



Message from the Principal & Vice-Principal

Welcome back from March Break. With spring around the corner, we are gearing up for a lot of events and activities at Riddell. Over the past month it was great to see the children so engaged and active in student life. Our students were kept busy with activities such as Indoor Track, Indoor Soccer, Skill & Drills, Eco Team, Robotics, Checkers & Basketball. We are always proud of their effort and how well the students represent our school when they are out in the community.

Did you know that a Celebration Assembly takes place every month? Taking the time each month to get together as a whole school is essential for building school spirit, a sense of community and positive school climate. During each assembly we celebrate the activities that have occurred over the month and recognize our students for Character (Student of the Month), Sportsmanship (True Sport) and Music (Golden Stand).

We would also like to congratulate our Junior and Intermediate speech contest winners (James U & Marzeen J) and all participants. It gives us great pleasure to recognize the skills of all our students who presented their speeches in the classroom, at the school level competition. It takes a great deal of courage and skill to present to an audience and respond to unrehearsed questions. We are proud of our students and a big thank you to our teachers who organized the competitions at the Junior and Intermediate level, along with our teachers who volunteered to be judges and questioners.

We especially want to thank the School Council members who are helping to organize our Parent Information session this month (Building Resilient Youth). Our Guest Speaker will be Dr. Deanna Behnke-Cooke. Please see the flyer included with this newsletter for further details.

With a cold February behind us, we can hopefully look forward to the warmer spring weather and a relaxing long Easter weekend for all.

Career Day - April 23 - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

We are looking for parents and community members willing to visit classrooms and share information with our Grade 7 & 8 students about their careers. Please contact Mrs. Gilmour at 905-387-3350..

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| MAR | 21 | World Down Syndrome Awareness Day |
| | 23 | Family Movie Night - Coco - 6 PM |
| | 27 | Building Resilient Children - Parent Session - 6 PM |
| | 29 | Spirit Day - Grade Colour Day (see school calendar for details) |
| | 30 | Good Friday (School Closed) |
| APR | 2 | Easter Monday (School Closed) |

For a complete list of important dates and news, check our website regularly. To receive direct emails of upcoming events subscribe to our website.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



COCO

FRIDAY MARCH 23

6-8 PM

Admission Free

POPCORN, COOKIES AND DRINKS FOR SALE

ATTENDANCE CALLS

HWDSB policy dictates that attendance calls must be made when we have not been notified of a students absence. These calls are made to assure the safe arrival of all students.

Parents are asked to contact the school prior to 9:30AM if their child will be absent. After this time, attendance calls are triggered to each contact number.

Assist Us - Support the Cell Phone Policy

We recognize that many of our students are now coming to school with cell phones and other personal electronic devices (PED). We understand that some of our students carry phones for safety reasons and need to be accessible to their parent after school hours. Our expectation is that if students do bring cell phones or other PEDs to school, they remain turned off and stored out of sight during instructional time.

We ask that parents support us in enforcing this policy by not texting or calling their child directly during the school day. Students who need to make an urgent call during the school day can come to the office for assistance. Parents can also access our school office directly by calling 905-387-3350.