River Heights Elementary NEWSLETTER

September

Welcome Back!

As we begin a new year at River Heights, we are excited to welcome back our returning families and extend a special welcome to those joining our school community for the first time. Our staff have been working hard to prepare for an exciting year of learning, connection, and discovery.

Our motto, Explore. Create. Reflect., continues to guide who we are and how we approach learning. We look forward to providing students with meaningful opportunities to ask questions, try new things, think deeply, build relationships, and discover their strengths.

We are looking forward to an amazing 2026-2027 school year!

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Parent Council Corner
Meeting:
September 16
6:30 pm @ River Heights
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September Events

September 15
76 Academy & Pursuits Begin
September 17
Terry Fox Run - Wear Red
September 18
PL Day-No School
September 21
Picture Day
September 30
Truth & Reconciliation Wear Orange

We will kick off **Toonies for Terry on Monday, September 14.** Students are encouraged to bring a Toonie for Terry any day this week. We invite everyone to **wear red** for our annual **Terry Fox Run on September 17 @ 2:45** on the playground.





This Month's Hot Lunch

September 17
Papa John's Pizza
September 25
McDonald's
Munch a Lunch

Monday Assemblies
9:05-9:20

Every Monday, our school community comes together in the gym to connect and start the week in a positive way. Through student and class performances, birthday celebrations, and our school song, Monday assemblies help us build a strong sense of belonging and set the tone for a great week together.

Parents are always welcome!

September 1
Welcome Back!
September 7
No School
September 14
Terry Fox Kick Off
September 21
No Assembly: Picture Day
September 28
TBA



River Heights will continue to use **School Cash Online** for school fees, milk card purchases, and other school-related expenses throughout the year. For convenience and security, we are no longer accepting cash payments for these items.
We appreciate your support and cooperation!

For more information about River Heights check out our
School Handbook

Grade 4-6 Pursuits & 76 Academy

We are excited to kick off our third year of Pursuits and 76 Academy, which continue to energize our River Heights community! We are thrilled to expand our Pursuits lineup with new offerings...stay tuned for details. Beginning September 15, both programs will run every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.



is coming...
Monday,
September 21st!

RH Nutrition Program

We are grateful to provide nutritious breakfast, lunch, and snacks daily. Special thanks to Mrs. Ferguson and a warm welcome to Mrs. Thompson for ensuring our students are well-fed and ready to learn. We also appreciate our partners, The Breakfast Club of Canada and The Root Cellar. All River Heights students are welcome to access this program as needed.

RH Milk Program

Our milk program will start the week of September 14. MOO cards can be purchased on *schoolcashonline* ($25 = 20 milk). We are no longer able to accept cash.





Lunch Buddies

Our Lunch Buddies program starts September 8th & lasts the whole school year! Our lunch buddies is an opportunity for interested grade 5 & 6 students to volunteer some of their lunches to work at our milk table, help at Monday assemblies and supervise our grade 1 & 2 classes at lunch. An important meeting for all interested students will be at lunch on Sept. 3.

River Heights & École Connaught Bus Riding Guidelines

Riding the school bus is a responsibility, and we appreciate families' help in supporting a safe and comfortable ride to and from school each day. Students are expected to remain seated in their assigned seats, use quiet, calm voices, and be respectful of the bus driver and fellow riders. We also encourage students to keep Chromebooks and other devices tucked away while travelling and instead enjoy visiting with their peers, as technology use cannot be monitored on the bus. Since Chromebooks are rarely needed outside of school hours, students are welcome to leave their devices in their classrooms instead of back and forth each day.

Bus drivers report unsafe or disrespectful behaviour to the school, and administration follows up with students and their families. Repeated concerns may result in a temporary suspension of bus-riding privileges at the discretion of school administration. We understand that a temporary suspension of bus-riding privileges could create hardships for families in arranging transportation to and from school; however, the safety of all students and drivers remains our top priority.

Coming in October

October 9
PL Day No School
October 12
Happy Thanksgiving No School
October 21
Picture Retakes
October 23
Parent Council Halloween Dance
October 29
Halloween Parade & Parties (pm)