

# RICHMOND REVIEW



Home of the RAPTORS  
JUNE 2011



Principal: Brad Butler

Vice –Principal: L. Sauer

## School Goals

**Literacy Goal:** All staff will use **small group instruction** (guided reading), **co-created anchor charts/ rubrics** and **explicit feedback/ instruction** (3 questions) so that 56% of students will move up one level and 44% of students will move within a level for reading for meaning as measured by May 31, 2011

**Numeracy Goal:** All Primary, Junior and Intermediate teachers will use Supporting Understanding in Mathematics (SUM) teaching strategies so students can more effectively solve a mathematics problem and justify / explain their thinking by June 2011

## How to Encourage Mathematical Literacy

### Mathematics is Everywhere

Mathematics no longer takes place only in the classroom. Mathematics is everywhere. To reach their full potential in the twenty-first century students need to have an understanding of mathematics.

Mathematics skills are for everyday life. Mathematical skills required to function in today's world include the ability to:



- set up problem
- use a variety of techniques to solve problems
- work with others to solve problems
- apply mathematical concepts to complex problems.

### What is Mathematical Literacy

Mathematical literacy involves more than executing procedures. It implies a knowledge base and the competence and confidence to apply this knowledge in the practical world. A mathematically literate person can estimate, interpret data, solve day-to-day problems, reason in numerical, graphical, and geometric situations, and communicate using mathematics.

Mathematical literacy is necessary both at work and in daily life. It is one of the keys to functioning in a changing society. At home, provide opportunities for your child to make every day life connections as you share with them your mathematical experiences. Tell them about your banking, household budgeting, expenses, utility bills, and grocery costs. Children need to hear what they'll be required to know in their adult lives. Here are a few additional activities that will support mathematical literacy:

- Simple board and card games develop logic and number sense.
- Make and do puzzles (2D, 3D, crossword, word) can be used to practise patterns and vocabulary and to develop spatial sense.
- Make a budget, estimate the cost while shopping, watch for fluctuating gas prices. Children who see every day life connections develop an interest in math. They will want to run their households successfully as adults.
- Practise with fractions and measurement while cooking and baking.
- Home renovations and construction often require measurement and geometry knowledge and skills learned in mathematics classes.
- Take a minute to reflect on the math you do automatically. This information can be shared with your children.

**RICHMOND STREET SCHOOL'S  
"HONOURED"  
STUDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY**

**Academic Award**

**Character Trait—Responsibility**

JK/SK (Mrs. Lombarczki/Mrs. Nicolls) \*Hamza S  
JK/SK (Mrs. Fowle/Mrs. McGregor) \*Ashanaya W  
JK/SK (Mrs. Sullivan/Miss. Sims) \*Angelin L

Grade 1 \*Emma I -Ms. Challice  
Grade 1 \*Grace D -Mr. Oakes  
Grade 2 \*Cody S -Mrs. Rankie  
Grade 2 \*Adam N -Mrs. Harmer-Lewitzky  
Grade 3 \*Cassie M -Mr. Ridgway  
Grade 3 \*Melanie A -Mrs. Steinbachs  
Grade 4 \*Blair D -Mrs. White  
Grade 5 \*Hunter A -Mr. Goar  
Grade 4/5 \*Emma B -Mrs. Cavers  
Grade 6 \*Mya R -Mr. Garrah  
Grade 6 \*Drew H -Ms. Davidson  
Grade 7 \*Kelsie O -Mr. Currie  
Grade 7/8 \*Elijah J -Ms. Fong  
Grade 8 \*Daniel A -Mr. Bryk  
SESN \*Alexis SC -Mr. Kent  
Jr. French \*Jocelyn A -Mlle. Cirusuolo  
Int. French \*Darian M -Mlle. Smillie  
Music \*Noor T -Mrs. Moccio

JK/SK (Mrs. Lombarczki/Mrs. Nicolls) \*Hadia S  
JK/SK (Mrs. Fowle/Mrs. McGregor) \*Tyler L  
JK/SK (Mrs. Sullivan/Miss. Sims) \*Megan L

Grade 1 \*Sydney M -Ms. Challice  
Grade 1 \*Jacob L -Mr. Oakes  
Grade 2 \*Dylan M -Mrs. Rankie  
Grade 2 \*Charles M -Mrs. Harmer-Lewitzky  
Grade 3 \*Hunter W -Mr. Ridgway  
Grade 3 \*Ella F -Mrs. Steinbachs  
Grade 4 \*Naomi L -Mrs. White  
Grade 5 \*Eric A -Mr. Goar  
Grade 4/5 \*Lillian R -Mrs. Cavers  
Grade 6 \*Marcus F -Mr. Garrah  
Grade 6 \*Christina F -Ms. Davidson  
Grade 7 \*Dylan P -Mr. Currie  
Grade 7/8 \*Matthew T -Ms. Fong  
Grade 8 \*Kyra S -Mr. Bryk  
SESN \*Andrew S -Mr. Kent  
Jr. French \*Mohammed R -Mlle. Cirusuolo  
Int. French \*Kyra V -Mlle. Smillie  
Music \*Darby T -Mrs. Moccio

**Please view your certificates in the front foyer during the month of June.  
Certificates will be handed to the students at the awards assembly.**

## Upcoming EQAO

Between May 30 and June 30, our school child will be taking part in the provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division (Grades 1–3). This assessment is administered to all Grade 3 students in Ontario's publicly funded school system by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), an independent agency of the Government of Ontario.

EQAO assessment questions are directly based on the expectations set out in *The Ontario Curriculum*, which is what teachers teach in the classroom every day.

We use this EQAO data as a school community, along with other information, to guide our school improvement initiatives for reading, writing and mathematics. This benefits not only your child but all the students in our school. The results are also used by our school board and the Ministry of Education to direct attention and resources where they are needed.

For more information about EQAO and to view a sample of its assessments, you are encouraged to visit [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

## JUMP ROPE/HOOPS FOR HEART

Congratulations Richmond Street School on a fantastic effort for Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart! This year our school raised \$6913.14 for heart and stroke research! Thank you to all staff and students for a wonderful afternoon! Our thank-you prizes from the event will be delayed this year. Please read the following letter which will explain the reason behind the delay.

Thank you for your patience and understanding about this matter.

Sincerely,

Miss J. Davidson, Mrs. L. Challice and Mr. T. Bryk.



A note from the heart and stroke foundation:

Thank you for your child's participation in the Jump Rope for Heart program. We very much appreciate your support. As a health charity, the Heart and Stroke Foundation's overarching priority is the health of Canadians.

You might be aware that Health Canada recently amended Schedule I of the Hazardous Products Act regarding phthalates. Phthalates are a family of chemicals commonly used as plasticizers that have a large number of industrial and commercial applications.

Phthalates are added to vinyl plastic to make it both soft and flexible. Jump Rope for Heart program prize levels 1, 4, 5 and 6 do not meet these new Health Canada standards. Although the new regulations only come into effect this June, the Heart and Stroke Foundation has decided to remove the impacted items without delay. In an effort to minimize the inconvenience to parents, we intend to ship to schools all Jump Rope for Heart program prizes when we receive the replacement items.

We apologize for the disappointment and inconvenience this causes our young fundraisers and you. We are making every effort to replace the impacted prizes with similar items before the end of the school year.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email us at [jumpropefor-heart@hsf.on.ca](mailto:jumpropefor-heart@hsf.on.ca) or call us at 1-888-HSF-INFO. Sincere thanks for your understanding and continuing support.

If you would like more information on Health Canada's position on phthalates, please visit the Health Canada website at [www.hc-sc.gc.ca](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca)

## GRADUATION

The Class of 2011 will hold its graduation ceremony on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 6 pm in our school gymnasium followed by cake and punch in the foyer. Please advise the office if your child will be absent, late or leaving early to prepare for this occasion.



## Book Fair Update

Thank you for making our May book fair a success! We collected \$2554.35 in sales and made \$711.90 profit. This money raised will be added to Parent Council funds. So far this year, Parent Council has helped in many ways, such as subsidizing bus expenses, offsetting the cost of the library renovations, purchasing a bike rack and contributing to the grade 8 graduation. A big thank you to Carol Hill for setting up the book fair and to Jennifer Servos, Irene Powell, Isabel Maltby, Sara Dedivitiis, Donna Besaw, Christina Meloche and Sherri Lee for running the sales.

## 50th Anniversary Update

The 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration will be held at Richmond Street October 1, 2011 at 1pm to 5pm. Our next planning meeting will be June 7, at 4:00. We welcome all interested volunteers for the planning committee and/or on running events on special day. If you are unavailable to attend the meeting please contact Mr. Butler or Mrs. Sauer at (905) 227 2971.

Also check us out on FaceBook! Our page is called **Richmond Street School's 50th Anniversary** or follow this link <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/richmondstreet.50th>. FaceBook is one way that we can stay up to date with our 50<sup>th</sup> planning efforts. In addition, Richmond Street alumni have added pictures and shared memories of their time here at the school. Take a moment to check out past and present experiences at Richmond Street School to see the history that makes our school such a wonderful place to be!

## S.O.S. Save Our Subscriptions

We will be running our annual magazine subscription campaign again in September and would appreciate your continued support. Although you may receive notices from publishers for your new and/or renewal magazine orders, it would be very much appreciated if you didn't renew your subscriptions through them, but waited for our campaign to start so the students can take your orders. However, hold onto your renewal notices – if that price is lower than offered through the school program, you will pay the lower price by attaching the coupon to your order. A large portion of the funds stays here in our school community. Thank you in advance for "saving" your magazine orders and helping make our future campaign a great success!

# PLANNING TODAY TO ENERGIZE EDUCATION TOMORROW

During the 2009/10 school year, the DSBN engaged in a system-wide review of our school buildings which enabled trustees to gain an overview of how our facilities are being used, and to identify potential areas for growth and revitalization in the future.

The majority of school boards throughout Ontario are facing the challenge of declining enrolment because of changing demographics. Parents are having fewer children later in life, which reduces the number of students starting Kindergarten each year.

One way school boards can address the issues of declining enrolment and aging facilities is through accommodation reviews. Through this process, education can be rejuvenated by building some new schools, consolidating some schools, renovating some schools and closing some schools.

At their most recent meeting, Trustees passed a Facilities Planning report which examines how to provide optimal learning spaces for students by initiating three phases of accommodation reviews beginning in September, 2011. Phase one accommodation reviews will undertake an in-depth study of central and south St. Catharines and Thorold secondary schools as well as elementary schools in Fort Erie.

Over the coming months, Board staff will begin to assemble an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for the two reviews. Each committee will undertake an in-depth study of the school planning areas and provide recommendations that will help guide Trustees in their decision making. Each ARC will include a business community member and/or a municipal representative, parents, a trustee, and DSBN staff. All ARC meetings will be open to the public, and the public will also have an opportunity to provide feedback during specially scheduled public meetings.

Moving forward, our goal is to continue serving students with excellent programs. The accommodation review process will ensure that funding is spent on enriching the educational opportunities for students

The full report, along with information about accommodation reviews is available at

[www.dsbns.org/arc](http://www.dsbns.org/arc).



## Important Dates 2011/12

**September 6:** 1st Day of School

**September 23:** Early Release Day

**October 5:** World Teachers' Day

**October 7:** PA Day

**October 10:** Thanksgiving Day

**November 11:** Remembrance Day

**December 26 - January 6:**

Winter Holiday Break

**January 20:** PA Day

**February 2:** Kindergarten Open House 4-6

**February 20:** Family Day

**March 9-16:** March Break

**April 6:** Good Friday

**April 9:** Easter Monday

**May 18:** PA Day

**May 21:** Victoria Day

**June 8:** PA Day

**June 28:** Last Day of School



[www.dsbns.org](http://www.dsbns.org)

## Attention Richmond Street Volunteers



Please save the date June 29, 2011 for our annual volunteer recognition. A personal invitation will follow. A big thank you to all of our volunteers, you make many programs and activities a possibility for our Richmond Street students.

## LIBRARY CIRCULATION

Library Circulation will end on Thursday, June 9. **Please help your child to return their outstanding books to the library.** Reminders and notifications will be sent home the week of June 13<sup>th</sup> for overdue and lost books.



# Track and Field

**Congratulations to all 71 students from Richmond St. School who qualified to compete in the Regional Track and Field Meet on Wednesday, May 25th in St. Catharines. A possible 12 different schools will be competing at that meet and the calibre of competition will be impressive. If students do well at this meet they will qualify for the DBSN Meet which will be held on Monday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Our school track and field athletes are as follows:**

<b>ATOM GIRLS</b>	Eryn E., Caitlin G., Kerry W., Eden A., Cassie M., Elisa W., Madison M., Hope W.
<b>ATOM BOYS</b>	Aidan C., Jackson P., Tristan C., Brodie G., Blair D., Rylie G., Connor G., Brendan N., James S., Gage G., Devon M., Hayden D.
<b>PEEWEE GIRLS</b>	Hannah B., Jadzea D., Neenah W., Meghan C., Rachel G., Mya R., Nicole P., Taylor M.
<b>PEEWEE BOYS</b>	Ben E., Oliver W., Phillip M., Eric A., Cole P., Cole G., Ryan M., Peter A., Aaron M.
<b>BANTAM GIRLS</b>	Kelsie O., Jessica J., Danielle P., Sasha E., Aalia B., Brittany P., Jessica M., Jade S., Becky C., Megan M.
<b>BANTAM Boys</b>	Mohammad R., Ali R., Josh E., Daniel M., Howell C., Stephen H., Austin B., Kaleb D., Hendrix H.
<b>MIDGET GIRLS</b>	Brittany E., Bridget D., Darby T., Shyla C., Imeka B., Tallulah W.
<b>MIDGET BOYS</b>	Dax G., Andrew C., Austin M., Traie S., Colton P., David A., Jacob L., Daniel A., Brandon M., Evan M.



## Ball Hockey



The Richmond St. Ball Hockey Team had a very successful Tournament. After a close 4-1 lose to eventual Champion Central (from Grimsby), the boys defeated Lockview and Westdale by 13-1 and 9-0 scores. Despite leading 2-1 with less than three minutes to play, the tournament ended with a close 4-2 loss to Grapeview school. The team played extremely well and sportsmanship was evident by all. A big thank you to the players who practiced, played, and represented Richmond St. in such a positive manner. Congratulations to the following players: Dax G., Branden M., Kaleb D., Colton P., Austin M., Weston H., Jacob L., David A., Oliver W., Bryce M., Daniel P., Ben E. and Kealan P. (unable to play due to lacrosse commitments). Thanks to Ms. Fong who came out to support the team and take pictures of the team.

## Junior Girls Basketball

The Junior Girls were awarded the League Championship this year. The team made up of 13 of the junior girls moved on to played at the District School Board of Niagara Championship at Princess Margaret School in Niagara Falls. The girls played well and made a strong effort to use the skills they had learned during the season however they lost their games.

To celebrate the season, the girls enjoyed a pizza and ice-cream party at school. There was also an article written about the team in the Thorold Niagara News on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. It was a great season of basketball and Mrs. Sullivan and Mme. Cirusuolo were proud to coach such a great group of girls.



## Cupcakes for Juvenile Diabetes



Thank you for your support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. This cause is important to the Richmond Street School population as we have staff and students who have diabetes. Cupcakes were sold and the final cupcakes will be going home on June 7th.

## Math Problem Winners for May

The solution for May's problem was 12 different arrangements for the choir lines. Thanks for everyone you participated in this years monthly Math problems. This month, the following students were successful in solving the problem:  
Lieran L., Caitilin G., Brodie G.

## Canada Wide On-line Math 'Caribou' Contest

On May 18<sup>th</sup> students in grades 3-8 at Richmond St. School had an opportunity to participate in the last of a series of 6, on-line math challenges called the Caribou Math Challenge. Students were able to compete online against other students from all over Canada. Congratulations to all the students who tried their best and wrote the contest. A special recognition for the students listed below as they placed in the top 3 in our school within their grade categories:

- Grade 3 & 4 contest- students who scored top 3 in our school are Jessica H, Ella F and Jackson P  
Grade 5 & 6 contest- students who scored top 3 in our school are: Oliver W, Ashley NT and Jadzea D  
Grade 7 & 8 contest- students who scored top 3 in our school are Mohammad R, Anna A and Taylor M

Also congratulations to Richmond St. School for being the school with the most Caribou participants ( overall all of Canada ) throughout the six math online challenges.

## SUMMER ADVANTAGE

### DO YOU HAVE YOUR "LEARNINGADVANTAGE" BOOK YET!

There is still time to get your "Summer Advantage" book. This 192 page, fully coloured, activity book is designed to maintain children's academic learning over the summer months. **There is one activity book per grade level from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7.** Each grade level book contains major units aligned with the Ontario curriculum expectations and 3 summer fun units. The books have parent information pages, evaluation forms; follow up activities and a family focus. In addition to the summer the books can be used all year long from September to the following June. The cost of each book is \$19.05 plus GST. This is a savings of \$1-\$4 from the retail and online prices. You can visit [www.summeradvantage.ca](http://www.summeradvantage.ca) to download a free unit of the book you would like to order for further review.

Bonus: with all books orders, Summer Advantage will provide attraction discount coupons to numerous attractions including Wonderland, the CN Tower, Ontario Place, Medieval Times, Wild Water Kingdom, Wings of Paradise, Centreville, South Simcoe Railway, Pucks farm, Zoos, Bowmanville Zoo the Hamilton Civic Museums and more. (*Book orders and attraction coupons will be delivered to your child's classroom before the end of the school year.*)

## Getting ready for next year!

### Junior list

Sharpened pencils (10)  
erasers  
pencil sharpener that collects shavings  
Pencil crayons  
red pen  
metric ruler  
safety scissors  
glue stick  
lock for locker (Dudley is recommended)  
gym clothes ~ appropriate running shoes, t-shirt and shorts  
box of tissues  
1 one inch binder for Mr. Goar's Grade 5 students only

## School Council

**Attention JK/SK and Primary parents. This is a great opportunity to get involved with School Council.**

**The first meeting of the 2011/2012 school year will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 6 pm**

**Babysitting is provided!**

**Thank you to this year's School Council Members**

**Your contributions are greatly appreciated and enhance the student experience at Richmond.**

*Chair—Mrs. Powell*

## MILK PROGRAM



The milk program will run as usual for the month of June. The last delivery of milk to the school will be on June 21st. Milk tickets must be used by the end of the school year. Due to increased costs milk tickets cannot be carried over to next year.

Milk will be available for sale (cash) at the tuck shop until supplies run out.

Thank you for encouraging your student to make a healthy choice with their lunch beverage.



## Dress Code/Hygiene

*Dress should be appropriate for the simulated work environment.*

- Tops should not be revealing (spaghetti straps are not acceptable, nor should any part of the stomach (midriff) be showing). Straps must be three fingers wide and at no time should a bra strap be showing.
- Shorts and skirts should be of respectful length (at least mid-thigh).
- Excessive jewelry such as large link chains can be a safety hazard. They are not appropriate for school.
- Pants should fit so that they will not fall down.
- Hats and bandana-type headwear must be removed upon entering the school.
- Offensive language on T-shirts is not respectful of others and therefore, not allowed in the school.

School policy for students who do not observe the dress code will be:

- **First Time** — Warning and change of clothing;
- **Second Time** — Parent/Guardian contacted by office;
- **Third Time** — Sent home.

## Kindergarten Registrations



Kindergarten registrations are on going.

If you know a child who will be 4 by the end of December they are eligible to come to school in September.

Please enroll your child as soon as possible to allow planning for next year.

Richmond Street has the full day early learning program. Take the time to come and tour the classroom with an advance appointment.

We look forward to meeting your student.

Please bring with you a health card, birth certificate (proof of date of birth) and immunization record. If your child is born out of country please bring proof of citizenship as well.

## Do You Have A Child Between The Ages of 4 and 6?

If so, please take a moment to ensure that your child's immunizations are up-to-date and that he/she has received:

a booster dose of diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus and polio (DPTP/Quadracel) between the ages of 4 and 6; and, a second dose of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

If your child has **not** yet received these vaccines, your child can be immunized for free at one of our Public Health Immunization clinics. Please call 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 for more information and/or to schedule an appointment. You can also call your child's doctor to make an immunization appointment or visit a local walk-in clinic. If you are a parent/guardian not wishing to immunize your child, you can submit to us a notarized Statement of Conscience/Religious Belief Affidavit.

Niagara Region Public Health is required by law to have an Immunization Record on file for every child attending a school in the Niagara region. The importance of having this information on file helps us to protect all children in the event of an infectious disease outbreak.

Please report your child's immunization(s) to Niagara Region Public Health using ONE of the following:

**INTERNET:** [www.niagararegion.ca](http://www.niagararegion.ca)

**TELEPHONE (Immunization Report Line):** 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7459

**FAX (a copy of your child's Immunization Record):** 905-688-8225



### Another Successful Year at the Richmond Street School Breakfast Club!

It is hard to believe another school year is coming to an end. My second year as the Richmond Breakfast Club Coordinator is also soon over... time flies. 2010/2011 was a super year for the Breakfast Club, largely due to the ongoing commitment of both adult and student volunteers. Shortly after the Breakfast Club began in October, we were able to begin five day per week service rather than the three we had originally planned. We often served up to 85 students per day. That is 425 breakfasts per week and 15 300 breakfasts per 2010/2011 school year. Amazing! Well done volunteers!

Also the Breakfast Club had a great opportunity to make some environmentally friendly changes this year. Niagara Nutrition Partners purchased a dishwasher, dishes and cutlery for the program and we went **GREEN**. We were also fortunate enough to acquire an energy efficient chest freezer to replace our very old freezer.

I would like to sincerely thank the volunteers below for their continued commitment to the Breakfast Club and Richmond Street School. Without these volunteers we would not be able to run the program.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lori C. Lori W.	Jennifer P. Lori W.	Pat T. Marla K.	Kristen S. Anne T.	Donna and Jim S.

Two student volunteers gave up a lot of their time both in the morning and throughout the day everyday to serve breakfast and help clean up after the program. Special thanks to **Jadzea** and **Neenah**! There were also several other student volunteers who helped out throughout the year. Thanks to: Aiden C, Keegan C. and Travis N. Also, a special thank you to Drew H. for helping with the grocery shopping and bringing the weekly groceries upstairs every Monday!

Secretary, Mrs. Weir was a great support to the Breakfast Club and always made sure our finances were in order!

Thank you to Mr. Butler and Mrs. Sauer who have been very supportive of the program, stopping upstairs everyday and helping out when needed. Their continued support and belief in the Breakfast Club will ensure it continues into next year and beyond.

**The last day of the Breakfast Club will be Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

Remember to eat your fresh fruits and vegetables over the summer.....☺

Have a great summer vacation and we will see everyone in September!

## **Breakfast Club Donation**

I would like to support Richmond Street School

Breakfast

Please find my enclosed contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  cheque (preferred)  cash

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Donations of \$15.00 or more are eligible for a charitable donation receipt for income tax purposes. CHEQUES MUST BE MADE TO NIAGARA NUTRITION PARTNERS TO RECEIVE AN INCOME TAX RECEIPT.**

Would you like a receipt for your donation? \_\_ yes \_\_ no

Would you like to be contacted about volunteering with the Breakfast Club? \_\_ yes \_\_ no

*Thank you!*



## **June Newsletter Draw**

Return this form to your homeroom teacher for a chance to win a school supply in a draw. Congratulations to Eden and Hunter A, Brody S and the Ranucci family for winning the May newsletter draw. They each received a school supply from the office.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read this newsletter.

### **COMMENTS**

Your comments, suggestions and/or concerns are very important to us.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_