

# RICHMOND REVIEW



Home of the  
**RAPTORS**  
DECEMBER 2010



Principal: Brad Butler

Vice –Principal: C. Kohinski

**Narrow Focus Smart Goal:** All staff will use small group instruction (guide reading), co-create 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, 2010.

With Reading For Meaning being one of our Narrow Focus Smart Goals, every newsletter we are going to be committed to providing parents with information, strategies and/or suggestions for them to try with their child(ren) at home to help contribute to us collectively improving our student's achievement

## **Narrow Focus - Progress Report**

Two to three times per month our staff participates in Professional Development directly related to our Narrow Focus. Discussions and actions are centered on the connection between curriculum expectations and assessment as, of and for learning. It is about small, focused and precise steps that result in improving learning. Richmond staff embrace the belief and understanding that all students can learn and all teachers can teach to high standards and can articulate their practice. This year the staff will be completing three Teacher Learning Critical Pathways (one per term) directly related to our Narrow Focus. Our first Teacher Learning Critical Pathway (TLCP) indicates that 71% of all Richmond students increased their achievement scores. We are well on our way to achieving our goal. Congratulations to the staff who work so very hard at challenging themselves and their student's at becoming better thinkers and learners on a daily basis. Their dedication to learning, their commitment to working together as a team and their passion for helping students is truly phenomenal and I am proud of each and every one of them.



## **Simple Strategies for Creating Strong Readers**

Through reading aloud, providing print materials, and promoting positive attitudes about reading and writing, you can have a powerful impact on your child's literacy and learning.

- Invite your child to read with you every day.
- When reading a book where the print is large, point word by word as you read. This will help your child learn that reading goes from left to right and understand that the word said is the word seen.
- Read your child's favourite book over and over.
- Read many stories with rhyming words and repeated lines. Invite your child to join in on these parts. Point, word by word, as your child reads along with you.
- Discuss new words. For example, "This big house is called a palace. Who do you think lives in a palace?"
- Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening in the story.

Read from a variety of children's books, including fairy tales, song books, poems, and information books.

## **Upcoming Events**

Recognition Assembly—December 2 @ 9am  
Pizza Days—December 10 & 22  
Kabob Day—December 10  
Choir @ Pen Centre—December 17 @ 11am  
Spirit Day (Red & Green) & Christmas Assembly @ 11 am—December 23

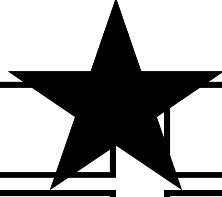
School Closed—December 24-January 7  
Kindergarten Open House—January 27

**Reminder:**  
*Please call in to the office when your child will not be attending school.*





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



**Academic Award**

**Character Trait Award—Courage**

JK/SK (Mrs. Lombarczki/Mrs. Nicolls) \*Charlotte Fowle  
 JK/SK (Mrs. Fowle/Mrs. McGregor) \*Savannah Scott  
 JK/SK (Mrs. Sullivan/Mrs. Sims) \*Billy Randall

Grade 1 \*Emma Belward-Ms. Hale

Grade 1 \*Hasan Rana-Mr. Oakes

Grade 2 \*Alexis Cunningham-Mrs. Rankie

Grade 2 \*Gillian Davies-Mrs. Harmer-Lewitzky

Grade 3 \*Connor Gambell-Mr. Ridgway

Grade 3 \*Madison McCallum-Mrs. Steinbachs

Grade 4 \*Sidney Ranucci-Mrs. White

Grade 5 \*Taylor Osarchuk-Mr. Goar

Grade 4/5 \*Tristan Christie-Mrs. Cavers

Grade 6 \*Allison Gillard-Mr. Garrah

Grade 6 \*Samantha MacLeod-Lorefice-Ms. Davidson

Grade 7 \*Danielle Perry-Mr. Currie

Grade 7/8 \*Hendrix Hanes-Mrs. Visscher

Grade 8 \*Hannah Bride-Mrs. Raynor

SESN \*AJ Sittler-Mr. Kent

Jr. French \*Jessica Johnson-Mlle. Cirusuolo

Int. French \*Anna Alexandrov-Mlle. Smillie

Music \*Jorda Osarchuk-Mrs. Moccio

JK/SK (Mrs. Lombarczki/Mrs. Nicolls) \*Avery Davidson  
 JK/SK (Mrs. Fowle/Mrs. McGregor) \*Nathan Miller  
 JK/SK (Mrs. Sullivan/Mrs. Sims) \*Dakota Messervey

Grade 1 \*Abigail Horner-Ms. Hale

Grade 1 \*Curtis Isherwood-Mr. Oakes

Grade 2 \*Logan MacDonald-Mrs. Rankie

Grade 2 \*Jakel Clements-Downey-Mrs. Harmer-Lewitzky

Grade 3 \*Khadija Taufeeq-Mr. Ridgway

Grade 3 \*Izabella Sharkey-Mrs. Steinbachs

Grade 4 \*Kayleigh Lavalliere-Mrs. White

Grade 5 \*Austin Bellon-Mr. Goar

Grade 4/5 \*Jileisha Weston-Mrs. Cavers

Grade 6 \*Aaron Marshall-Mr. Garrah

Grade 6 \*Vanessa Yilmaz-Ms. Davidson

Grade 7 \*Aalia Bryans-Mr. Currie

Grade 7/8 \*Teresa Swayze-Mrs. Visscher

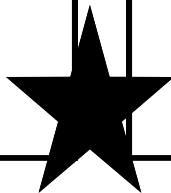
Grade 8 \*Dawn Grundy-Mrs. Raynor

SESN \*Andreeko Szczurko-Mr. Kent

Jr. French \*Connor Brown-Mlle. Cirusuolo

Int. French \*Danielle Walsh-Mlle. Smillie

Music \*Hendrix Hanes-Mrs. Moccio



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

## **Provincial Cup Silver Plate Champions**

On Friday November 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup> Richmond Street School's Grade 7 & 8 girls volleyball team travelled to Oshawa to compete in the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Provincial Cup Volleyball Tournament. After 18 hours of volleyball the girls came out on top to finish the day as Provincial Cup Silver Plate Champions.

Each year an organization from Toronto organizes a provincial elementary school volleyball tournament. They call it the Provincial Cup Volleyball Tournament as teams come from all over southern Ontario compete. This year there were 48 participating girls teams, many from the Halton, Durham and York area however a few teams travelled far distance to compete in the prestigious tournament including 3 girls teams from Ottawa and 3 girl teams from the Niagara Region ( Pelham Centre, Glynn A Green and Richmond St.)

Teams were set into one of 8 pools and on Saturday afternoon teams were ranked and tiered into Gold, Silver and Bronze playoff pools. Richmond St team was tiered in the silver pool and faced 4 other silver –tiered teams on their way to the championship finals. Initially they faced a team from Chris Hadfield School (Halton) and defeated them in 2 straight sets 25- 16 and 25- 19. In the quarter-finals they faced Sam Steele School from Durham area and defeated them in 2 sets (25-14 and 25-16). In the semi-finals they defeated Fallingbrook School (also from the Durham area) in 3 sets 19- 25, 25- 20 and 15-11. Lastly in the championship finals they faced a team called Hawthorne Village (from the Halton Area). Earlier in the tournament Richmond St. had played and lost 2 sets of volleyball against Hawthorne Village 24- 25 and 19-25 but their intensity in the finals allowed them to overcome Hawthorne to defeat them 26- 24 and 25- 17. Richmond St. School was awarded a banner to hang in their school gym, a championship plaque, individual medallions and tournament knapsacks designed with the tournament logo. In the end the girls team from Richmond St. School had played 19 games of volleyball and had spent 18 hours in the gym over the two day period.



Back row: Darian Maude, Brittany Evans, Talli Williams, Bridget Dagenais, Shyla Cardy, Jessica Johnson, Danielle Perry

Front row: Mr. Goar, Dawn Grundy, Darby Taylor, Brittany Perry, Jade Sammutt, Kelsie O'Brien

Absent: Sam Thompson, Sasha Elliott



## **High School Open Houses 2011**



**Sir Winston Churchill—Monday, January 17—6:30 p.m.**

**Thorold Secondary—Tuesday, January 18—6:30 p.m.**

**Kernahan Park—Tuesday, January 18—6:30 p.m.**



## Senior Girls DSBN Volleyball Champions

On Tuesday November the 17<sup>th</sup> the Senior Girls Volleyball team travelled to Westlane Secondary School in Niagara Falls to compete in the Senior Girls B-division DSBN Volleyball Tournament. They finished the day winning 7 straight sets of volleyball and qualified for the championship game which was held at Eastdale Secondary School in Welland on Monday November the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

During the championship game the girls continued their undefeated streak by defeating Power Glen Elementary School in 2 straight sets 25- 23 and 25 – 17 to become the DSBN B-division champions. They were awarded championship medallions and a team plaque for their efforts.

This ended the team's amazing two and a half month season that started the second day of school on September the 8th. Over the course of the season they raised their level of volleyball skills to the point were they were competing and beating school teams from the Toronto area that were 3 times their size. The girls should be proud of their efforts and successes.



Back row: Jessica Johnson, Brittany Evans, Darian Maude, Shyla Cardy, Dawn Grundy, Talli Williams,

Front row: Danielle Perry, Jade Sammutt, Brittany Perry, Sasha Elliott, Darby Taylor, Bridget Dagenais, Mr. Goar

Absent: Sam Thompson, Kelsie O'Brien

## Boys Intermediate Volleyball

Mr. Meger and Cody (Paul Blart) Janzen would like to thank the intermediate boys volleyball team for a successful season. It was a pleasure spending four afternoons a week with the boys the past couple months playing volleyball. The team worked hard and showed significant improvement throughout the season.

After a third place finish in the regular season we narrowly missed out on playing in the regional championship falling 25-21, 20-25, 15-11 to Glynn A. Green in our regional playoffs. On Wednesday November 24<sup>th</sup> we competed in the DSBN Volleyball Tournament. It was a fun day and although we did not make it out of the round robin play, Mr. Meger and Cody are very proud of the effort put forth by the team.

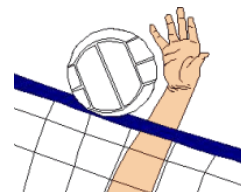
Congratulations and all the best!

Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team:

Daniel Alexandrov  
Austin Boucher  
Adam Cosgrove  
Tyler Derosier

Kaleb Dionne  
Tanner Geddes  
Hendrix Hanes

Weston Hillchey  
Sandor Jackson  
Evan Marshall



## MS Read-A-Thon

A big THANK YOU to all of the families who participated in the MS Read-a-thon. All of the reading and hard work paid off and Richmond Street School was able to donate \$1 418.36 to the MS Society! Thanks again to the community for all of the generous donations. Way to go Raptors and keep reading!



## UNICEF Bake Sale

A great, big THANK YOU to all of the parents who so generously donated baked goods to the Hallowe'en Unicef Bake Sale. The students loved all of the goodies and your efforts helped to make the day extra special for all of the students. The bake sale raised over \$430 dollars for Unicef.





## **Junior Girls and Boys Volley Ball**

### **Junior Girls and Boys Go For Playoff Championship/Berth @ DSBN Tournament**

The Junior Girls and Boys Volleyball team are undefeated and won first place during league play with convincing wins over Glynn A. Green, Quaker Rd., Princess Elizabeth, and Fitch St. schools. Next up is the finals of the Regional Playoffs on Thursday Dec. 2nd @ 4:00 p.m. @ Richmond St. school. If successful at this game, the girls and boys will qualify for the DSBN Tournament on Thursday December 9th @ Virgil school.

Girls Team members include: Hannah Baker, Taylor Byford, Gabby Dheilly, Christina Ford, Alexandra Garrah, Allison Gilliard, Nicole Pirillo, Jena Pugh, Grace Pyatt, Mya Ramnarain, Tabatha Scarbo, Amber Stover, Neenah Williams, Alyssa Hanysh, Lillian Ranucci, Eryn Evans, and Caitlin Gibson.

Boys Team members include: Kealeo Dixon, William McGilvray-Wilson, Isaiah Boekestyn, Kyle McDougall, Cole Parkin, Ben Evans, Connor Brown, Eric Alexandrov, Drew Hammond, Bryce Miller, Kealan Pilon, Daniel Plumb, Aaron Marshall, Mitchell Jenkins, Colton Spencer, Evan Ferguson, and Jackson Pyatt.



## **Richmond St. Presents: Meet and watch the Niagara Ice Dogs**

The Niagara Ice Dogs and Richmond St. school are planning some special upcoming opportunities. Four players from the Niagara Ice Dogs and Bones, their mascot, will be coming to Richmond St. in mid- February (date to be finalized later), to talk to the students about the importance of education- specifically about Literacy.

On Thursday March 3rd, members of the Richmond St. Community can go cheer on the Niagara Ice-Dogs as they play the Sudbury Wolves. Those purchasing tickets are welcome to participate in a pre-game skate from 5:00-5:50 p.m. and then watch the game (7:00 p.m. start). Cost for tickets are \$15 each. All students, families, and friends are welcome (students must be chaperoned during pre-game skate/game).

Please contact Mr. Garrah for information. Cheques are to be made payable to: Richmond St. school.



## **Niagara Ball Hockey ([ballhockey.com](http://ballhockey.com)), is coming to Richmond St.**

- Dates: Nine Saturday mornings for 1 hour (between 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.)
- January 8<sup>th</sup>-March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- Rules- 4 on 4, Goalies, Full equipment, Timed line changes,
- Scoring statistics on [ballhockey.com](http://ballhockey.com), ,
- Age Divisions- 6-8 Yrs. Old., 9-11 Yrs. Old. 12-15 Y
- Season ending award and Party.
- Cost is \$90 {\$79.64 + HST (\$10.36)}

**LIMITED to the first 110 players who register**

Contact Troy Garrah for information- [troyg@ballhockey.com](mailto:troyg@ballhockey.com)

## **POPCORN, POPCORN, POPCORN**

Starting in January popcorn will be sold everyday during the first ten minutes of first break.



## **Christmas Assembly**

The Christmas Assembly on December 23rd will feature the Primary and Junior Choir and the Gr. 7 & 8 Orffers. Come out and hear our great music performance @ 11 am!

# Richmond Street Green Team

Hey Richmond! This year, the green team is bigger and better than ever. With a total of 46 members, our efforts to improve Richmond Street students' eco-habits have increased greatly since 2009. We have a number of things going on in the school, so gear-up!



Waste-less Wednesdays are back! We will be using 3-D posters to promote these and more eco-friendly activities throughout the school. Also this month we have planted a tree and other plants around our school property. We have bought biodegradable and eco-friendly school supplies that can be bought using GreenBucks, which you will be given more information about later in the month.

Within the next two months, here are some things you can look forward to around the school:

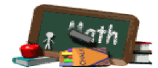
- The Golden Recycling bin will be awarded to the classroom with the best recycling habits for one cycle.
- Your classroom becoming more active in saving our Earth.

On November 5th, four students and Mr. Bond went to the Eco-Summit. We learned more about what goes in the bins and why. We hope you look forward to the next Green letter!



## School Support Services-Need Help in Math?

Does your student struggle with their math homework at times? Would they benefit from free math tutoring provided by certified Ontario teachers? Online math homework help is available for all Grade 7 -10 math students. Registered students can log in at <http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org> from Sunday to Thursday, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. for 20 hours a week for one on one confidential tutoring, all within the comfort of their own home. Contact your student's Math teacher or Guidance counsellor to register. We already have over 3,100 students registered, many of whom are accessing the free tutoring service to support their efforts to successfully complete their math assignments and support their learning.



## Remembrance Day Poetry Essay Contest

A special thank you from Mr. Oakes goes out to all the students who took part in the Remembrance Day Poetry and Essay Contest. Thank you to all the teachers who took the time to provide the children with such a great opportunity. The winners will be announced within the month.



## Asking For Kleenex Boxes

We are requesting for every child to bring in a box of Kleenex for their classroom. We have been going through a large quantity of Kleenex lately and if we can get your help we would appreciate it. Thank you Richmond Raptors for your continued support!



## Christmas Music Festival

*The Primary Choir and the Orffers will be performing in the Atrium off the food court at the Pen Centre on December 17th at 11:00 a.m. Come out and watch us perform!*



## Inclement Weather Policy

When weather conditions are poor:

1. Announcements for school closing will be made on the 7:00 a.m. newscast on local radio stations.



These decisions are **NOT** made by the school. We will try to put a message on the school's answering machine whenever possible.

**If transportation is cancelled, which also includes taxi cabs, and the school is open, please call the school and leave a message if you are not sending your child to school as we need to know that you as a parent/guardian are aware that transportation was cancelled and you haven't left your child at a bus stop while you went on to work. The office can't assume that your child is safe even if transportation is cancelled by the Board. We thank you for your co-operation in helping to ensure the safety of all our children.**

When schools are officially closed, teachers are not expected to be in attendance. When schools are open but the weather conditions are poor, it is the parent's/guardian's decision to decide whether they should send their children to school. Safety, while getting to and from school must be an important consideration.

2. If weather conditions get worse during the day, please **LISTEN TO THE RADIO** to stay informed should the schools be closed. As always, parents may withdraw their children during the day, if they believe weather conditions are becoming dangerous.

**Local radio stations are as follows:**

CKTB 610, CHTZ 97.7 FM, CHRE 105.7 FM, CKEY (RIVER) 101.1 FM, SPIRIT 91.7 FM, CHSC 1220 AM, CKOC 1150 AM, K-LITE 102.9 FM, CHML 900 AM, Y106 107.9 FM, WAVE 94.7 FM AND CHAM 820 AM.



## Community Care Drive

Once again, Christmas is quickly approaching and there are families who are not as fortunate as others at this time of year. Our "Hat, Scarf & Mitten Tree" drive, "Canadian Tire" money and non-perishable food item drive are now underway. Please help our Community Care cause. All Canadian Tire money collected will be tallied. Mrs. Kohinski and students will then purchase toys to be given to Community Care along with the Hats, Scarves, Mittens and non-perishable food items..

The drive will run from December 1 until December 22nd. Don't forget, there is also a bin for donations of non-perishable food in the front lobby for anyone wishing to donate to Community Care's Food Drive.



## Snowball, Snow Throwing and Sliding on the Ice Policy

Students at Richmond Street School are not allowed to throw snow while out on the school yard. Cold, frozen snow presents a threat to student safety especially when thrown and/or kicked. Sliding on the ice presents a safety risk often resulting in many injuries.

Parents/Guardians are asked to please review this policy at home and we will continue to remind students here at school. Consequences for kicking/throwing snow are as follows:

1st time:	Warning with a detention
2nd time:	In-School suspension/removal of privileges
3rd time:	Formal at-home suspension

We all thank you for your support in helping to keep the school yard safe!



## Winter Clothing

Students do go outside for one 20 minute break and one 30 minute break every day. Students will go outside as long as there is not an extreme cold weather advisory or freezing rain. That is why it is important that everyone is dressed properly for the weather. One of the problems that often comes with winter clothing is losing winter clothing. Please make sure that all of your child's winter clothing is labeled. This makes it much easier for us to help your child find missing articles. This also helps when there are children who have the same boots or coats, as we can help tell them apart.

Please make sure that your child has indoor shoes that they can leave at school. It is important to have these shoes at school everyday, as no child is allowed to go barefoot in the classroom, and therefore would be asked to wear their boots all day. This brings water into the classroom, which is a problem as we often will do activities that may require your child to sit on the floor. Please make sure your child's name is on their shoes as well.

Thank you so much for your support.



## **Breakfast Club / Snack Program Donation**

I would like to support Richmond Street School

Breakfast Club     Snack Program

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**\$15.00 or more are eligible for a charitable donation receipt for income tax purposes.  
CHEQUES MUST BE MADE TO NIAGARA NUTRITION PARTNERS IN ORDER 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!*



## **December Newsletter Draw**

Return this form to your homeroom teacher for a chance to win an office supply in a draw. Congratulations to Suha Bur, Cassandra Murphy, and Jeremy Graves for winning the November 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: \_\_\_\_\_