



R.A. Riddell News

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Message from the Principal & Vice-Principal

We hope you have enjoyed a beautiful fall and are preparing for the new season. The month of November will bring about colder weather as well as adjusting to daylight savings time. As fall weather changes drastically from one day to the next, remember to send warm clothing each day so that your child is prepared for their daily outdoor breaks.

This week, students will receive their Progress Reports. On this report, parents will see a checkmark to indicate their child's general progress towards meeting the subject expectations. The purpose of the Progress Report is also to communicate how well each student has demonstrated the necessary Learning Skills (Responsibility, Organization, Independent Work, Collaboration, Initiative, and Self-Regulation). These learning skills are important for your child's success in school, which is why we recognize them each week through the Student of the Week certificates. We suggest you use the progress report as a way of setting goals for the remainder of this term. Think about one small change that your child can commit to and take the action to do it.

We have noticed an increase in the number of students arriving late for school each day. Although an occasional late morning may be unavoidable, being on time each day helps to build positive life habits and assures that your child does not miss out on important learning.

Finally, each November, Riddell takes great pride in honouring the many brave people who stood up for their beliefs and sacrificed their lives in service to our country. Our upcoming Remembrance Day ceremony will be held on Friday, November 9th during Period 1. All students will be receiving a poppy to wear for the day. A suggested donation of \$1 to the Royal Canadian Legion is recommended for receiving the poppy. As November 11 is a on the weekend, we still encourage all students to have a minute of silent reflection at 11:00 AM on Sunday in recognition of members of our armed forces, past and present.

We hope you have an enjoyable month ahead and look forward to a fantastic fall season at Riddell.

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOV	1 & 2	Scholastic Book Fair
	1	Parent/Teacher Interview Evening
	2	PA Day (no classes)
	2	Parent Teacher Interview Day
	7 & 8	Vaccinations (Gr. 7)
	9	Remembrance Day Ceremony
	13	Photo Retakes
	21	School Council (6pm)
	30	Spirit Day (Teacher Lookalike Day)

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT INCREDIBLES 2

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 23, 6-8 PM

FREE ENTRY

POPCORN, COOKIES AND DRINKS FOR SALE



Lost and Found



Each year there is an abundance of unclaimed clothing in our lost and found. If your child comes home stating that an item is missing, be sure to ask them to check the lost and found.

Depending on where lost items have been left, it can take a day or two to arrive in the lost and found, so be sure to check more than once. All items remaining after November 2 will be donated to charity.



THANK YOU, HWDSB FOUNDATION!

We would like to say a BIG thank you to the HWDSB Foundation for awarding us a grant of \$1000.00 in order to purchase dual language books for our students. We now have books in English and Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Farsi, French, Korean, Karen, Spanish, Punjabi, Urdu and Vietnamese. They can be checked out from the school library and taken home to be shared with family members. Happy Reading!

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Riddell on November 1 and 2. You can find the Book Fair in the Riddell School Library. We will be open for business: Thursday, Nov 1 from 1-8pm & Friday, Nov.2 from 8:30am-3pm. All profits from the book fair go back to support our school library.

Junior Swim Team

Ms. Boyter and Ms. Hewitt will be taking the junior swim team to their meet at McMaster on Nov 9 @ 1pm. Students have practiced hard and we wish them the best of luck.

Riddell Cares

Once again we will be sponsoring families in need of support over the holiday season. Many of our classes will volunteer to sponsor a family from the Hamilton Mountain Community. If your child's class is participating you will receive a letter from the homeroom teacher. This initiative is now in the 4th year, thanks in advance for your support and generosity.

Math Resources for Parents

www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/supports/mathematics-parent-resources/

This fall, HWDSB launched a website to better support parents in navigating today's math curriculum. We encourage parents to explore this resource as there is a lot of valuable information. The following resources can be found on the website.

- Highlights of student learning in each grade through the *Ontario Curriculum*
- An example of a math lesson in a classroom in *Student Learning*
- Hearing from children about why they are learning math this way in *Change in Teaching*
- Links to resources for parents to support their child at home in *Helping Your Child*
- An explanation of HWDSB's *Renewed Math Strategy* and how we are supporting students and staff

Bus Transportation at Riddell

We would like to thank our student bus monitors as they do a fantastic job in helping to load and unload our students each day and are there to assist our driver in the case of an emergency. Parents are reminded that while our bus monitors do remind students of the safety rules, they are not equipped or expected to discipline other riders. We ask that parents speak with the driver or call the school if an issue needs to be addressed between students.

Head Lice – Pediculosis

Head lice (pediculosis) occurs from time to time in each school. Anyone can get head lice. School children get lice more than adults. When children play, their heads often touch. Lice crawl from head to head. Head lice are spread by direct contact only (e.g. head to head, shared clothing).

Help us reduce the spread of head lice. Please check your children on a regular basis and if you do find that your child has head lice, **please inform the school.** Your child will never be identified to other parents. An approved treatment (such as Nix, R&C Shampoo, or Resultz) must be used before your child returns to school. Consult with Bug Busters, your pharmacist or other medical practitioner about the best product to use.

You can also visit www.hamilton.ca/public-health/clinics-services/head-lice-bug-buster-clinics to access Bug Busters Clinic details. The clinics offer free treatment and support.

For additional information, guidance and any questions please contact: City of Hamilton Public Health Services
Phone: 905-546-CITY(905-546-2489) publi-chealth@hamilton.ca

Scent Free School

R.A. Riddell is committed to providing a comfortable and healthy learning environment for our staff, students and visitors from the community. Fragrance is a common trigger of asthma, rhinitis (hayfever), sinusitis, eczema, dermatitis, migraine and other types of headaches. Scented products contain a variety of chemical which causes serious problems for many people.

Some get symptoms only when they use a product containing fragrance. Others get symptoms when someone around them is wearing fragrance or when there is fragrance in a room from cleaning products, air fresheners, perfumes, aftershave, hairspray, deodorants, laundry products or other scented sources.

Wearing scented products may make you feel good, but knowing how it affects others, you'll feel even better leaving home without them. Remember: no scents is good sense.

EQAO

Our Education Quality and Accountability Office "scores" for the Spring of 2018 Grades Three and Six assessments arrived in September. As a staff, these scores provide valuable information on where our students find success and where they need additional support and guidance in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. A highlight of our school results as well as a more detailed report can be found at www.eqao.com.