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Principal's Message

Dear Riverside Families,

It's hard to believe that June has arrived and that the 2025-26 school year at Riverside Public School is already coming to a close. The year has truly flown by, and I feel incredibly proud and grateful to be part of such a caring, inclusive, and dedicated school community.

Throughout the year, our students have grown and thrived in so many ways, whether through athletics, the arts, classroom learning, or the many special events that brought us together as a community. These experiences have strengthened our connections and created lasting memories for our students and families.

I would like to sincerely thank our dedicated staff for their ongoing commitment to creating engaging, supportive learning environments where every student feels a strong sense of belonging. I am also grateful to our parent, guardian, and community member partners – and



to our Home & School Association and School Council for their continued support and dedication to enhancing the school experience for students.

Most importantly, I celebrate our students and all they have accomplished this year. It has been a wonderful year at Riverside, and I look forward to all that lies ahead.

Wishing everyone a wonderful last few weeks of the school year as well as a safe, happy, and restful summer.

Peter Atack

Principal, Riverside Public School



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Class Placement Process for 2026–2027

As we begin planning for the 2026–2027 school year, our class placement process is well underway. This is a thoughtful and collaborative effort that includes members of the entire school team. Together, staff carefully consider each student's academic strengths, learning needs, and social-emotional development to determine the best possible placement.

Our goal is always to create balanced classrooms where students can thrive. This means each class is thoughtfully composed with a range of academic abilities, learning styles, and peer relationships in mind. While we work hard to make the best possible match for every child, we recognize that placements are not always perfect or aligned with individual preferences.

As in most schools, we will have a number of split-grade classes. These classes are a normal and valuable part of school organization. Research shows that students in multi-age or split classrooms often benefit from increased opportunities for peer learning, leadership, collaboration, and differentiated instruction. Importantly, being placed in a split-grade class does not indicate that a student is working above or below grade level; all students receive instruction aligned with their grade expectations and individual needs.

We appreciate your trust in our professional judgment as we complete this complex process with care and intention.

Finally, we ask families to note that **class change requests in September cannot be accommodated**. Due to class size regulations, staffing structures, and the significant ripple effect that even one change can create, adjustments are not feasible once classes are established.

Thank you for your continued support as we prepare for another successful school year.



2026-27 Elementary School Calendar

SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
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DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY				
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MARCH					APRIL					MAY				
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JUNE					JULY					AUGUST				
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PA DAYS
Classroom Begins
Sept 8, 2026
Classroom Ends
June 19, 2027
194 School Days
Including PA Days

HOLIDAYS
Sept 4, 2026
Sept 13, 2026
Oct 12, 2026
Nov 11, 2026
Dec 15, 2026
Jan 18, 2027
Feb 20, 2027
Mar 20, 2027
Apr 18, 2027
May 25, 2027
Jun 20, 2027

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Staff Farewell and Congratulations



As we approach the end of the school year, we would like to take a moment to recognize and celebrate some important staff transitions within our Riverside community.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to **Mrs. Haley** and **Mrs. Seward** (pictured here) on their retirements. Both have enjoyed long and distinguished careers with the Thames Valley District School Board, contributing as classroom teachers and leaders across multiple schools. Their dedication, experience, and commitment to student success have made a lasting impact on countless students and colleagues. We wish them all the very best in this exciting next chapter.

We would also like to congratulate **Ms. Esler**, who has accepted a new position at Kettle Creek Public School. During her time at Riverside, Ms. Esler has been instrumental in supporting our intermediate students, particularly through her leadership in Grade 8 graduation planning as well as extra-curriculars. Her care, organization, and commitment will be greatly missed, and we wish her continued success in her new role.

We also extend our thanks to **Mrs. Strain**, who will be moving on to a position at another school. Mrs. Strain has shown great dedication in supporting our youngest learners in Kindergarten, helping to build strong foundations for their learning and well-being. We wish her all the best in her new school community.

Finally, we say farewell to **Miss Yakubowski** and **Ms. Bogorin**, whose contract assignments at Riverside have come to an end. We are grateful for the contributions they have made to our school community this year and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Thank you to all for your dedication to our students and school community.



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🎵 Riverside Summer Send-Off 🎵

Our **Riverside Summer Send-Off** is almost here! We are excited to invite you to join us on **Monday, June 8, 2026 from 5:00–7:30 PM** for an evening of music, celebration, and community.

Our talented students will be sharing their musical skills while families enjoy delicious treats from four amazing food trucks:

- **Perogie Queen**
- **Donut Diva Ice Cream**
- **Tiki Tomato**
- **Rocky Mountain Pizza**

💰 *Please bring cash*, as some trucks only accept cash payments.

This is a relaxed, outdoor concert. Families are encouraged to bring **lawn chairs or blankets** and enjoy a picnic-style evening. A small **VIP seating area for grandparents** will be available—thank you for being mindful of this special space.

🎵 **Concert Schedule**

Set One – 5:30 PM

Call time: 5:00 PM

- Esler / Haley's Classes
- Kindergarten
- Campbell / Petrosyan's Classes
- Grade 7/8 students meet in the Music Room
- Kindergarten students go to their classrooms

Set Two – 6:15 PM

Call time: 6:00 PM

- Thompson, Tate, and Koop & Nussbaum's Classes (meet with recorders in the Activity Room)
- Intermediate Band (Music Room)

Set Three – 6:45 PM

Call time: 6:30 PM

- Primary Choir (Activity Room)



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- Junior & Intermediate Choir (Music Room)

Throughout the evening, we will also be presenting our **Kiwanis Awards** and celebrating the incredible talent and dedication of your children.

Concert Dress:

Students are invited to dress as their **favourite movie character** or wear their **best summer outfit**.

We look forward to a joyful evening of music and community with you all!

If you have any questions, please feel free to email **Ms. Rees** at t.rees@tvdsb.ca.

🎵 *We can't wait to celebrate with you!* 🎵

Community Commemorative Walk

On Thursday, June 4th, the Riverside Public School community came together to participate in a commemorative walk in recognition of ***Our London Family***. This meaningful event provided an opportunity for students and staff to reflect, learn, and stand united in support of our ongoing commitment to confronting racism and discrimination in all its forms.

Through this shared experience, we honoured the importance of building a school community rooted in respect, inclusion, and understanding. We are proud of our students for their thoughtful participation and for helping to carry forward this important message of equity and belonging.





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Classroom Spotlight: Bees, Bugs, and Butterflies

Our kindergarten students had an exciting and memorable experience during the *Bees, Bugs, and Butterflies* presentation hosted by the London Children's Museum. We would like to extend a special thank you to Ms. Flanagan for organizing this wonderful opportunity, and to our amazing Home and School Association for generously funding it. This highly engaging presentation provided rich, hands-on learning experiences that truly brought the topic to life. Students explored the outdoors with magnifying glasses as they searched for bugs, created beehives using loose parts, planted seeds in their own paper pots, and dug for insects in the sensory bin. They also enjoyed imaginative dramatic play, dressing up as beautiful butterflies. It was a joyful and meaningful learning experience for all involved!



🎵 Primary Choir Achieves Provincial Recognition! 🎵

We are thrilled to share some exciting news about our incredible Primary Choir! As many of you may know, our choir was invited to compete at the provincial level of Kiwanis Music Festival—an outstanding achievement in itself. We are so proud to announce that they received ***Honourable Mention*** in the **OMFA Competition!**

While we did not take home the top prize, this recognition is truly something to celebrate. Our Primary Choir was the **only ensemble within TVDSB at this level** to receive this honour—an accomplishment that speaks volumes about their dedication, growth, and musical excellence.



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This success would not have been possible without the support of our amazing Riverside community. A heartfelt thank you goes out to:

- **Riverside staff** for their flexibility and support in allowing us the time and space to record
- **Madame Wyant** for her beautiful and expressive accompaniment
- **Mrs. Bryenton** for her help and expertise during the recording process
- **Home and School** for their continued encouragement and support

It truly takes a village, and we are so grateful for our Riverside Village for rallying behind our young musicians every step of the way.

Most importantly, we would like to give a *well-deserved standing ovation* to our Primary Choir students. Your hard work, commitment, and outstanding talent have shone brightly on a provincial stage. We could not be more proud of each and every one of you.

Bravo, Primary Choir! 🎉👏

- Ms. Rees

Important Upcoming Dates:

- 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