as our Primary and Junior/Intermediate **choirs** rehearse each week. Their voices are sounding amazing!
- And coming soon—boys and girls **basketball** kicks off after the Thanksgiving long weekend. We can't wait to see our teams in action!

A HUGE thank you to all the staff who give their time and energy to support these activities—your efforts make a huge difference!





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### **Bicycle Safety Reminder**

As more students ride their bikes to school this fall, we want to remind everyone about the importance of safe biking habits. Staff have noticed some unsafe riding, including students biking through busy parking lots and crossing streets without stopping to look. These behaviours can be very dangerous, especially during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

We also want to remind families that helmets are essential for protecting young riders. Please talk with your child about safe biking practices, including:

- Always wearing a helmet
- Walking bikes on school property and in busy areas like parking lots
- Stopping and looking both ways before crossing streets

Let's work together to keep everyone safe on their way to and from school!

### **Hot Lunch Reminder from the Riverside Home & School Association**



We're excited to continue offering hot lunches at Riverside this school year through **HotLunchOrders.com**! Families can order meals for Fridays, every other Monday, and one Wednesday each month. Options include favourites like pizza, pasta, wraps, tacos, and smoothies.

To place an order, please visit <http://www.hotlunchorders.com> or download the app and register. **Orders must be placed by midnight on Monday for Friday delivery**, and no late orders can be accepted.

Thank you for supporting our Hot Lunch Fundraising Program—and for helping keep things running smoothly!

### **The TVDSB Student Achievement Plan is now available on the TVDSB website!**

The Student Achievement Plan framework was developed by the Ontario Ministry of Education as part of the Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023. The plan includes 5 goals and 11 indicators that all school boards in Ontario must use to track student achievement in core



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academic skills, preparation for future success, engagement, and well-being. School boards use the data to create action plans for improving outcomes for students.

We are working to bring this plan to life with students at our school through the development and implementation of our School Improvement and Equity Plan and our Safe and Inclusive School Plan. We will continue to provide updates to the school community related to our ongoing efforts to support student achievement, future success, engagement, and well-being. If you have questions about these plans, please contact the school principal.

[Click here](#) to review the district plan and to learn more about the indicators and the work that TVDSB is doing in 2025-2026 to support student achievement and well-being.

We are interested in hearing from you about the TVDSB Student Achievement Plan. [Click here](#) to access a form to share your thoughts with us.

### **Important Dates:**

- Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Terry Fox Run
- Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – School Council / Home & School Meetings
- Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> – Regional Cross Country Meet
- Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> - PA Day
- Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – School Picture Day
- Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – School-Based Assembly (Purple People)

### **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