

Riddell Renegades Review



Message from the Principals

Message from the Principal & Vice-Principal

Thank you to the students for a terrific September start up. You have done a great job settling into your new classroom routines and schedules. Your goal each morning should be to enter the school quickly, collect your first period items and be in your classroom by the time the attendance bell rings. Coming to school on time every day is very important for your success at Riddell.

With school well underway, there are a lot of activities for students to be a part of at Riddell such as library helpers, lunchroom monitors, 3-pitch baseball, cross country, swim team and volleyball. It is amazing to see such great participation levels from the students. Be sure to listen to the announcements each morning so that you do not miss important practices or upcoming events.

A huge thank you to our newsletter team lead by Mrs. Boyter. They have done a fantastic job with the first newsletter this month. We hope that everyone enjoys reading the Renegades Review, as it is a student written and student created newsletter. Finally, a big congratulations to our new Student Council Co-Presidents Kayley and Rueben and Vice-Presidents Brooke and Benjamin. We are sure they will do a great job representing Riddell and we look forward to their leadership throughout the school year.

Please mark October 5 in your agenda as it will be our Meet the Staff evening. On this evening you can bring your family to the school to show them your classroom, introduce your teacher and take them on a tour of the building. We look forward to this evening and meeting our Riddell families.

Trending Now

Riddell Helps Hurricane Victims

Rueben L. - Journalist

As you may have heard, there have been many disasters that have been going on recently. Many of the islands around the coast of Florida as well as Florida have been destroyed by the many hurricanes that have passed by. Billions of dollars of damage have been dealt to the U.S.A.

These events were catastrophic for those affected. Even now, with the most recent hurricane Maria hitting only a week ago, the repercussions of the tragedies have left many people homeless and without power or a clean source of water. Now you may be wondering, what organisational relief efforts have taken action in response to this disaster? Over 10 charities, including the *The American Red Cross*, have been diligently working to help to provide humanitarian needs. However, despite the efforts from large organisations, it is still not enough. There has been help from small and/or local charities or fundraisers such as the currently ongoing raffle basket fundraiser going on at Riddell. The raffle will be held at the next open house. Please support this cause by participating in our Raffle Basket Draw!



Riddell Sports & Clubs

Cross Country Meet

Selma E. – Journalist

The cross country meet will take place at Christie Conservation Area on October 10th. This happens to be the day after Thanksgiving so after you stuff yourself up with turkey, you will be running a long distance, so don't eat too much! The cross country meet is for grades 3 to 8. This year is the grade 3's first year of cross country. If you made it through try-outs and come to the meet, make sure you are hydrated before and after the meet. Also, you should run for at least 5 minutes every day so you can get fit. Ms. Smiley is in charge of this meet. The practice has been everyday on the back field during days 1, 3 and 5. We hope that everyone does well and we are sure they will.



Senior Volleyball Tryouts

Prisha S. and Aliza A. – Journalists

Senior girls volleyball works a little different from the 5/6 and 6/7 teams. For example, in senior girls volleyball students are assigned a position. In the 5/6 and 6/7 teams, every team member rotates and gets a chance to play in every position. Also, unlike the other teams, the senior girls team get a number for their position. The team have games every Thursday evening from 4:00pm to 6:00pm (at the latest). The season starts the week after Thanksgiving, so please come out to support our team! We wish the girls a good season and hope they take home the gold!

Junior Swim Team

Brailynn G. - Journalist

Who is the coach? Madame Ene
What is your name? Kari
Are you looking forward to the swim team? Yes, I am very excited.
Do you like to swim, if so why? I love to swim. It makes me feel free.
What's your favourite thing about swim team?
It's fun.
Why do you like to swim? It makes me feel like a fish.
Do you go somewhere specific to learn?
Westmount
How did you learn to swim? From my dad.
Do you think you did a good job? Yes. He made records.
Has the swim practice started yet? No.

Junior Girls' Softball

Sadin – Journalist

Congratulations to the junior girls' softball team for winning the championship! They won all three games and their coach Mrs. Arnold is very proud of their team. They practised a lot and worked together, helping each other to get better and better. She wants to thank everyone who helped with the team. Here's a fun fact about Mrs. Arnold: She really likes playing baseball and has also played for a long time.



In Our School Community



Raffles Baskets for Relief Fund

Yusra E. - Journalist

Recently many places have been affected by hurricanes, especially in the Caribbean. To support the people that have been affected by the hurricane we will be fundraising. One of the many things we are doing this year to raise money are the raffle baskets. In each class there is a blue basket with a theme on it. Students are asked to try and donate something to the bin that matches the theme. For example, if your class had the theme candy you would buy candy and put it in the bin. At open house, all the baskets will be in the small gym, and if you see a basket you like, please buy a few tickets and put it in the box. At the end of the night the baskets will be raffled off.

What's Happening to Our Food Programs at Riddell?

Riddell Journalist - Judi and Kaitlin

Are you wondering what's going to happen to the food programs in Riddell? There are some slight changes to some of the programs, but change is good! The change is with the snack program. The snack program is going to be delivered differently. The primary students will still have bins like last year, however the middle school students will have snacks brought to them on a cart by grade 8 students. The most popular program is pizza, second is milk, and third is the snack program. All of the programs will be delivered at different times, milk will be delivered starting on October 2nd, cookies and popcorn will start at the end of September, and pizza will begin on October 5th.



In Our School Community

Terry Fox Run

Judi and Katlin - Journalists

Terry Fox was a very selfless person, we should aim to be like him! This year our goal for the Terry Fox Run is to raise \$5 374. In total, through all the years, we raised \$25 000 for cancer research. Also, our goal for running is 4 000 km. Our highest km score is 5 000 km. Let's see if we can run even more this year. We have been doing the Terry Fox Run for 8 years, and we hope to do the same for another 8 years.



Elected Presidents of R.A. Riddell 2017

Vama G. – Journalist

R.A. Riddell just got the results of the school president campaign a few days ago. All of the candidates wrote really good speeches but the most effective speeches were presented by Reuben L. and Kayley T., our co-presidents, and Benjamin R. and Brooke T., our co-vice presidents. Everyone at Riddell hopes that these students do a great job with their responsibilities in 2017 – 2018.

Starting at a New School

Marissa C. - Journalist

“Going to a new school can be hard, but you'll fit in” was what I had heard from my family and friends for weeks before leaving all my school friends I had ever known.

My name is Marissa, I moved to Hamilton on June 28th the last day of school in which I attended in Ottawa.

Let me tell you although everyone was happy for me to begin my new adventure I was really nervous about starting a new school as the “new girl” and making new friends. Lots of questions went through my head such as “will anyone like me?” “will I be an outsider for long?”

I was leaving behind the old me and beginning a new me, I asked myself how was I ever going to do it? It wasn't as though I was ever the first person to change schools and leave friends behind, but it was the first time for me and I was nervous. I had butterflies in my stomach!

Before I knew it Sept 5, 2017 had arrived and my new adventure at a new school was about to begin. I soon realized there was no reason to have butterflies, feel nervous or have questions whether or not I'd fit in. Since my arrival at R.A. Riddell, I have felt welcomed by teachers and students and I no longer feel like the “new girl”. Along with meeting teachers I have made lots of new friends and have felt welcomed by all of them.

Volunteering at R.A. Riddell

Vama G - Journalist

Parents, if you're interested in volunteering at our school, this article is a 100% for you. The reason being is that our Vice Principal, Mr. McLean, is asking for parents to help and volunteer for things such as: sports events and field trips. If you're willing to volunteer for us, please contact the school to complete the appropriate forms. We appreciate your dedication and support!

Upcoming Events

R.A.Riddell Upcoming Events and News

Rima A. - Journalist

Attention staff and students! In October, there will be a lot of things happening at R.A. Riddell. Halloween is coming soon, so make sure your school costume is school appropriate. Ask your teacher just to make sure. There will be no school on Monday October 9th, happy Thanksgiving to those who celebrate it. Also, Yom Kippur is the holiest day of the year in Judaism. Jewish people traditionally observe this holy day with an approximate 25 hour period of fasting and intensive prayer. Meet the teachers is happening after school on October 5th starting at 5:30pm. Parents will get the opportunity to meet and get to know the teachers better. Picture day is on October 12th. Please come prepared in your nicest clothes. The Cross Country meet is on October 10th.

Grade 8 Parent Information Night

Mrs. Boyter - Journalist

On Wednesday, October 11th, starting at 5:30pm in the library, there will be an information session for parents of students in grade 8.

There will be Riddell teachers and secondary school representatives discussing secondary school options and course information, graduation ceremony and celebration dates as well as information regarding the end of the year grade 8 trip to Montreal.

Teachers Favourite Holiday

Saman and Luna - Journalists

We went around the school and asked 22 teachers what their favourite holiday was, 11 said Christmas. The reason is, that they got to spend time with their family. Three said Halloween because they loved candy. Two said Family Day because there is no commercialism. Three said Thanksgiving because they get to show their thanks for everything. Finally, two said Easter because they love spring. In conclusion, the majority of teachers love Christmas!

Upcoming Events

October

- 5 – Meet the Teacher
- 9 – No School – Thanksgiving
- 10 – Cross Country Meet
- 11 – Grade 8 Parent Information Night
- 12 – Picture Day
- 23 – Kindergarten Trip to Lindley's
- 30 – Progress Reports go Home

November

- 2 – Scholastic Book Fair
- 3 – No School / Interview Day & Book Fair