



R.A. Riddell News

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Message from the Principal & Vice-Principal

Welcome back to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. I would like to begin by welcoming all of our new students and their families to the Riddell community. I am certain that those new to R.A. Riddell will immediately recognize that this is a friendly school with a very dedicated staff. Please feel free to introduce yourself and get to know our staff.

Over the next few weeks, parents will be sent information from the school and the classroom teachers. We ask that you go over all material that is sent home, ensuring that the necessary paperwork is reviewed, signed and returned to school. Additionally, all Grade 1-6 students will also receive a student agenda. This important tool for organization and home/school communication should travel home and back to school every morning. As many of our Grade 7 & 8 students use mobile devices and electronic organizers, agendas are available but optional for these grades. Parents receiving an agenda are asked to contribute \$7 towards the cost.

Our primary means of communicating with a parent is through the RA Riddell website and Twitter account. To stay informed, we encourage parents to subscribe to our school website. By subscribing to the website parents will receive direct email notifications of HWDSB alerts, school closures, Riddell events and posted news items. By scrolling down on our website, you will also be able to view our in-school announcement board, which includes our daily morning announcements, practices, tryouts and activities

We look forward to meeting parents and extended family members at our Meet the Staff night held on Tuesday, October 2nd from 5:30 PM.-7:00 PM. Food trucks will be at the school to provide the option of a quick dinner before meeting our wonderful staff.

Finally, when visiting the school, parents are asked that entry during our instructional day is through our main doors on Cranbrook Drive. All visitors are expected to check in at the office, where our staff will assist you with your needs. We remind parents that this procedure in place for student safety.

Once again, welcome back and we look forward to a fantastic new school year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPT	21	PA Day - No Classes
	24	School Council (6PM)
	28	Terry Fox Run

ATTENTION ALL COURTESY BUS RIDERS

A reminder to parents that only eligible riders will be able to ride the bus for the month of September. If your child was a courtesy rider in the past, you must make alternate arrangements. All courtesy riders will need to apply or reapply for a seat on the bus. Approval can only happen once we have confirmed the number of eligible riders on each bus.

Riddell School Council

Consider getting involved in School Council in the upcoming school year. School Council meetings are open to any parent, school staff and community member. If you think you cannot attend meetings on a regular basis you are still welcome to attend at any time.

The first School Council Meeting for 2018-2019 is set for **Monday, September 24 at 6pm**. We meet one evening a month during the school year. We look forward to seeing all past and new council members at our first meeting.

R.A. Riddell

Meet the Staff Evening

Start the new school year by coming for a visit to R.A. Riddell.

Tuesday October 2, 2018

5:30 PM- Food Trucks

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - School Visit

Meet your child's teachers, visit their classroom and take a tour of the school.



Riddell is a Nut-Safe School.

Parents are asked to pack a lunch free of nuts and nut products to assure the safety of our students with anaphylactic allergies to nuts.

R.A. Riddell 2018/2019 Staff

J. Stansbury	Kindergarten	111
M. Walker	DECE	111
J. Bird	Kindergarten	112
K. Newman	DECE	112
L. Lamanes	Kindergarten	113
K. Pryde	DECE	113
J. Lootsma/K. Brown	Kindergarten	114
L. Corsini	DECE	114
C. Reitsma	Gr. 1	222
A. Zandstra	Gr. 1	209
A. Fleet	Gr. 1	221
D. MacDonald	Gr. 1/2	220
L. Christian	Gr. 2	223
M. Cole	Gr. 2	205
J. Elliott-Books	Gr. 2	206
S. Mackrory	Gr. 3	214
S. Skoberg/C. Smith	Gr. 3	215
V. Coughlan	Gr. 3/4	213
D. Ruppenthal	Gr. 3/4	212
K. Ego	Gr. 4	P3
H. Kelly	Gr. 4/5	P1
D. Deans	Gr. 5	135
R. Brooks	Gr. 5	134
W. Perniac	6A Advisor	157
J. Smith	6B Advisor	132
J. Aquilina	6G Advisor	109
A. Carpino	7A Advisor	133
A. Baillie	7G Advisor	Gym
M. Mccaughey	7H Advisor	154
P. Talbot	7/8A Advisor	122
D. Boyter	7/8B Advisor	142
J. Jansen	8A Advisor	141
C. Gallagher	8G Advisor	P2
T. Dunnett	8H Advisor	124

G. Gilmour	Learning Resource (6-8)
L. Hewitt	Learning Resource (3-5)
J. Lootsma	Learning Resource (K-2)
H. Smiley	Library
R. Ene	Core French
R. Pietrantonio	Core French
C. Gallagher	Core French
P. Rayment	Jl Instrumental Music
E. Thompson	ESL

L. Godden	Educational Assistant
B. Agnew	Educational Assistant
J. Paul	Educational Assistant
J. Thompson	Caretaking Staff
M. Lachowicz	Caretaking Staff
T. Govedar	Caretaking Staff
F. Dicarlo	Caretaking Staff
N. Nicosia (on leave)	Office Staff
I. Eke	Office Staff
J. Harris	Office Staff (0.5)

C. Buck	Principal
E. Robertson	Vice- Principal
L. Romano	Superintendent
W. Hicks	Trustee

School Cash Online is Here!

<https://hwdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

No more looking for change or lost money. You can now pay online for agendas, trips, pizza, milk and more.

R. A. Riddell will use School Cash Online this school year. Visit the website above if you have not registered yet and select "Get Started Today". If at any time you need help, the Parent Help Desk will be available to assist you.

You can contact them by phone (toll-free) 1-866-961-1803 or email parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com.

Families will still have the option of sending in cash or cheques for school-related expenses, but we encourage you to register for School Cash Online.

Bell Times and Schedule

First Block of Instruction

8:50am-10:38am

First Break

Recess 10:38am - 10:58am
Nutrition Break 10:58am - 11:18am

Second Block of Instruction

11:18am - 12:54pm

Second Break

Recess 12:54pm - 1:14pm
Nutrition Break 1:14pm - 1:34pm

Third Block of Instruction

1:34pm - 3:10pm

Volunteering at R.A. Riddell

Whether it is helping out in a classroom, on an excursion or in our school library, volunteers are important to us at R.A. Riddell.

If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity you must complete a Vulnerable Sector Screening. This screening is easy to complete and can be obtained either by visiting the King William HPS location or applying online.

<http://www.policesolutions.ca/checks/services/hamilton/>

Please feel free to request a volunteer package from our office at anytime.

Help Support our School Library

Our Library is currently looking for volunteers. Please contact Mrs. Smiley if you have time available on a regular basis. Mrs. Smiley is also looking for Lego donations. Thank you in advance.

Mabel's Labels - Support our Kindergarten Classrooms

<https://mabelslabels.com/>

Be sure to select "Support a Fundraiser" and RA Riddell from the school list.