

Riverside Education Centre

February 2018 Newsletter

ATTENDANCE DATA FOR JANUARY

Total # of Student Sign-Ins/Sign-Outs for the Month of January - **386 students signed-in or out** after the Instructional Day begins - 8:30 am
 Total # of Instructional Days = **16**

Attendance % for the month of December

Grade Level	Attendance %
6	92.5
7	90.4
8	89.2
Total	90.7

POWERSCHOOL PUBLIC PORTAL

This is a reminder for parents/guardians to be regularly checking the Powerschool Public Portal for important information:

- Child's Academic Performance
- Monitoring Attendance
- School Announcements

If you have questions or need assistance logging into the Public Portal, please contact the school.






WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY!!

WE DAY NEWS!

REC is fortunate to have 25 youth committed to making a difference both locally and globally. Our team is ready to take local action and make a difference for a homeless youth shelter. The team will be selling **Candy Grams February 12th - 14th for .50¢** at lunch hour. The Candy Grams will be delivered Wednesday afternoon.

WINTER CARNIVAL WEEK!

REC will be celebrating Winter Carnival the week of **February 12th - 16th**! Show your school spirit by joining in on the fun! Stay tune for the special activities and don't forget to buy your Candy Grams!

Feb 12 Jersey Day 	Feb 13 Dress like a Twin 	Feb 14 Pink & Red Day 	Feb 15 Formal Day 	Feb 16 Pajama Day 
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SCHOOL DANCE

The next school dance will be on **Thursday, February 15th from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.** Admission is \$4.00 with a canned good, \$5.00 without. **Drives must be at the school before 8:50 p.m. to pick up their child(ren).** Many thanks to all for your generous donation of food for the Food Bank.

FEBRUARY HOLIDAY

Monday, February 19th is Nova Scotia Heritage Day - **no school for students and staff.**

SAC MEETING

The next SAC Meeting will be on **Thursday, February 22nd at 6:00 p.m.**

2017-2018 REC YEARBOOK

Order forms for the 2017-2018 REC Yearbook will be going home mid-February. All Orders are due **Wednesday, February 28th**. The cost will be \$20.00 per yearbook. No extra yearbooks will be ordered, so don't miss out on all the REC memories. Yearbooks will arrive mid-June.

FEBRUARY 28th IS PINK SHIRT DAY!

Wear your Pink Shirt in support of Anti-Bullying Day! This year, Pink Shirt Day is encouraging others to combat cyberbullying by thinking twice before posting something negative, and instead using the internet to spread kindness - because we know that Nice Needs No Filter!



<https://pink-shirtday.squarespace.com/support-for-parents-teachers>

REC NEWS!

GRADE 7 INTEGRATED FRENCH APPLICATIONS

Applications for the September 2018 Grade 7 Integrated French Program at REC will be sent home soon.

REC MUSICAL

This year's musical "**High School Musical Jr**" is fast approaching. Show times will be:
Thursday, May 10th @ 6:30 p.m.
Friday, May 11th @ 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 12th @ 1:00 p.m.

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Tickets will be going on sale the end of April in the REC main office and can be purchased at the door for \$7.00 for adults & \$5.00 for children & students.

DECEMBER/JANUARY STUDENT RECOGNITION

**December/January's Recognition was "Effort",
Congratulations to the following students:**

6-1 Rebecca Cox
6-2 Molly Collins
6-3 Madison MacLean
6-4 Leighann Fraser
6-5 Seth Pineo
6-6 Taylor McKenna
6-7 Dakota Treen
6-8 Michael Julian
6-9 Jack Miller
EPS Jesse Telfer
7-1 Alicia Goguen-Knockwood
7-2 Reilly MacPhee
7-3 Chris Mitchelmore
7-4 Drew Newhook
7-5 Maria Kinney
7-6 Logan Thomas
7-7 Liam MacKinnon
8-1 Chloe Howe
8-2 Emma Whyte
8-3 Morgan Curlew
8-4 Alisa Ross
8-5 Charlie Livingstone
8-6 Isabella Isenor
8-7 Grace Gilby

SCHOOL PICTURES

It's not too late to order your child's school pictures. If you did not order school pictures in the fall and wish to do so, call Pridham's Studio for details, 895-1694.

TECH DAYS AT REC

With this time of year, the weather can be unpredictable and the temperatures increasingly colder. Unfortunately students are not able to go outside during their lunch breaks when the weather does not cooperate. On such days, students have the opportunity to use their technology **in the cafeteria** under the supervision of school staff. Students are still expected to follow the appropriate usage guidelines as

discussed by their homeroom teachers. When a Tech Day is announced, students have the choice to remain in the cafeteria and use their devices provided their eating space is cleaned up and they are seated in a chair. If any student chooses not to follow the school expectations as it relates to technology usage, students will be dealt with in accordance with the Provincial School Code of Conduct. As always, students are responsible for their own devices if they choose to bring them to school.

BUS REMINDERS

Students cannot change their daily bussing arrangements and must travel on their regularly assigned bus (example: visiting after school, appointments, after school activities must be arranged from home). **When circumstances arise that parents have to make alternate child care arrangements, parents must send a note in with the child to change their bussing. Phone calls to the school for bus changes should be for emergency situations only.**

All bus issues should be directed to Lori MacDonald at 758-4614.

OUTDOORS DURING BREAKS

Students are expected to go outside during breaks. Please make sure your child is dressed for the changing elements and temperatures.

LOST & FOUND

All lost and found items are kept on a table in the Foyer **until the last school day of the month.** Be sure to check the table if you lose an item (lunch bags, book bags, clothing, etc.) If you lose keys, glasses, jewelry, electronic items, etc. please check in the main office.

PEANUT / NUT SENSITIVE

We ask parents, students and staff to support Peanut/Nut Sensitive by refraining from bringing snacks, lunches, classroom projects, activities or celebration materials, etc. that contain peanuts or other nuts.

SCENT SENSITIVE SCHOOL

Many persons are extremely sensitive to perfumes, colognes, hair sprays, aftershave and

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other scented products. Please do not wear/bring them to school. Thank you for supporting this safety concern.

REC TV MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

At approximately 8:25 a.m. each morning our local school news (REC TV) is broadcasted throughout the school and community on EastLink Channel 10.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Riverside Education Centre is aware that access to technology can have tremendous benefits for staff and students. Personally owned wireless, portable devices can enhance the learning experience in the classroom. Students are permitted to use their own personal devices in the classroom for designated activities, **with permission and supervision of the classroom teacher**. These activities may include using the device for such things as a calculator, research and data collection, recording homework, etc. If a student does not have access to a device, one will be provided for them during the designated activity.

Students are not permitted to use their device outside the classroom at any time. If these devices are seen or heard outside the regular classroom usage, they will be confiscated for **seven days or until the parent/guardian comes to the school's office to pick it up**. After the second time for having the device confiscated, the student will receive 2 steps for defiance. Should there be a third offence, the student will face suspension for defiance. Any refusal by a student to turn the device over to staff will be considered defiance and the student will face consequences as outlined in the Provincial Code of Conduct.

Each student is responsible for his/her own device and should use it responsibly and appropriately. Riverside Education Centre takes no responsibility for stolen, lost, or damaged devices.

CYBERBULLYING TIPS FOR PARENTS

- **Familiarize yourself** with online activities. Learn about the websites, blogs, chat rooms and cyber lingo that your children are using.

- Keep the computer in a common area so you can **monitor activities**.
- **Recognize** that online communication is a very important social aspect in your child's life. Do not automatically remove their online privileges if you find out about a cyberbullying experience.
- **Report** incidents of online harassment, physical threats and bullying that occur over your child's cell phone to your local police.



Show off your wonderful Nova Scotia community!
Host families needed for Junior & Senior High School students for local schools.

Have you considered hosting?
Why not give it a try?

- You have a willingness to share your culture and your community.
- Families do not need to have children at the school.
- Students have their own spending money and health insurance.
- Tax free monthly stipend (\$575) provided to the host family.
- Families have support of school board staff.
5 month students (Sep -Jan)
10 month students (Sep - Jun)
Various short term placements (1-3 months)
May 2018 - 10 day placements



<https://www.nsisp.ca/become-host-family>
902-956-3648

IMPORTANT UPCOMING 2018 DATES

End of March – REC Clothing Order will Arrive
March 12 - March 16 – March Break
Friday, March 23 – Assessment & Evaluation – **No School for Students**
Friday, March 30 – Good Friday – **No School**
Monday, April 2 – Easter Monday – **No School**
Friday, April 6 – Term 2 Report Cards Issued
Thursday, April 19 – Regular School Day / Parent-Teacher Meetings 6:00 until 8:00 p.m.
Friday, April 20 – Site-Based PD / Parent-Teacher Meetings 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. – **No Students**
Thursday, April 26 – School Dance 6:30–9:00 p.m.

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