

Achievement at River Valley School

Literacy is the foundation of school success, and something that receives significant attention at River Valley School. It starts in Kindergarten building on the vital work done by parents in those early years, focusing on an exposure to wonderful books, and the joy to be found in listening to a story well told. Experimenting with print moves into the telling of their own stories, which capture both their imagination and ours as well. Students continue to build their literacy skills as they grow, progressing from storyboard writing in the earliest grades, to Middle School students writing, illustrating and sharing stories, poems, essays and more. The daily 02 Time block continues to provide the time for intense focus on both the areas of reading and writing, as the basis for academic success.

Mathematics work is also key to moving learning forward, and we are tackling that from a variety of angles. This includes innovative strategies, working with some of our in-house numeracy experts, and accessing division office support as they build a Mathematics Framework to support our work. It also includes a universal Mathematics assessment called the MIPI (Math Intervention Programming Instrument), that each student worked through in the Fall.

Assessment of our progress in these areas is supported by the use of various tools, which tell us specifically how each and every student is doing, and how we can help them do better. In reading we use something called a Jerry Johns assessment to help us determine where students are at, as well as the HLAT (Highest Level of Achievement Test) that focuses on writing. The CESD Literacy Framework then provides numerous strategies to help teachers with strategies to move students forward. As noted above, the MIPI and Mathematics Framework provides similar data and support in the area of numeracy. We use all this data to determine programming from the beginning of the year for each student, and continue to assess throughout the year to determine next steps. Collaboration days continue to be used to examine research based strategies to help each student (both strong and struggling) move forward to reach their academic potential. 02 Time and collaborative days are integral to helping us personalize learning for kids, and we appreciate the support provided at home as well with bedtime stories, counting out the cutlery when setting the table, working on those multiplication tables, and modeling a love of literacy yourself – thank you!

Cheers, Leslie Cooper-Shand Principal

Literacy and Numeracy @ RVS



March 08, 2024 Collab Day No Students



March 15, 2024 Green Day All Kindergarten Attend



March 29/April 1, 2024 Good Friday Easter Monday No Students No Staff



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				1 Day 1 Gr7/8 Ski Trip Nakiska All Kindergarten Attend
4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 5 Gr. 5 Curling School Council Family Movie Night Ice Age @ 6:30PM	8 Collab Day No Students
11 Day 6	12 Day 7 Subway Day	13 Day 8	14 Day 1 Screenagers #3 6:15PM—All Parents Welcome Gr 7 Band Trip	15 Day 2 Green Day Gr 7 Band Trip
18 Day 3	19 Day 4 School Council 4:00PM	20 Day 5 Outreach Presentations Kind to Gr 5	21 Day 6 Outreach Presentations Kind to Gr 5	22 Day 7 All Kindergarten Attend Gr 7 Band @ Kiwanis
25 Day 8 Parent Teacher Interviews	26 Day 1 Parent Teacher Interviews Pizza Day	27 Day 2 Parent Teacher Interviews	28 Day 3	29 Good Friday No Students No Staff





Students working on translating their animal found in Iqaluit to Inuktitut which is the language the Inuit speak!

Cross Class Buddy reading and Valentine's Day cookie decorating.

When do absences become a problem?



Chronic absence 18 or more days

Caution Zone 10 to 17 days

Good attendance 9 or fewer absences



* Fall Planning is already starting - please register ASAP!

Ready, Set, Go!

Welcome to Online Kindergarten Registration!

Chinook's Edge will be accepting Online Kindergarten Registrations starting January 8, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year. Please visit our website at <u>www.cesd73.ca</u> for Kindergarten information!





Bring the family and watch Ice Age in the RVS Gym! MARCH 7, 2024 DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM SHOWTIME AT 6:30 PM





Nutrition Grant

We are again this year using a Nutrition Grant to provide milk to students once a week.



Spelling Bee 2024 Champs Samantha M. Ryatt S. Mallory C.





School Council Last month a presentation around the book Sparked, and this week members engaged in learning and a fun self-assessment around Executive Function as area staff are learning more about at RVS.





Grade 2 Lego Groupies Club Chopstick Warmup Challenge











Pink Shirt Day

We watched the movie "Home" at RVS this week to facilitate great kindness conversations!

Grade 2 practiced being kind to themselves while enjoying the beautiful weather outside.



Well done Science Fair Participants! This year RVS had 33 projects and 52 students involved! Those who placed in the top three for each grade have been invited to attend the next country level Science Fair in Olds. Good Luck! Please make sure your MSTS Science Fair Forms are into Mr.West by February 16th if you plan to attend.

Participants

- Grade 2 Isabella Hickman with Volcano Jack Griffin with Sail boat pop bottle
- Grade 3 Piper Storey and Ella Young with Volcano and dinosaurs Liam Marshall with Volcano
 - Sophye Galarza and Jayla Jackson with Magneto Robot
 - Maddi Barry and Katelyn Hope with The exploding volcano
- Grade 5 Gracie Flanagan and Josephine-Rae Duke with Crystals Avery Steele and Wren Cunningham with How do magnets work?

Honorable Mentions

- Kindergarten Arlo Hus with How does a boat float?
- Grade 1 Emmie Allison with Light Bulb Electricity
- Grade 3 Emelia Pugh and Keaton Luck with Volcano Kali Gafner and Kyleigh McAndrews with Volcano
- Grade 5 Hattie Blackhurst and Jillian Boulton with Can a Lemon Power a Light? Bryn Shyback with Rethink your sports drink

Second Place

Kindergarten Lauryn Gunderson with Why does the ladybug have spots? Grade 2 Huckleberry Hus and Cooper Willick with Volcanic Ash effects on plants Grade 3 Waylon Jansen and Owen Hompoth with The power of potatoes! Grade 4 Raegan Rock and Brynlee Lunde with Bubble Gum

- Grade 5 Abby Fisher with Invisible Ink
- Grade 6 Leah Mackenzie and Lizzy Downey with Life in space
- Grade 7 Teagan Reardan and Sebastian Mueller with Life of a scorpion

First Place

Kindergarten Sawyer Forster Miller Forster with Double Trouble Bubbles Grade 1 Jack Brenneis with What soil helps plants grow best?

- Riot Shyback and Maverick Jansen with The Cookie Bro's
- Grade 2 Stetson Cox with Gravity
- Beau Gleeson with Is it a Rock? Or is it Wood?
- Grade 3 Isabelle Brink and Aubrey Mikal with Food Waste
- Grade 4 Jorja Rosch with Don't eat snow!

Grade 5 Henley Rock and Sadie Fricker with Best way to remove mascara Grade 6 Gemma Hawkins with Pulsar

Grade 7 Chloe Dziadek and Brooklyn Butts with What are you really drinking? Grade 8 Karsyn Surtees and Mikaela MacNeil with What is deja vu?





CESD Honour Band

Students from RVS Band participated in the 2024 Division Honour Band A full day of sectionals and group rehearsals with a guest conduction and an evening performance.







Pink Shirt Day Gr 5 Stuntnastics





Outdoor Broomball in the snow





MS Academic Awards



Gr. 2 Soap "Stone" Carving















Are you looking for a part time job that doesn't involve weekends or summers? Would you like to have a positive influence on our school aged youth?

We're looking for dedicated individuals to join our team as School Bus Drivers!

What You'll Do:

- Safely transport students to and from school
- Follow designated routes and schedules while adhering to all traffic laws and safety regulations.
- Conduct pre-trip and post-trip inspections to ensure the bus is in optimal condition.
- Provide exceptional customer service to students, parents, and school staff.

What We're Looking For:

- Valid Driver's License (minimum Class 5 non GDL)
- Strong communication skills and ability to interact professionally with peers, students and staff.
- Commitment to safety and reliability.

Why Join Us:

- Competitive pay and benefits package.
- Comprehensive paid training and ongoing support.
- Flexible schedules to accommodate your lifestyle.
- Be part of a supportive team dedicated to the safety and well-being of our community's children.

APPLY TODAY:

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GRADES 7-12	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI			
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	DROP IN ²⁵ 3-6PM	Make 26 Happiness a Habit	DROP IN ²⁷ 3-6PM	DROP IN 3-6PM SUNDRE CITIZENS 6-7PM 28	Happy Easter!			
Life Happens and sometimes things change. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for our latest program updates!								
2024 To register for any of our events check out our Website. www.thedensyc.org								
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MARCH 15, 6-9PM Join us for a night at the Olds Bowling Alley

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Transportation, bowling, pizza & pop included!

