



R.A. Riddell News

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Message from the Principal & Vice-Principal

With February upon us, we make the transition into Term 2 which takes us into the second half of the 2015/2016 school year. On February 18, students will be receiving their Term 1 Report Card. We ask that you please take the time to review the Report Card with your child and work through the Student/Parent Comment Section of the fourth page that is included with the Report. Please complete the bottom portion of the form and return it with your child to provide the classroom/advisor teacher with feedback.

For those of you with little ones born in 2012, our Kindergarten registration has begun. The details of our registration requirement can be found in this newsletter and on our school and board website. Please pass on this message to friends and neighbours in your area. We ask that families register early, as an accurate picture of our enrollment helps the school to make the best predictions for class building and staffing. Unfortunately we continue to be closed to out of catchment students as we are currently operating beyond our capacity.

I would also like to highlight for families a special evening our School Council has planned for February. **Please join us on Monday February 22nd for an evening dedicated to better understanding how to support your family in navigating social media.** This event will include hands-on activities that will demonstrate technology use at school and a guest speaker, Chris Vollum. Free child care and a light dinner will be provided, so please be sure to mark this evening on your calendar.

On behalf of the staff and administrative team, we hope you enjoy the upcoming Family Day holiday which is on Monday February 15th.

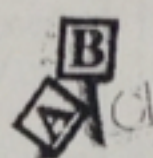


Pizza Orders

Parents are reminded that Pizza orders must be received by Tuesday at 10AM each week. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any orders after this time.

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEB	11	Family Movie Night (6PM)
	15	Family Day (School Closed)
	18	Term 1 Reports Cards Sent Home
	22	Social Media for Parents (5:30 PM)
	26	PA Day (No Classes)



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS HERE!

Your child is eligible for Junior Kindergarten if they are age four by December 31. Parents can pick up a registration package in the office or complete and print a form online.

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/rariddell/kindergarten/>

Registration Requirements

- proof of status in Canada, i.e. Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident, Refugee, etc.,
- proof of age,
- proof of address,
- guardianship/custodianship documents (if applicable)
- immunization records – for City of Hamilton Public Health Services
- health card number – optional

No out of catchment applications will be accepted at R.A. Riddell for the 2016/2017 school year.

SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTS

A Parent Information Evening

Social Media Fitness

Featured Speaker

Chris Vollum

February 22 - 5:30 - 7 PM

Light Dinner Provided

Free Childcare



Interested in French Immersion for Your Child

Families across Hamilton are being invited to learn more about French Immersion as an option for their child. At HWDSB, French immersion is specifically designed for parents who do not speak French, but want their children to speak both official languages. The program is open to all students in Hamilton Wentworth starting in Grade 1.

Families can attend an information session to learn about French Immersion as an option for their child. For Norwood Park, Lawfield, Michaelle Jean and Fessenden parents, the information session will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 16 at Norwood Park (165 Terrace Drive, Hamilton)

If you can't attend an information session, you can learn more by contacting the principal at one of our French Immersion elementary schools, or the French as a Second Language (FSL) Consultant at 905-527-5092 ext. 2653 or crees@hwdsb.on.ca.

You can also learn about French Immersion by visiting our webpage www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/programs/french-immersion/.

Join us for a FREE

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



THE GOOD DINOSAUR

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11TH, 6-8 PM

POPCORN, COOKIES AND DRINKS FOR SALE

Lockdown Drills

The term "Lockdown" used when there is a major incident or threat of school violence within the school, or in relation to the school. As part of our Secure School Protocol, the staff and student at R.A. Riddell practice lockdown procedures twice annually. Prior to each drill, teachers will have age appropriate discussions regarding the drill and their expectations. **To ensure that there is no confusion, these rehearsals are clearly identified as drills via an announcement.**

Please contact the school if you have any further questions regarding the lockdown procedures at R.A. Riddell.

School Cash Online

Our school is enrolled with School Cash Online. In order to help us improve the service for families, HWDSB would appreciate feedback from you by completing a short survey, which can be found on our school website.

The survey is voluntary and should take about 5 minutes to complete. All survey responses are anonymous and will be reported on in a summarized format.

The survey will remain open until the end of the day on February 12, 2016.

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R.A.R. Student of the Month

RESPECT • ACHIEVEMENT • RESPONSIBILITY

Congratulations to our January Student of the Month Award recipients.

Maidson C-H	Brianna C
Deborah C	Conrad H
Zain G	Alex V
Leo M	Kaydon S
Medina F	Owen R
Cayden E	Jordan A
Liam F	Avery P
Angel A	MacKenzie R
Norran H	Alen T
Cassidy T	Maja W
Tazrian I	Mohammad C
Audrey F	Peyton M
Kenzie V	Ayham A
Dury K	Jerusha G
Adib K	Lauren H

Newsletter Ballot

Return this ballot by Monday February 8th to be entered into our monthly draw.

☐ I received the February newsletter.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Student Name _____ Class _____