



Message from the Principal & Vice-Principal

It is with mixed emotion that I announce the departure of our current Vice-Principal, Mr. McLean as he moves on to a new assignment in September at Viscount Montgomery and Highview School. In his time at R.A. Riddell, Mr. McLean has definitely been someone all community members have come to trust. We are certain he will find great success in his new role. Joining us in September will be Mr. Robertson from Ray Lewis as our new Vice Principal. Mr. Robertson is looking forward to meeting our staff and students and getting to know the Riddell Community.

As we head into the final month of school it is time to reflect on the wonderful school year we had. I would like to begin by thanking our School Council for their commitment and continued advocacy for our school and students. Additionally, a big thank you to School Council for organizing our Staff Appreciation day. The families at R.A. Riddell truly went above and beyond for our staff.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the many parents and members of our school community who have generously given their time, energy and talents to benefit the students of Riddell. Volunteer contributions have made a positive difference in the lives of our students. There are many ways to support our school (trips, library, athletics, School Council, nutrition program) so please be sure to ask your child's teacher or the office as to how you can get involved. If you are interested in volunteering at R.A. Riddell next year, it is essential that you have a Police Vulnerable Sector Screening.

We look forward to June and all the events planned. Be sure to check the calendar found on our website so that you don't miss out on anything.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- JUNE 8 PA Day—No Classes
- 11 Gr. 6-8 City Track Meet
- 11-13 Gr. 8 Montreal Trip
- 18 Gr. 3-5 City Track Meet
- 20 Gr. 8 Graduation Rehearsal (9:00 am)
- 21 Gr. 8 Graduation (4:00 pm @ MacNab)
- 25 Play Day
- 25 Reports Go Home
- 27 Red & White Spirit Day
- 28 Last Day of School
- 29 School Office Closes for the Summer

Check our website for other important dates. Subscribe to our newsfeed for direct email reminders.

Grade 8 Graduation

Thursday June 21, 2018, 4:00 PM



Sir Allan MacNab School

145 Magnolia Drive



Ticket orders will be distributed shortly. Return your Graduation Form to your child's advisor

Graduation Rehearsal

Wednesday June 20, 2018

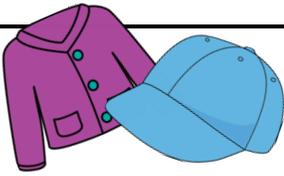
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Ramadan at Riddell

R.A. Riddell is able to offer an alternate room during both nutrition breaks for those students fasting for Ramadan. Students are asked to inform their classroom teacher/advisor so that arrangement can be made.

JUNE ABSENCES

We understand June is a busy month, but we would like to remind you to please call the office if your child will be absent from school – whether it is due to illness, an appointment, early vacation plans, etc. **Our phone lines are open 24-hours a day**, and you can leave a detailed voicemail message by calling (905) 387-3350.

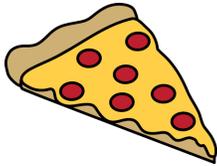


Lost & Found

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 the last day of school will be donated to charity.

When purchasing new items for the new school year, remember to carefully label backpacks, lunch bags, shoes, jackets, and other expensive items. When volunteers check the Lost and Found, labeled items are more likely to be returned to their owners, while unlabeled and unclaimed items are donated to charity.

Pizza and Milk Program



Our Pizza and Milk program comes to an end in the month of June. Any remaining milk will be sold on a day by day basis until supplies run out.

All funds raised through these programs go to enhance and support our classrooms and school. The Milk program profits support the Riddell music program. This year Pizza profits have purchased technology, subsidized several presentations and supported excursions for all students.



Storage of Medication

With the end of the year, it is important to ensure that all medication and epi-pens are picked up from the main office and classrooms prior to leaving for the summer. Parents, if you have medication that is stored at school make arrangements for pick up with the classroom teacher or come by the main office during the last week of school to pick up anything from the office. Remember medication forms for storage and administering will need to be filled out again in the new school year.

Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you for your contributions to our Jump Rope for Heart campaign. Not only did our staff do a great job organizing the Jump Rope event, it was fantastic to see some student led initiatives as well such as our Pie in the Face raffle and Open House Bake sale. Overall we exceeded our fundraising goal of \$1500 to the Heart and Stroke foundation.



Way to go Renegades!

Before and After School Program

Our school has a Before and After-School program for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6. If you completed the Before and After-School survey earlier this year, and you provided consent to release your information, we will be providing your contact information to our existing child care operator. For more information on the Before and After-School Program you can reach the program at **Today's Family (905-574-9344)**. If you require information on the City of Hamilton's child care subsidy program you can call 905-546-4870 or check their website

<https://www.hamilton.ca/social-services/early-years-and-child-care-services/financial-support-child-care>

ATTENTION ALL COURTESY RIDERS

Students are eligible for transportation if their in catchment school **exceeds** the following criteria.

Kindergarten	exceeds 1.0 km
Gr. 1-8	exceeds 1.6 km

If you are currently a courtesy rider you will need to re submit a courtesy transportation form in September. **It is important that you make alternate transportation arrangements for the first 3 weeks of school.** Our school needs time to assure that all eligible riders have a seat on the bus before we approve courtesy transportation. Each year routes are adjusted and new families arrive, all which make it difficult to predict how many empty bus seats are available until the school year begins. Please be aware that approval in a previous year, does not guarantee approval in the current year.

Please contact the office if you have any further questions regarding transportation.

