



Riddell Renegades Review

Message from the Principals

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Welcome to 2018! We hope you had an excellent Winter Break and are ready for the challenges of a new year. Perhaps some of you have made a New Year's resolution or have taken part in the #oneword2018 challenge. It is always great to set some goals for improvement and to do your best to achieve these goals.

Speaking of goals, the first term Report Card will be sent home in just over a month. This is a perfect time to ensure you are doing your best work, participating in class, and asking questions to help with your learning. Reviewing your Learning Skills and looking at where you can improve is always a great place to start. When in doubt, talk to your teachers, friends, and family to get some feedback.

The holiday break was also a time when we had some cold and snowy weather. Remember to dress for the outdoors each day, and to keep the snow on the ground. This means that we do not throw or kick snow at others. Feel free to continue building your amazing snow creations! Please also remember that the hills near the parking lots are out of bounds during the recess portion of nutrition breaks. Another friendly reminder to stomp your feet outside or on the mats before you enter the school. The floors can get "slippy" when they are wet, so be careful.

As part of our recess breaks, we are going to introduce our Buddy Bench to the school. Even though it is a nice place to sit and relax with friends, it is going to be so much more. We have a team of students who are going to be doing some amazing things over the next few months. Stay tuned for more information.

Trending Now

#oneword2018

By: Mrs. Boyter - Journalist

A new year brings new goals and resolutions to create a better "you". Many people are excited and determined to change their lifestyle by eating better, losing some weight, participating in a marathon, smiling more or even making new friends. Unfortunately, many resolutions (research states 80%) fail by the second week of February.

Instead of thinking of a great resolution to keep for the new year, why not think of **one word** you can focus on and strive to achieve. My grade 8's created a **#oneword2018** board with their words they will try to focus on this year. I also chose my one word for this year; balance. It's more than just one word though, it's an acrostic of many words I will focus on this year.

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Think of one word that you can focus on this year. How will you achieve it? How will that make you a better person or a better student?

Movie Review

By: Marissa C. - Journalist

Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle
The newest Jumanji movie featured Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart and Jack Black. Jumanji was super funny and filled with a lot of adventure. The movie was about a boy named Spencer who gets detention with 3 other people and finds a video game called Jumanji, so they start to play it. Then, they are sucked into the game as the characters they chose and have to play the game in order to go back to their normal lives. I would recommend this movie with anyone who would like tons of adventure and humour. I rate this movie a 9 out of 10.

In Our School Community

Eco School

By Jordana D. and Kayley T. - Journalists

Do you think you have the most eco-friendly classroom in Riddell? Starting this month, you can find out. Students at this school have made a club called Eco School! Eco School is a group of kids that go around the school and see what we can do to improve our classrooms to make them more eco-friendly. Our mascot is **Freddy The Frog**. Freddy represents the most eco-friendly class. So starting this month, the competition begins. Let's see who has the most eco-friendly class at Riddell!



Buddy Bench

By Jordana D. - Journalist

Primary, Junior and Intermediate students at R.A Riddell,

Have you ever been in a situation where you don't have anybody to play with at recess or you and your friends don't have anything to do? Our school has introduced a solution to this problem! Most of you have seen a black bench near the basketball court that says "Buddy Bench". Primary/Junior students are welcome to sit here and they will be joined by Intermediate students who will make your recess more fun! We will encourage you to join us in our daily games and activities. If there are any Grade 8 volunteers interested in helping out with the Buddy Bench, sign-up sheets will be outside of Mr. McEwen's room. Thank you.

Riddell Cares

By: Jordana D. and Kayley T. - Journalists

For those of you who don't know, Riddell Cares is an event that for the past 3 years Riddell has done around Christmas. During this time, each classroom is giving a family that they can help give a better Christmas. We do this by buying gifts for the families (that were on their wish list) and giving the gifts to them before the holiday break. This year, we were able to help 11 families have a better Christmas thanks to the amazing staff and students at Riddell.

Christmas Poem

By: Hiba and Samaya

During Christmas holidays the wind blows.
As children wear their Christmas clothes.
Santa gives them their gifts under the
Christmas tree.

The kids wake up and their hearts are filled with
glee.

Presents, presents, presents, more, more and
more.

Wow Santa, freedom is yours!

The Investigation Infestation - Preview

By Malcolm - Journalist

Join a one-man adventure.

It all started after a day of work. Only a couple of people were home. Was it someone in the house or a complete stranger?

A huge hole in the basement and a loud bang! With clues found around every corner. Find out what happens and who did it....

Coming this February!

Fun Facts and Activities

January 2018 is Celebration of Life Month

By: Jordana D. - Journalist

1. Copyright Law Day
2. Buffet Day
3. Festival Of Sleep Day
4. Pop Music Chart Day
5. Bird Day
6. Bean Day
7. I'm Not Going To Take It Anymore Day
8. Germ Day
9. Apricot Day
10. House Plant Appreciation Day
11. Milk Day
12. Marzipan Day
13. Rubber Duckie Day
14. International Kite Day
15. Strawberry Ice Cream Day
16. International Hot and Spicy Food Day
17. Ditch New Year's Resolutions Day
18. Winnie The Pooh Day
19. Tin Can Day
20. Disc Jockey Day
21. Squirrel Appreciation Day
22. Celebration of Life Day
23. Measure Your Feet Day
24. Peanut Butter Day
25. Irish Coffee Day
26. Australia Day
27. International Fun at Work Day
28. Seed Swap Day
29. Freethinkers Day
30. Blue Tuesday
31. Backwards Day

12 Days of Riddell

By: Vama G. and Jillian N. - Journalists

On the 1st day at Riddell my teacher gave to me one candy cane with two red stripes.

On the 2nd day at Riddell my teacher gave to me two pages of homework and one candy cane with two red stripes.

On the 3rd day at Riddell my teacher gave to me, three laps to jog, two pages of homework and one candy cane with two red stripes.

On the 4th day at Riddell my teacher gave to me, four detentions, three laps to jog, two pages of homework and one candy cane with two red stripes.

On the 5th day at Riddell my teacher gave to me, five books to read, four detentions, three laps to jog, two pages of homework and one candy cane with two red stripes.

On the 6th day at Riddell my teacher gave to me, six high fives, five books to read, four detentions, three laps to jog, two pages of homework and one candy cane with two red stripes.

On the 7th day at Riddell my teacher gave to me, seven new pencils, six high fives, five books to read, four detentions, three laps to jog, two pages of homework and one candy cane with two red stripes.

On the 8th day at Riddell my teacher gave to me, eight ideas for my story, seven new pencils, six high fives, five books to read, four detentions, three laps to jog, two pages of homework and one candy cane with two red stripes.

On the 9th day at Riddell my teacher gave to me, nine dance steps to perform, eight ideas for my story, seven new pencils, six high fives, five books to read, four detentions, three laps to jog, two pages of homework, one candy cane with two red stripes.

On the 10th day at Riddell my teacher gave to me, ten colouring pages, nine dance steps to perform, eight ideas for my story, seven new pencils, six high fives, five books to read, four detentions, three laps to jog, two pages of homework and one candy cane with two red stripes.

On the 11th day at Riddell my teacher gave to me, eleven math questions, ten colouring pages, nine dance steps to follow, eight ideas for my story, seven new pencils, six high fives, five books to read, four detentions, three laps to jog, two pages of homework and one candy cane with two red stripes.

On the 12th day at Riddell my teacher gave to me, twelve minutes to rest and think about Christmas break, eleven math questions, ten coloring pages, nine dance steps to follow, eight ideas for my story, seven new pencils, six high fives, five books to read, four detentions, three laps to jog, two pages of homework and one candy cane with two red stripes.

Grade 8 Teachers New Year's Resolutions

By Saman, Noor and Luna – Journalists

Mr. McEwen – To be less sarcastic

Mrs. Boyter – To eat more chocolate

Mr. Rayment – To grow hair

Mr. Talbot – To spend more time with family

Mr. Perniac – Lose some weight – Can't seem to lose those last five pounds

Mrs. Little – To be active for 30 minutes everyday



Upcoming Events & Activities

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January

- 8 – Back to school
- 15 – School Council Meeting
- 16 – Sport Academy Info Night
- 23 – Grad Photos
- 29 – Spirit Day – Pajama Day
- 29 – Student of the Month Assembly

February

- 2 – Movie Night (Despicable Me 3)
- 5 – Kindergarten Registration Begins
- 13 – Reports Sent Home
- 19 – Family Day – NO SCHOOL
- 27 – Middle School Speech Contest
- 27 – Spirit Day – Jersey Day
- 27 – Student of the Month Assembly
- 28 – Checker Tournament

Fancy Writing A poem?
Pick a topic of your choice
You can write about anything
Let your imagination run wild
Choose the right words
Writing your thoughts on paper
Nothing is impossible
Be creative!

Winter Activities

By: Kari and Fatima

One winter activity you should try is snowboarding. It's really fun. You should also try skating, playing hockey, sledding and even skiing. You also could build a snowman, an igloo or a fort, make a snow angel or have a snowball fight.

Those are some of the best winter activities you could do.

New Year's Poem

By: Vama G. - Journalist

Have you thought of your
resolutions yet or did you
forget?
It doesn't matter how much
you celebrate
You still will be great
How are you feeling now?
Probably not down
You will get bigger
You will be older
The more you grow
The more you'll know
Let this year shine
It's yours and mine
Wish one thing you want this
year
No fear, no tear
Make it the best
for the rest
Let's all cheer

Colouring Contest Winner for the month of December is....

**We only received 2
colouring pages last
month... If you handed
one in, please see Mrs.
Boyter.**

CONGRATULATIONS!
KEEP COLOURING!

Please see Mrs. Boyter for
your prize!

Please bring your
coloured January picture
to Mrs. Boyter for your
chance to win a FREE bag
of popcorn or a FREE
cookie!

Riddles

By: Ava and Alexandra

1. What does a person not want but does not want to lose?
2. The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?
3. What has a head and a tail, is brown and has no legs?
4. What comes in a minute twice in a moment but never in a thousand years?
5. What's coming but isn't coming?
6. A is the father of B, but B is not the son of A. How is that possible?
7. How can you lift an elephant with one hand?
8. How much dirt is in a hole 3 feet deep, 6 feet long and 4 feet wide?
9. If it took 8 men, 10 hours to build a wall, how long would it take 4 men to build a wall?

Check the February issue for answers to these puzzling riddles...

Dear Riddell...

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By: Alexandra L. – Journalist and Life Coach

Do you have a question? Alexandra has the answer!!

Each month, Alexandra will take questions and concerns from students and staff around R.A. Riddell and respond to their problems each month. If you have a question, or want some help dealing with a problem, write your problem on paper and hand it in to the PINK bin in Mrs. Boyter's room. Alexandra will gladly respond in the next issue.

Dear Riddell,

I am being bullied by an 8th grade girl and I tell her to stop but she just becomes meaner. What should I do?

- Afraid of bullies

Dear Afraid of bullies,

You should ask her why she is bullying you. If it is just for fun then you should tell an adult but if you did something to them by accident, or on purpose, you should talk it out with them.

Dear Riddell,

I don't have many friends and when I try to get friends they think I'm weird so now when I try and get friends I become someone I'm not. What can I do?

- Don't Have Friends

Dear Don't Have Friends,

I know you're trying to get friends but you shouldn't be someone you're not. Plus, a few friends is good enough. Remember, it's quality that matters not quantity.

Dear Riddell,

I act confident all the time, but inside I'm really not that confident. I'm trying to act confident outside but it's hard. What can I do?

- Not Confident

Dear Not Confident,

Believe in yourself. You don't have to be perfectly confident because the people who care will help you if you're still not confident in yourself. Maybe there is something that will make you feel confident.

Dear Riddell,

I see this girl that I want to be friends with but I'm worried she won't like me if I ask her to be friends. What should I do?

- Scared to Get a Friend

Dear Scared to Get a Friend,

Get to know this girl a little bit, ask people that are her friends to tell you about her and if you like what they tell you about her, introduce yourself to her.

January Colouring Contest

Name: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

