



R.A. Riddell Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

R.A. Riddell Grade 8 Graduation is a very exciting time for our Grade 8 students and their families.

The Graduation Committee, in cooperation with all staff, are working to plan an event that will best meet the needs of all involved, while maintaining Public Health protocols. We anticipate that Monday June 21st and Tuesday June 22nd will be an enjoyable and memorable occasion as the graduates celebrate this educational milestone.

Important Information:

- There are two components to our Grade 8 Graduation: A virtual celebration video and an in-person walk through at R.A. Riddell.
- A link to the virtual celebration video will be shared with families on Monday June 21st at 8:50am.
- On Monday June 21st, between 12pm and 5pm, we invite the Grade 8 students and families of class 8G, 8H & the 8s from class 7/8 to come to the school to receive their Graduation diplomas and other items.
- On Tuesday June 22nd, between 12pm and 5pm, we invite the students and families of class 8A, 8B and our Remote Day School Grade 8s to come to the school to receive their Graduation diplomas and other items.
- The raindate for either of the Graduation dates is Thursday June 24th. If both days are raining, we will use Thursday and Friday.
- Public Health protocols require us to schedule appointments for each graduate to eliminate any crowding and ensure physical distancing. Please select a one-hour window of time on the appropriate day that your child is graduating and communicate that window of time with your child's Advisor teacher (Remote Day Students, please communicate your chosen window with Mrs. Gilmour). The Advisors will schedule the appointments, in ten-minute blocks, and communicate to you your exact time of arrival. Advisors will do their best to accommodate your preferred window, but flexibility may be needed if demand for a certain time is high.
- We are asking that students, and any immediate family accompanying the students, arrive exactly at the start of your scheduled time and limit your time on school property to 10 minutes.
- There will be several tables set up for the graduates to visit at the back of the school, including:
 - Covid attestation and screening
 - iPad, charging cord and block return (please ensure all components are returned – every iPad was distributed with a charging cord and block)
 - School-borrowed materials return (e.g. literature circle or library books, textbooks etc.)
 - Graduation diploma distribution
 - Lawn sign pick up
 - Photo area
- Students and accompanying family should enter on the path by the Kindergarten playground. Staff will be there to direct the graduates. The exit will be through the parking lot.
- Social distancing must be maintained between families and staff at all times. Everyone must wear a mask for the entire duration of the time on school property, and you must not participate if you are experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms or are in isolation due to exposure. You will be asked to complete a verbal attestation upon arrival.
- If June 21st, or 22nd does not work, Graduation items will be available for pick-up at the office at a later date.
- As our Riddell intermediate staff will be engaged in the Graduation celebrations these days, there will be no synchronous instruction on Monday June 21st and Tuesday June 22nd.
- Our graduates are encouraged to wear attire they are most comfortable in, either formal or informal.

Please reach out to Advisor teachers if you have any questions.