

Riddell Renegades Review



Message from the Principals

February was a busy month that included a variety of activities and events for the students at R.A. Riddell. It was fantastic to see the children prepare over the month for the Indoor Track Meet, Indoor Soccer, Checkers Tournament and Gr. 4/5/6 Basketball Team. We are always proud of their effort and how well the students represent our school when they are out in the community.

We are regularly seeing toys and valuable items being brought to school. Parents and students are reminded that the school cannot assure the safety of these items. It is for this reason, we recommend that expensive, valuable or “special” items stay at home.

That being said, 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 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. Students who may need to make an urgent call during the school day can come to the office for assistance.

With the opening of the Rygiel building, we are committed to being good neighbours. Rygiel has a full complement of staff, volunteers and clients. Many of the people that are supported use wheelchairs and travel with DARTS. Rygiel request that you do not use their lot during regular business hours (8:00AM – 5:00PM). Outside of these hours, the rear lot will be available for families attending events at the school and Gilkson Park.

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

Trending Now

Spread the Net Comes to an End

Adib K. - Journalist
February 23rd, 2017

RIDDELL - This month has been exceptional for Spread the Net. So many donations. So many fundraisers. So many lives saved. Students at Riddell have raised over 16,000 dollars in donations for this cause.

Throughout February we had many events to raise money. To start, we go back to Valentine’s day. Class 7H came up with a great idea of pie in the face. For two weeks, class 7H had been collecting raffle tickets to see who would pie teachers. Special thanks to all the teachers that sacrificed their faces and time to get their faces pied.

Class 8G came up with another great idea of their bake sale. Delicious baked goods were brought in by some students in 8G and were sold throughout Valentine’s day and at the Valentine’s day dance. If that wasn’t enough, students from 8G gave up their time to take photos for students who donated.

A special thanks goes to Mr. Rayment for bringing the Spread the Net campaign to Riddell. Without him, Riddell wouldn’t be this kind hearted. Another special thanks goes to all the classes and students who came up with creative ways to raise money to donate to Spread the Net. Finally everyone should show their appreciation to Faith Hagle for raising \$410.

Hopefully Rick Mercer comes to Riddell after seeing how much we raised.



Mr. Carpino after a pie in the face

Riddell Sports & Clubs



Fitness Freak group in side plank

Fitness Freaks

Samuel G, Journalist

Introducing Riddell's newest club, Fitness Freaks! The goal of this club is to help students improve their physical and mental well-being. They meet in the small gym every Day 3 during second break, and Day 5 during first break. Bring your running shoes, workout attire and a bottle of water... you will need it! See Mrs. Hewitt or Mrs. Boyter if you wish to join. See you there!!

Golden Horseshoe Musicfest

Mrs. Boyter, Teacher/Journalist

I had the honour of attending the Golden Horseshoe Musicfest at Redeemer University College in Ancaster last Friday, February 24th, with the Riddell school band and Mr. Rayment. This is an annual festival run by a team of dedicated music educators and supporters that provide a "high-quality educational experience for all participating groups". It was created in 2006, to encourage the study and performance of written music and to promote a lifelong interest in music in the Hamilton and surrounding areas.

More than 100 elementary and secondary school bands attended this festival to perform on stage in front of two judges and an audience. They had the opportunity to meet with an adjudicator after their performance for an interactive clinic to review their performance.

The Riddell band performed three amazing compositions and heard positive feedback from both the adjudicator and audience members. Congratulations to the band and Mr. Rayment on their Silver performance! Well done!



R.A. Riddell School Band at the Golden Horseshoe Musicfest

In Our School Community

New Languages on our Welcoming Mural

February 23, 2017

Michelle L., Student Reporter

R.A.Riddell- At the beginning of February, in the front foyer of our school, we added a new language to our welcoming mural. While we were painting this new language many students came to see and encourage the student who was painting. Many also asked if we could add more languages that were missing. If you would like the word “Welcome” in your language added to our wall, please see Ms. Buck with the proper translation and she will consider adding it.



A New Mural

February 25, 2017

Michelle L. & Keyla C., Student Reporters

R.A.Riddell- One of the Art Teachers, Mr.Perinac, asked many grade 8 students if they could come up with an idea for a new mural to replace one of the older ones in the middle school wing. The idea of this mural was to get a new topic around what is popular and what the students would like and support, so we chose the theme; *Anime*.

Anime is a very popular style of Japanese film and television animation, typically aimed for children and adults. Anime originated in Japan, but started getting very popular all around the world.

In the mural we chose Anime characters that are not only popular but inspiring for children and teens that would like to embrace their inner creativeness like these characters did. We chose brave icons such as Naruto, Natsu, Luffy, Kirito, Sailor Moon and many more. All of these anime characters followed their dreams and that’s why we’ve chosen to honour them in our school mural. We believe it will be very appealing and captivating to the eye if these characters are bursting through the wall with lots of effect.

For all the students who have ever been put down or ashamed because they like Anime and its creativity, we feel that this mural will slowly start opening up the eyes of other students who may like anime as well. These students will feel more engaged with the school and its positive differences. We want to make our school, R.A Riddell, a positive, welcoming, and safe environment for the students and their ideas.



“Welcome” in Aboriginal – Ojibwe

School Feedback

Nour H. – Opinion Journalist

February 26, 2017

I asked a couple of students at R.A.Riddell what they are doing this March break? Just in case you had no idea what to do and didn't want to waste this break:)

Here are some options:

Shantel M. said, “I’m going on a vacation to spend time with close friends and family, it helps to take my mind off of stress and schoolwork.”

Emma F. said, “I’m just going to relax and hang with my friends.”

Hope you all have a great March break!!

Clubs & Events

Checkers Club

Annie T., Journalist

This year, R. A. Riddell is going to participate in the HWDSB Checkers Tournament on March 1st, 2017. The grades that are participating are grades three to eight. Make sure to wish the team good luck at their tournament!



Patrick and Adib challenging each other at checkers (Photo by Ethan G.)

Horoscopes ~ Signs and Lucky Numbers

Sandria M. and Annie T. – Journalists

Definition~ A prediction of someone's future based on the position of the stars during their birth.

Lucky Numbers:

Aquarius-	(January 20 - February 18)	Lucky Numbers: 4, 7, 11, 22, 29
Pisces-	(February 19 - March 20)	Lucky Numbers: 3, 9, 12, 15, 18, 24
Aries-	(March 21 - April 19)	Lucky Numbers: 1, 8, 17
Taurus-	(April 20 - May 20)	Lucky Numbers: 2, 6, 9, 12, 24
Gemini-	(May 21 - June)	Lucky Numbers: 5, 7, 14, 23
Cancer-	(June 21 - July 22)	Lucky Numbers: 2, 3, 15, 20
Leo-	(July 23 - August 22)	Lucky Numbers: 1, 3, 10, 19
Virgo-	(August 23 - September 22)	Lucky Numbers: 5, 14, 15, 23, 32
Libra-	(September 23 - October 22)	Lucky Numbers: 4, 6, 13, 15, 24
Scorpio-	(October 23 - November 21)	Lucky Numbers: 8, 11, 18, 22
Sagittarius-	(November 22 - December 21)	Lucky Numbers: 3, 7, 9, 12, 21
Capricorn-	(December 22 - January 19)	Lucky Numbers: 4, 8, 13, 22

Important Days to Remember

- Mar 2 – Grade 8 Soccer Tournament
- Mar 2 – Movie Night – Trolls
- Mar 3 – PA Day **No School**
- Mar 6,7,8 – Camp Wanakita
- Mar 13 – 17 – March Break
- Mar 27 – Parent Council Meeting
- Mar 29 – First Sr. Swim team practice
- Mar 29 – Parent Info Night with Ann Douglas
- Mar 31 – Student of the Month Assembly
- Mar 31 – Spirit Day – Crazy Hat Day



March Puns By

Noel A. – Joke Journalist

Q. Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun?

Answer - Because they're always a little short

Q. What do you get when you cross a pillowcase with a stone?

Answer - A sham rock

Q. Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?

Answer - Regular rocks are too heavy

Q. What's long & green & has a low I.Q.?

Answer - A St. Patrick's Day Parade

Q. What do leprechauns love to barbecue?

Answer - Short ribs!

Q. Why do frogs like St. Patrick's Day?

Answer - They're always wearing green

