



Riverside Public School | May 2026 Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Riverside Families,

It seems that the proverb, *April showers bring May flowers*, is true – at least at Riverside Public School as many of our staff members were gifted flowers during Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you to all who showed their appreciation to our wonderful staff, and to the Riverside Home & School Association for delivering treats! I am grateful every day to be part of such a special community.



It's hard to believe that only six weeks remain in the school year. While the calendar may be winding down, our school community is certainly not. There is still so much to look forward to in the (busy!) weeks ahead as we come together for many special events and celebrations. We are excited for our Summer Send-Off community event, celebrating inclusion with the Special Olympics, and the opportunity to recognize the contributions of our volunteers at our Volunteer Tea. We also look forward to showcasing the incredible talents of our students at Riverside's Got Talent. Field trips and other end-of-year experiences will continue to bring students together in meaningful ways.

A particularly special milestone will be celebrating our Grade 8 students as they prepare for graduation. We look forward to honouring their achievements and wishing them well as they take their next steps.

As always, thank you for your continued support in making our school such a connected and caring community. Let's make the most of these final weeks together!

Sincerely,

Peter Attack

Principal, Riverside Public School



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Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics



At Riverside PS, our 2025-26 School Improvement and Equity Plan (SIEP) continues to guide our work. This year began with a focus on improving math fluency through Math Conversations and Number Talks, helping students build confidence and flexibility with numbers.

Through analysis of 2024–2025 EQAO data, classroom assessments, and teacher observations, our focus has evolved. While fluency remains important, we are now placing greater emphasis on supporting students with complex, multi-step “thinking” problems that build reasoning and problem-solving skills.

During our April PA Day, staff engaged in professional learning based on Peter Liljedahl’s *Building Thinking Classrooms*. Teachers explored strategies such as small group problem solving and the use of Vertical Non-Permanent Surfaces (VNPS) to encourage collaboration and deeper thinking.

Since then, many classrooms have been actively engaging students in rich mathematical thinking tasks. We are proud of the growth we are seeing as students continue to develop as confident and capable mathematicians.





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The TVDSB Student Achievement Plan is now available on the TVDSB website!

The Student Achievement Plan framework was developed by the Ontario Ministry of Education as part of the Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023. The plan includes 5 goals and 11 indicators that all school boards in Ontario must use to track student achievement in core academic skills, preparation for future success, engagement, and well-being. School boards use the data to create action plans for improving outcomes for students.

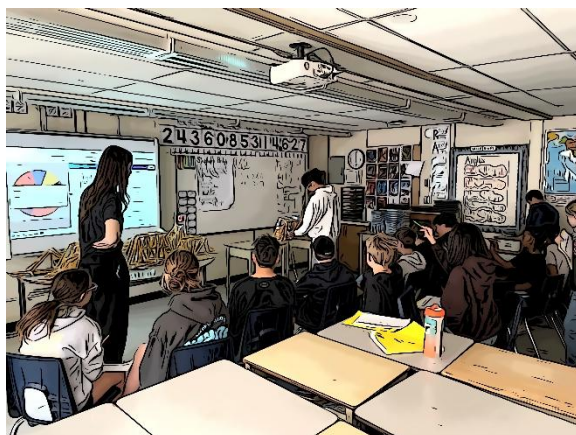
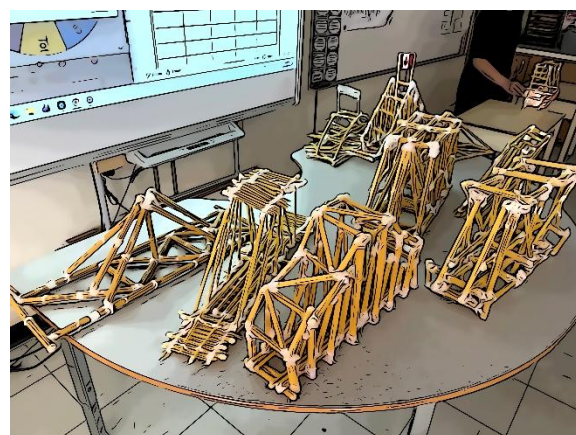
This plan is supporting students at our school through the development and implementation of our School Improvement and Equity Plan and our Safe and Inclusive School Plan. We will continue to provide updates to the school community related to our ongoing efforts to support student achievement, future success, engagement, and well-being. If you have questions about these plans, please contact the school principal or email TVDSB at: info@tvdsb.ca.

Click [here](#) to review the district plan and to learn more about the indicators and the work that TVDSB is doing to support student achievement and well-being. We are interested in hearing from you about the TVDSB Student Achievement Plan. Click [here](#) to access a form to share your thoughts with us.

Classroom Spotlight: Spaghetti Bridge Challenge

Miss Yakubowski's Grade 6/7 class recently put their engineering skills to the test by designing and building bridges using spaghetti! Students worked collaboratively to plan, construct, and refine their designs before testing the load capacity of their bridges to see how much weight they could support.

This engaging challenge provided an authentic opportunity for students to experiment, learn from failure, and deepen their understanding of how engineers design structures to withstand real-world forces.





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School Safety Reminder: Bike and Scooter Safety

With the warmer weather, it's wonderful to see more Riverside students riding their bikes and scooters to and from school. We are proud to see students staying active and making environmentally friendly choices, and we want to ensure everyone stays safe.

We ask families to review important safety expectations with their children:

- Always wear a properly fitted helmet
- Follow traffic rules and be aware of surroundings
- Ride safely and respectfully around pedestrians and other riders



NO HELMET
NO RIDE



A key reminder for all students:

Bikes and scooters must be walked when on school property during school hours to help keep everyone safe, especially during busy arrival, recess, and dismissal times.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe and active school environment for all students.

Celebrating Community at Riverside – Heritage Carousel



On the evening of May 7th, Riverside came alive with colour, connection, and community spirit during our Heritage Carousel event. This special evening celebrated the diversity and inclusion that make our school such a welcoming place for all.

We were delighted to welcome more than 25 families and over 100 guests who came together to share in this meaningful experience. Families brought dishes representing countries from around the world, creating a vibrant and delicious showcase of global cuisine. As students, families,

and staff sampled foods, conversations flowed and new connections were made.

The Heritage Carousel provided a wonderful opportunity for our school community to learn from one another, celebrate cultural traditions, and deepen our appreciation for the rich backgrounds that make up Riverside. Events like this remind us that our diversity is one of our greatest strengths.



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Thank you to all the families who contributed their time, food, and stories to make this evening such a success. We look forward to continuing to build a strong, inclusive community together.

Riverside Track & Field Day

On Wednesday, May 6th, Riverside students in Grades 4 through 8 enjoyed an exciting and energetic Track & Field Day. Students had the opportunity to participate in a wide range of events, including long jump, triple jump, ball throw, sprints, and distance running.

Throughout the day, our Riverside Rams demonstrated outstanding effort, perseverance, and sportsmanship. It was wonderful to see students encouraging one another, setting personal goals, and celebrating their achievements together.

We are proud to share that several of our athletes have qualified to represent Riverside at the Regional Track & Field Meet on Tuesday, May 26th. We wish them the very best as they continue to showcase their talents and school spirit.

Congratulations to all of our participants, and a special thanks to our coaching team, for making this event such a success!





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Important Upcoming Dates:

- Thursday, May 21, 2026 – Riverside Talent Show
- Monday, May 25, 2026 – Thursday, May 28, 2026 – Grade 3 EQAO
- Tuesday, June 2, 2026 – Friday, June 5, 2026 – Grade 6 EQAO
- Monday, June 8, 2026 – Summer Send-Off Concert
- Tuesday, June 9, 2026 – Special Olympics
- Wednesday, June 17, 2026 – Volunteer Tea
- Friday, June 19, 2026 – Grade 8 Grad REHEARSAL
- Monday, June 22, 2026 – Grade 8 Grad CEREMONY

2025-26 PA Days:

- Tuesday, September 2, 2025
- Friday, October 10, 2025
- Friday, November 14, 2025
- Friday, January 30, 2026
- Friday, April 24, 2026
- Friday, May 29, 2026
- Friday, June 26, 2026

2025-26 School Holidays:

Thanksgiving: October 13, 2025
Winter Break: December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026
Family Day: February 16, 2026
Spring Break: March 16 - March 20, 2026
Good Friday: April 3, 2026
Easter Monday: April 6, 2026
Victoria Day: May 18, 2026