

RICHMOND PUBLIC SCHOOL *School Council Newsletter*

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2023

SC Chairs' Message



Finally, after what felt like an extended bit of summer, the air has a crispness to it and the leaves have changed to brilliant hues and begun to fall. You know what that means. Time for a **Hallowe'en Dance!** This time

of year things can be tight for many families so we are asking for a donation of a non-perishable grocery item to our local food bank for entry to the dance, and we promise it will be a great time with lots of great tunes, lights, decorations and spooky fun. Don't miss the costume contest! See you there, Thursday **October 26th!**

Our **lunch program** is underway and we hope everyone enjoys their meals! **King's Independent** again generously donated cookies to our program so funds raised through the lunch program go toward offsetting some of the expenses of running the program. Another exciting development (you asked for it!) is the possibility of the return of the **milk program!** We have dedicated volunteers working on this now, so keep an eye out for more information.

As you're clearing space for the upcoming holiday season, don't forget to save items for our **Winter Wishes Gift Shoppe!** More to come on that soon, too. Wishing our RPS families a wonderful fall season!

– *Meagan & Trish*
2023-2024 Chair & Vice-Chair

Sit in on a Meeting!

You don't have to hold a position on council to find out what's going on at your child's school. Any parent can join our meetings to watch or participate!

Our next meeting will be hybrid virtual/in person. Contact us or check the facebook group for the meeting link.

Next Meeting:

November 7th
6:30 pm at RPS (or virtual)

Important Dates

October 11	Lunch Program Begins
October 26	HALLOWEEN DANCE!
November 7	School Council Meeting

We had a great time meeting RPS families at **Meet the Staff Night**. There were **63** entries in our guessing contest. There were a lot of really close guesses and **5** correct answers!

Congratulations to **Paige McClelland**

who guessed that there were **32 BEARS** and whose ballot was drawn to win the pumpkin!



We'd love to hear your ideas!

Share your questions and comments:
sc-richmondps@ocdsb.ca



Meet Your 2023-2024 Council Executive!



Meagan Ann Gordon

Chair

Mom to a Gr. 1 student and identical twin boys who will start at RPS next year. Born & raised on Manitoulin Island and finds joy in her family's local Little Free Library.



Trish Wilson

Vice Chair,

Lunch Program Coordinator

Mom to a SK student. As a family, we enjoy spending lots of time outside, visiting local parks and events with friends, and exercising in our home gym.



Courtney Larivière

Treasurer

Courtney is a mom to two wonderful RPS students. She enjoys being out on the water or out exploring in nature with her family.



Nevenka Bruic

Secretary

Nevenka enjoys helping to create a fun learning environment for our children. She has two girls at RPS and looks forward to meeting others in the RPS community!



Jennifer Blackburn

Fundraising Coordinator

Jennifer was raised in Richmond and is actively involved in the community, loves animals, reading, camping, and crafting. She has two kids, one in RPS and a really awesome dog.



Bryonie Beaucaire

Events Coordinator

Bryonie has a son at RPS and is actively involved in our community and animal rescuing/advocacy. She enjoys working out at our local gym and spending time with her son.



Gaelan Jaffray

Publicity Coordinator

Gaelan loves spending time outside. Gardening, exploring nature with her son and riding horses are some of her favourite things. Gaelan has one awesome kid at RPS.



Jessica Fournier

Social Media Coordinator

Jessica enjoys cooking, gardening and camping with her 2 wonderful children.



Kim Holtby

Volunteer Coordinator,

Milk Program Co-Lead

Mom of two awesome kids at RPS. Kim enjoys reading, curling and spending time outdoors with her family.



Amanda Ballard

Events Assistant

Milk Program Co-Lead

Mom of a 16, 5 and 3 year old! Born in Russel and lived in Ottawa her whole life! Amanda loves being outdoors, playing softball & camping with her family!

In addition to our Exec team, our programs at the school are made possible through the work of dedicated volunteers. We have a number of incredible people helping to make things possible at RPS, from taking the lead on events to pizza pick up duty, we are so grateful for our amazing community!



Thank you!



HELLO FALL

Kids celebrating Autumn

These are a few of our favourite things about sweater season!



Aston and Cooper enjoying the colours at Silent Lake Provincial Park.

AUTUMN HAIKU

Leaves swirl at their feet
 Laughter floats in the breeze
 Childhood's autumn joy



Owen and Lily playing in the leaves.



Ariana, Paxton, and Emery feeding some "deer" friends.



Lily and Gryffin, you grew those?!



Ariana and Paxton's big, beautiful leaf pile.



Everett and Nixon aren't going to let a little rain spoil their walk in the woods.

We ♥ your feedback!

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ADMISSION BY DONATION TO RICHMOND FOOD BANK
(CASH OR NON PERISHABLE GROCERY ITEM ACCEPTED)
COSTUME CONTEST • SNACKS & TREATS

LOW SENSORY / KINDER 6:00-6:30
FULL SOUND AND LIGHTS EXPERIENCE 6:30-8:00