



R.A. Riddell News

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Message from the Principal & Vice-Principal

Welcome back to the start of the 2017-2018 school year. I would like to begin by welcoming all of our new students and their families to the Riddell community. I am certain that those new to R.A. Riddell will immediately recognize that this is a friendly school with a very dedicated staff. Please feel free to introduce yourself and get to know our staff.

Over the next few weeks, parents will be sent information from the school and the classroom teachers. We ask that you go over all material that is sent home, ensuring that the necessary paperwork is reviewed, signed and returned to school. Additionally, all Grade 1-6 students will receive a student agenda. This important tool for organization and home/school communication should travel home and back to school every morning. As many of our Grade 7 & 8 students are now carrying mobile devices and electronic organizers, this year we have made agendas available but optional for these grades. Parents receiving an agenda are asked to contribute \$7 towards the cost of the agenda.

In addition to our student produced school newsletter, we encourage parents to subscribe to our school website. By subscribing parent will have direct email notification of HWDSB alerts, school closures as well as Riddell events and communications. <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/rariddell/subscribe>

Visiting our website directly will also give you access to our student announcement board which includes our daily morning announcements.

We look forward to meeting parents and extended family members at our Meet the Teacher night held on Thursday October 5th from 5:30 PM.-7:00 PM. Food trucks will be at the school to provide the option of a quick dinner before meeting our wonderful staff.

Finally, when visiting the school, parents are asked that entry during our instructional day is through our main doors on Cranbrook Drive. All visitors are expected to check in at the office, where our staff will assist you with your needs. We remind parents that this procedure is in place for student safety.

Once again, welcome back and we look forward to a fantastic new school year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPT	4	Labour Day
	5	First Day of School (Gr. 1-8)
	6	First Day of School Kindergarten
	22	PA Day - No Classes
	25	School Council (6PM)
	28	Terry Fox Run
OCT	12	Picture Day

Riddell School Council

Consider getting involved in School Council in the upcoming school year. School Council meetings are open to any parent, school staff and community member. If you think you cannot attend meetings on a regular basis you are still welcome to attend at any time.

The first School Council Meeting for 2017-2018 is set for **Monday, September 25 at 6pm**. We meet one evening a month during the school year. We look forward to seeing all past and new council members at our first meeting.

R.A. Riddell

Meet the Teacher Evening

Start the new school year by coming for a visit to R.A. Riddell.

Thursday October 5, 2017

5:30 PM- Food Trucks

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - School Visit

Meet your child's teachers, visit their classroom and take a tour of the school.



Morning Bell - 8:50 AM

A reminder to parents that our school day starts at 8:50 AM. Students arriving after this time will be marked late. We understand that weekday mornings are busy and can be difficult for families. However, punctual daily attendance helps to develop a sense of routine and responsibility, allows students to begin their day with their peers, and ensures that important curriculum is not missed. We encourage parents to work in partnership with R.A. Riddell to help our students develop important time management skills.

R.A. Riddell 2017/2018 Staff

J. Gibson	Kindergarten	111
R. Staples	DECE	111
J. Lootsma	Kindergarten	112
J. Blanche	DECE	112
L. Lamanes	Kindergarten	113
K. Pryde	DECE	113
N. Kargas	Kindergarten	114
L. Corsini	DECE	114
J. Hazzard/I. Aldridge	Kindergarten	109
C. Daunheimer	DECE	109
L. Smith	Gr. 1	222
L. Varga	Gr. 1	209
A. Fleet	Gr. 1	221
L. Christian	Gr. 2	223
M. Cole	Gr. 2	205
J. Elliott-Books	Gr. 2	206
V. Coughlan	Gr. 3	213
L. Arnold (S. Skoberg)	Gr. 3	215
D. MacDonald	Gr. 3/4	220
D. Ruppenthal	Gr. 3/4	212
H. Kelly	Gr. 4	P1
K. Ego	Gr. 4/5	P3
I. Fox	Gr. 5	214
H. Smiley	Gr. 5/6	135
J. Smith	6A Advisor	132
R. Brooks	6/7A Advisor	134
A. Baillie	6G Advisor	Gym Basketball
M. McCaughy	7A Advisor	154
T. Dunnett	7G Advisor	124 Basketball
L. Henry	7H Advisor	Gym High Potential
A. Carpino	7/8A Advisor	133
S. McEwen	7G Advisor	Gym Basketball
S. McEwen	8A Advisor	141
D. Boyter	8B Advisor	142
P. Talbot	8G Advisor	122 Basketball
S. Christie	8H Advisor	124 High Potential
G. Gilmour	Learning Resource (6-8)	
L. Hewitt	Learning Resource (3-6)	
I. Aldridge	Learning Resource (K-2)	
S. Mackrory	Library	
R. Ene	Core French	
R. Pietrantonio	Core French	
C. Gallagher	Core French/ Arts	
P. Rayment	Jl Instrumental Music	
W. Perniac	Arts	
A. Connolly	Phys. Ed	
L. Godden	Educational Assistant	
M. Pettigrew	Educational Assistant	
A. Cicero	Educational Assistant	
P. Rombeiro	Caretaking Staff	
M. Lachowicz	Caretaking Staff	
D. Winger	Caretaking Staff	
H. Boragno	Caretaking Staff	
N. Nicosia	Office Staff	
I. Eke	Office Staff	
J. Harris	Office Staff (0.5)	
C. Buck	Principal	
J. Mclean	Vice- Principal	
L. Romano	Superintendent	
W. Hicks	Trustee	

R.A. RIDDELL CODE OF CONDUCT

RESPECT

ACHIEVEMENT

RESPONSIBILITY



We are pleased to present the Riddell Code of Conduct, which was developed during the 2014-2015 school year with input from staff and students. The goal in updating the Code was to come up with a list of essential principles, presented in child-friendly language.

Although it is specifically designed to be a student code of conduct, parents, and staff members understand that leading by example is one of the most effective ways of teaching. In that sense, the Code applies to all members of the school community.

I will show **RESPECT** by:

- Showing my best self
- Keeping our resources, equipment, building and community in good condition
- Keeping my hands and feet to myself
- Being co-operative and kind to everyone

I will show I'm committed to **ACHIEVEMENT** by:

- Always trying my best
- Accepting and using suggestions for improvement
- Sticking with all tasks (even the challenging ones!)
- Not disrupting the learning of others

I will show I'm **RESPONSIBLE** by:

- Being on time and ready for class
- Making good choices
- Using technology appropriately
- Showing pride in myself, my work and my appearance

Volunteering at R.A. Riddell

Whether it is helping out in a classroom, on an excursion or in our school library, volunteers are important to us at R.A. Riddell.

If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity you must complete a Vulnerable Sector Screening. This screening is easy to complete and can be obtained either by visiting the King William HPS location or applying online.

<http://www.policiesolutions.ca/checks/services/hamilton/>

Please feel free to request a volunteer package from our office at anytime.

Mabel's Labels - Support our Kindergarten Classrooms

<https://mabelslabels.com/>

Be sure to select "Support a Fundraiser" and RA Riddell from the school list.