

No School: Tuesday, September 24th

Shirts

This year, Parent Council has generously agreed to provide each student with a newly designed Riverside Raptors t-shirt to kick off another year of learning and fun! We hope to have all students decked out in their new spirit wear for Open House festivities on Thursday, September 26th. Parents, should you wish to purchase another shirt or other spirit wear for your child (or yourself!), you can do so from the comfort of your own home at our newly launched online Riverside Shop! Peruse, personalize and order at <https://riversidepublicschool.entripyshops.com/>

You can also get there by scanning this QR code:



Orange Shirt Day

First launched in 2013, Orange Shirt Day commemorates the history and the legacy of Residential Schools, and the strength and fortitude of Residential School Survivors and their descendants. Although Orange Shirt Day is on Monday, September 30th, The Peel District School Board's schools and worksites will recognize the day on Friday September 27th, 2019. The Peel District School Board is proud to support Orange Shirt Day to help engage students and staff in learning about the Residential School System and its legacy in Canada. Students and staff are encouraged to wear orange shirts in recognition of the day.

Raptors

On Thursday, September 26th, students will be captivated by a 50 minute program with expert Raptor staff, who are pleased to give us a personalized introduction to the amazing world of birds of prey. We will get a behind the scenes peek at feeding, health-care, training, socialization, and how things work at the Mountsberg Raptor Centre facility and the wild. We look forward to this fascinating experience as our students, Riverside Raptors, SOAR into adventures this year!

- Kindergarten - Grade 3/4 start promptly from 9am-9:55am
- Grade 4/5 - Grade 8 from 10:00-11:00.

Lunch

Every Wednesday, students have the option to buy a sub -- \$5 for 6" SUB & drink. Our SUBWAY franchise has agreed to donate a portion of each order to Riverside. The funds will be used towards the purchase of the Riverside Raptors t-shirts. If you have any questions, please contact Marina Makropoulos, or Linda Subject. Thank-you for your continued support...School Council.

Session 1: October 9th - December 18th (11 weeks)

-Order Forms go home on Friday, September 20th

-Order Forms are due back on Wednesday, October 2nd (FIRM DEADLINE)

Session 2: January 8th - April 1st (12 weeks)

-Order Forms go home on Friday, December 6th

-Order Forms are due back on Wednesday, December 18th (FIRM DEADLINE)

Session 3: April 8th - June 24th (12 weeks)

-Order Forms go home on Friday, March 13th

-Order Forms are due back on Wednesday, April 1st (FIRM DEADLINE)

Additionally, every Thursday starting, October 10th, students have an opportunity to purchase pizza for lunch. Orders are completed on CashOnline. As we get closer to the date, the system should notify you to let you know that pizza is available for purchase. New families should look to their registration packages for instruction on how to register on CashOnline.

Staffing

We are sad to say goodbye to Ms. Seeney who was covering for the grade 7/8 class. She brought a lot of enthusiasm and a love of math/science to her students. We wish her every success, and hope to bring her back soon.

We are also pleased to announce that Mr. A. McCaskill will be joining our staff on September 23rd. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge and a range of experiences from teaching not only in the Peel Board but also in Northern Communities in Canada. Welcome to Riverside Mr. McCaskill!

Reorganization

Each year, our school starts off with a certain number of classes and teachers—these numbers are based on estimates made the previous spring about how many students will be enrolled during the next school year. As you may be aware, the Ministry of Education has class size goals that all school boards are required to meet. Each September, the board reviews the enrolment and staffing needs through a re-organization process. During this process, administrators compare actual enrolment numbers to the numbers projected by the board in the spring.

Through the re-organization process, some students may move to another class in order to balance class sizes so that we can adhere to the government's expectation. In some cases, it may be necessary to create a combined grade class. Please see the Newsletter section on the website for a more detailed explanation of this process.

Terry Fox

Terry Fox was only 18 years old when he was diagnosed with bone cancer and forced to have his right leg amputated in 1977. While in hospital, Terry was so overcome by the suffering of other cancer patients, that he decided to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research. He would call his journey the Marathon of Hope. After 18 months and running over 5,000 kilometres (3,107 miles) to prepare, Terry started his run in St. John's, Newfoundland on April 12, 1980. Although it was difficult to garner attention in the beginning, enthusiasm soon grew, and the money collected along his route began to mount. He ran close to 42 kilometres (26 miles) a day through Canada's Atlantic Provinces, Quebec and Ontario. Terry passed away on June 28, 1981 at the age 22. To honour Terry's legacy, schools run/walk to fundraise money for cancer research. To date, over \$750 million has been raised worldwide for cancer research in Terry's name through the annual Terry Fox Run, held across Canada and around the world.

Riverside will hold our annual Terry Fox run on Friday, Sept. 27th. All families are welcome to attend and show their support by accompanying their child's classroom for a walk/run either around the yard on school property or across the river along the path at Port Credit Memorial Park. We hope to get started immediately following lunch recess at approximately 1 p.m. and continue until last recess at 2:10 p.m. It would also be great if each student could wear running shoes to help ensure their safety throughout the event. We plan to have all students participate. If for any reason you do not wish your child to participate, you must contact the school by Sept. 26th so that we can plan an alternative activity for your child.

Students are asked to bring in a Toonie for Terry from Monday, Sept. 22nd till Friday, Sept. 27th.

Bussing

Forms for the Fill up the Bus will be available in the office starting on Monday September 23rd. If you would like to request courtesy seating to have your son/daughter ride on the bus you will need to complete the form and return it to the office. Forms are due by September 27th. Spots on the bus will be determined by the number of seats available and by student need. If your child is assigned a set on the bus, you will be notified by October 18th. If you receive notification, your son/daughter may begin riding the bus on October 21st.

Code of Conduct

At the last school council meeting we spent some time discussing the schools code of conduct. The PDSB Code of Conduct can be found on the school website in the About Us section. The Code of Conduct would contain information about progressive discipline and suspension. In general, we operationalize the Code of Conduct by having teachers manage minor issue, the office manage serious issues and those issues that are in between are managed by the office and teacher discussing the issue to determine the best course of action.

Guess the Candy Jar

One of the classrooms is organizing a fundraising activity to support for the Compass Food Bank. A jar full of candies will be located in the office.

Can you guess how many candies are in the jar?

The closest guess wins the jar of candy and a \$25.00 Starbucks gift card!!

Tickets can be purchased at lunch recess from Monday Oct 28 to Thursday Oct 31.

Tickets are \$1.00 each.

Extra-Curricular Basketball

We will be offering extra-curricular basketball for intermediate students on Tuesdays at lunch and on Thursdays after school till 4:15pm. We will be starting these session from Oct. 1st. Please send your child to the office to get a waiver if they are interested.

Islamic Heritage Month

On April 9, 2019, as part of the board's commitment to equity and inclusion, the Peel board approved a motion to recognize and celebrate Islamic Heritage Month in October. In addition to Islamic Heritage Month, the Peel board also approved motions to recognize and celebrate Indigenous Heritage Month and Hindu Heritage Month in November, Sikh Heritage Month in April and Jewish Heritage Month in May. The board will continue to recognize Black History Month in February, Asian Heritage Month in May and Pride Month in June.

The Government of Canada first established October as Islamic History Month in 2007 while the Province of Ontario declared the month of October as Islamic Heritage Month in 2016.

During Islamic Heritage Month, schools across Peel will participate in a number of activities that recognize and celebrate the rich heritage, history, culture and contributions of Muslim Canadians as well as Muslim communities from around the world.