

November 2015

The Rambler

Rivers Collegiate Institute "A Pay it Forward School"

Principal's Message

Mike Klassen



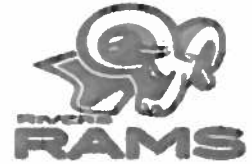
We continue to enjoy favourable fall weather this year. For my family, it's been a wonderful opportunity to allow us to extend "summer" activities like hiking, backyard soccer, playing catch, and fort building. I hope you've had time to spend outdoors with your family as well this fall. I'm not sure I'm ready for the bone-chilling Manitoba winter weather just yet.

At RCI, the Hockey Skills Academy has moved their training sessions to the local rink to begin on-ice sessions in recent weeks. We now have approximately 62 student athletes involved in our program. Please see the separate article in this newsletter regarding recent donations and progress in making this course accessible to all students. This program has become a huge success in the past year and we are very proud of how it fits within our school to support students.

On October 20th, RCI hosted approximately 55 *Westman Youth Choir* members who entertained our students, staff, and community members with a 45 minute performance. We hope to see Rivers Collegiate students involved in this program in the near future. I would like to send out a "Thank You" to *Mrs. Shirley Russell* for assisting us in bringing the Westman Youth Choir back to Rivers after an absence of approximately 4 years. I would also like to thank Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Waldner and the Foods and Nutrition crew who prepared delicious soups, sandwiches, and raw vegetable platters to serve the choir and their volunteers.

Finally, way to go RCI!!! Almost 1000lbs of food was donated in the We Scare Hunger Halloween food drive.

Athletic Updates



- **Senior Girls Volleyball—Tuesday, November 10**
- **Junior Boys Volleyball—Thursday, November 12**
- **Senior Girls Volleyball Provincial Qualifier—Saturday, November 14**
- **Junior High Volleyball, Divisional Tournament—Saturday, December 5**

Follow us on Twitter @RCIRams to stay up to date with RCI Athletics news, events and updates!

Boys Junior Varsity Provincial Tournament

Rivers is hosting this tournament in Shilo November 19th to November 21, 2015

Mark your calendars. This will be a great event!

We Scare Hunger

'We Scare Hunger' was a huge success this year. RCI collected 992 lbs of food which was donated to The Riverdale Harvest Foodbank!

11 students, Mrs. McFadden and Mrs. Waldner participated in this food drive.

Way to go!



Helping Hands Hockey Assistance Program

In June 2014, the *Rivers Collegiate Hockey Skills Academy (HSA)* was announced after several months of planning and discussions with Rolling River School Division and Hockey Canada. In September 2014, we began the program with 17 student athletes officially registered with Hockey Canada. The excitement of the program gathered momentum and by November another 18 students (35 total) enrolled in the HSA. The program has continued to gain interest over the past year and, as of October 2015, the total number of participants sits at 58 students in Grades 7-10. With our school population currently resting near 150 students, we are proud to have approximately *one-third* of our school enrolled in this optional course.

In the HSA, emphasis is placed on students developing individual hockey skills thus allowing any level of athlete to participate. They are also provided opportunities to learn about personal fitness training, nutrition, and game dynamics. The focus of our program is to have as many students involved as possible without adding financial strain to families. As costs to participate in recreational activities continue to rise, many families are unable to afford to have their children participate in fitness programming. Thanks to the commitment of the Riverdale Municipality and Rolling River School Division, the Hockey Skills Academy program is cost free to RRSD students. However, the cost of equipment becomes a secondary issue that can be staggering for families who may have one or more children involved in one or multiple sports.

Rivers Collegiate would like to extend our *Thanks* to the following groups for their support:

The Calgary Foundation (Daryl K Seaman Canadian Hockey Fund) who have provided funding towards a local initiative called *Helping Hands Hockey Assistance Program*. This initiative, along with an additional 25% donation from *Source for Sports (Brandon)*, has provided the *Rivers Collegiate Hockey Skills Academy* with approximately \$2500 to support HSA families in purchasing equipment in order to fully participate in our program.

Opportunities for students are important in developing pride, confidence, as well as a sense of belonging and place in our school community. Funding of this kind allows families from low income situations - or who just need a "helping hand" - in easing the financial worry of whether or not their son or daughter can participate in a program. Hockey Skills Academy continues to play a major role in changing our school climate. With this funding, even more of our students will feel a greater connection to the program, the school, and our community. Thank you for your generosity and caring support of our students and families.

Mike Klassen
Principal
Rivers Collegiate

Bruce Helgeson
Teacher/HSA Instructor
Rivers Collegiate

Take Our Kids to Work



On Wednesday, November 4th, Grade 9 students across the nation joined their parents at work. The students were able to work with their parents, family members and community hosts to get a hands-on learning experience. The focus for the students was to gain an understanding of how people support their families, ask questions about workplace health and safety and expand their knowledge of future career options. Rivers Collegiate had students in vet clinics, repair shops, restaurants, healthcare facilities and retail departments.

Thanks to all the businesses that supported this event!



HIGH SCHOOL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM



The High School Apprenticeship Program gives students the opportunity to earn up to 8 high school credits while earning money and gaining valuable experience in the trades. Students can participate in this program on weekends, after school or during the summer. It is an exciting opportunity for students that enjoy working with their hands, want to pursue a career in the trades or who want to learn valuable skills for the future.

Please check out the government of Manitoba website for more information on apprenticeship.

Brochure for HSAP - http://www.gov.mb.ca/wdis/apprenticeship/pdfpubs/pubs/discover/hsap_brochure.pdf

Information page - http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/teched/sv_app_option.html



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The Grade 11 & 12 students will participate in the Manitoba Post-Secondary Consortium on Thursday November 19, from 9:00am to noon.

The event is held at Elton Collegiate this year, so permission slips will go out shortly.

You can find more information at <http://mppc.ca/>

What is SSF

The STEMS (Support Team for Education in Minnedosa Schools) program began in February, 1992 through funding from the Stay-in-School initiative of the federal government (Employment and Immigration, Human Resources Development Canada).

In 1994-95 the program was extended to the four Collegiates in Rolling River School Division due to the recognized success of the Minnedosa program. Funding from the Division, Small Schools, Student Support, and HRDC made this possible. Coordinators were hired to develop and carry out the program in collaboration with school administration and staff, students, parents, community agencies, and business people. The program has evolved and has been renamed The Mentorship Program.

Purpose

To contribute to the overall goals and objectives of the Rolling River School Division by improving opportunities for all young people to fully develop the academic, social and healthy life skills needed to succeed in and transition from high school and to lead productive lives. The Student Support Facilitators have become mentors to students in grades 7 to 12, who do not see the importance in school or who do not feel good about how they are progressing in school.

Overall, the program is meant to provide students with the supports they need to experience success, stay in school, and become more prepared for life after school.

The mentorships that develop between the Student Support Facilitators and the students fill a gap that previously existed in the system.

At RCI, we also offer after school academic assistance. If your son or daughter needs help academically, or organization/ study skills, please feel free to contact me.

Patti Kent

Student Support Facilitator

Rivers Collegiate

(204) 328-5364 ext. 507



This is a great resource for any parents with children between the ages of 10—14 years.

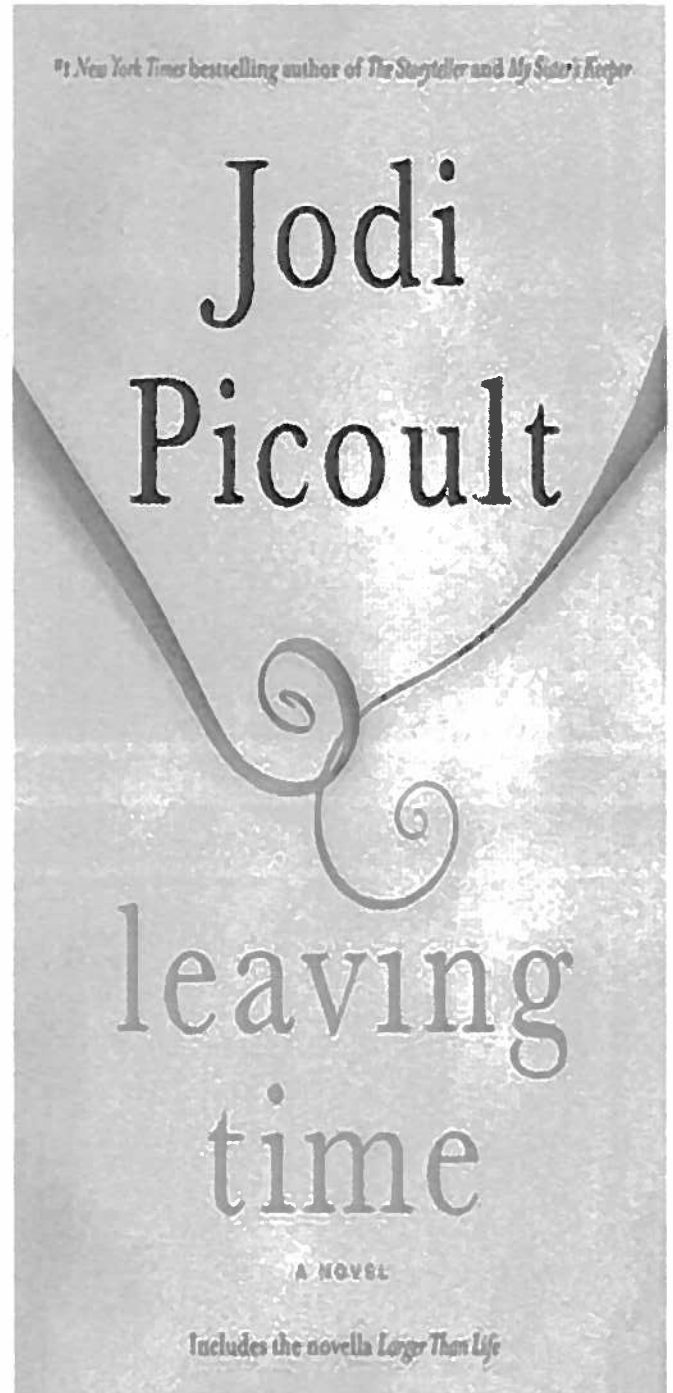
<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/midyears/index.html>

In the Library...

For more than a decade, Jenna Metcalf has never stopped thinking about her mother, Alice, who mysteriously disappeared in the wake of a tragic accident. Refusing to believe that she would be abandoned as a young child, Jenna searches for her mother regularly online and pores over the pages of Alice's old journals. A scientist who studied grief among elephants, Alice wrote mostly of her research among the animals she loved, yet Jenna hopes the entries will provide a clue to her mother's whereabouts.

Desperate to find the truth, Jenna enlists two unlikely allies in her quest. The first is Serenity Jones, a psychic who rose to fame finding missing persons—only to later doubt her gifts. The second is Virgil Stanhope, a jaded private detective who originally investigated Alice's case along with the strange, possibly linked death of one of her colleagues. As the three work together to uncover what happened to Alice, they realize that in asking hard questions, they'll have to face even harder answers.

As Jenna's memories dovetail with the events in her mother's journals, the story races to a mesmerizing finish.



November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Chicken and Broccoli Quiche	4 Take Our Kids to Work	5 Perogies	6	7
8	9 Macaroni and Cheese	10	11 Remembrance Day	12 Chicken Caesar Wrap	13	14
15	16 Pizza Bagels	17	18 Lasagna and Garlic Bread	19 Post Secondary Consortium JV Prov. Volleyball—Shilo	20 No School JV Prov. Volleyball—Shilo	21 JV Prov. Volleyball—Shilo
22	23 Spaghetti and Meatballs	24	25 Hamburger and Oven Fries	26 Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00pm to 7:00pm	27 Parent Teacher Interviews 9:00am to 12:00pm	28
29	30 Pizza	Notes: Specials:\$4.00 Ch. Milk:\$1.50 Cookies: .25				