

October 2015

The Rambler

Rivers Collegiate Institute "A Pay it Forward School"

Principal's Message

Mike Klassen



It is hard to believe that we are already one month into the school year. Welcome back! It has been an incredibly busy start to our school year. I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer and the first few weeks have been kind to you as we all transition back into the school year. We've had a number of changes in our school in the past few months including the following:

Staff members leaving RCI:

Mrs. Price (Principal of Rapid City School), Mrs. Parrott (Re-Retirement), Mrs. Peyachew (New employment opportunity), and Mrs. Sokoloski (Retirement #1).

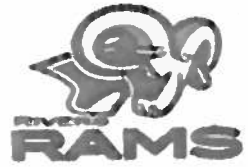
New members of our RCI family include:

Ms. Roberts who has joined the student support team taking on both the Guidance Counsellor and Resource Teacher positions. Ms. Page (Gr. 7 & 8 Math, ELA, PE, and Gr. 9) and Mr. Wolfe (Band, Gr. 9 Math, Social Studies, and Gr. 10 Geography) who comes to us from Elkhorn School. Mrs. Henry who has taken on the Career Coordinator position and Mrs. Paddock rejoins our staff as an Education Assistant. And finally.....Mrs. Sokoloski has agreed to return to RCI as a .5 Jr. High Math/ELA teacher.

The announcement of Mrs. Sokoloski returning to RCI means that Rolling River School Division agreed to provide us with more teacher time for our Gr. 7 & 8 students. With over 60 students in the Jr. High end of our building, we want to support student learning by offering smaller class sizes for particular subjects (ELA & Math). Each of these classes will be split in such a way to allow students to benefit best from this additional time. We have considered many options in supporting all students.

On September 30th, Tree Canada, CN Rail, Ducks Unlimited, Town of Rivers, Riverdale Municipality, and Caring for our Watersheds made presentations to RCI. Approximately 100 students took part in a Media Release event to celebrate the 93,000 trees that were planted at the Wetland site in May 2015. Another 100 trees were planted by the students on that afternoon as well. I would like to thank all of the sponsors, staff members, students, and community members who attended this event. If you haven't had a chance to visit the site yet, take a walk down Aspen Trail and see the important work that has gone into this project by so many people.

Athletic Updates



The school year has once again started off with a busy schedule for all of our students. Here are some of the events that have happened this month so far, plus a list of events to look forward to in the coming month:

- The varsity girls volleyball team welcomed 4 players from the Brandon University Bobcats Men's Volleyball team on September 10th from 4-7. The clinic was part of the 'Travelling Bobcats' sessions for students to learn skills and drills from Bobcat athletes. Overall, thirteen girls participated in the three hour session.
- The boys soccer team finished their season with a 4-2 league record and lost in the Zone final to MacGregor. They were awarded a 'wildcard' to qualify for provincials but lost 3-0 to Niverville and did not advance. The boys team 'co-oped' with Ecole La Source in Shilo this year as students in their school were looking to be able participate in team sports.
- Congratulations to Connor English for earning the High School Male Athlete of the Year award for the 2014-2015 school year. Connor played on virtually every school team we had last year, earning spots in provincials at Soccer, Cross Country, Curling and Track & Field.
- Congratulations to Thom Heijmans for earning Junior High Male Athlete of the Year for 2014-2015, and to both Amber Pomeroy and Jordan McLeod for earning the Junior High Female Athletes of the Year for 2014-2015.
- Brendan English (soccer) and Jordan McLeod (volleyball) both attended Legion Athletic Camps this past summer at the International Peace Gardens as recipients of athletic scholarships.
- The varsity girls volleyball team travelled to Gilbert Plains on Sept 18-19 to compete in their first tournament of the season. The girls played well, splitting two of their three round robin games, but eventually lost their first playoff game to Ebb & Flow and were eliminated. They also played in a tournament in Boissevain (Oct 9-10) and are off to the Hamiota tournament this weekend (Oct 16-17). In league play, the girls lost to Carberry (1-3) and won against MacGregor (3-1).
- The junior varsity boys volleyball team had tournaments in Neepawa (Sept 26), MacGregor (Oct 3) and will travel to Boissevain (Oct 24) as they prepare to host the JV boys provincial championships on November 19-21. The boys are also co-op'ing with Ecole La Source for the season, so the location of the provincials will be at CFB Shilo in the new GSH gymnasium. In league play, the boys lost their first game to Carberry (1-3) then won their next over Neepawa (3-2).
- The RRSD junior high soccer tournament was held at RCI on October 3rd. You can read all about it in a separate article in this newsletter!
- Congratulations to the following RCI students for successfully earning spots on their respective regional hockey teams: Riley Shamray (WayWay Wolverines), Riley Lamb (AAA Chiefs Midget), Morgan Ramsay (AAA Chiefs Female Midget), McKenna Paddock (AAA Chiefs Female Midget), Zach Veitch (AAA Bantam Chiefs), Sadie Wood (AAA Bantam Female Chiefs), Owen Wareham (AP for AAA Bantam Chiefs) and Cameron Ramsay (AP for AAA Bantam Chiefs)

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

Rivers Soccer Finals! Oct. 3rd 2015



On Saturday, October 3rd, the Rivers Rams hosted teams from Forrest and Tanners Crossing in the Rolling River Athletic Association Junior High Co-ed Soccer Tournament. Rivers Rams White were winners of the Consolation Championship, defeating Forrest Timberwolves. The Champions bracket was won by Tanners Crossing Black who defeated Tanners Crossing Gold. Both Rivers Rams teams played very well on the day and are to be congratulated on their efforts and fair play. Thank you is also expressed to the many fans that came out to support their teams, the kitchen volunteers, and the student coaches for volunteering their time

The Wetland Event!



Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for Gr. 11 & 12 volunteers for WE Scare Hunger on Saturday, October 31st. If anyone is interested please see Mrs. Waldner. We need volunteers for Oak River, too, so if anyone can help out there, please speak to Katherine Heapy.

**TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2015**



On September 30th, the Grade 9 students were given their forms for Take Our Kids to Work Day, which is taking place on Wednesday November 4th this year. You can go to the Learning Partnership website to find our more information. <http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/what-we-do/student-programs/take-our-kids-to-work>

The students were shown a video, and then we discussed the benefits and expectations for this day. The students will do an assignment that will help them relate their experience to their Social Studies unit on Diversity.

The forms are due back to Ms. Henry by October 19, 2015. If you have any questions or concerns about this day, please contact me at mhenry@rrsd.mb.ca or at 1 204 328 5364 ext. 352 or at 1 204 868 0417.



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/techd/sy_app_option.html

Welcome Back...from the SSF Room

I hope everyone had a relaxing summer. It is amazing how quickly everyone jumps back into the swing of things – it feels like we never left!

Just a reminder that the SSF Room is available after school for your child to complete work or to study. Just call me or have your child see me at school. We are also offering peer tutoring/mentoring during school hours. We are hoping to get this up and running soon.



The SSF Room also offers a breakfast/lunch program. If your child forgot their lunch, please have them come to see me and we will make sure they get something to eat. Donations towards this program are greatly appreciated.

Have a Great Year!!



In the Library...

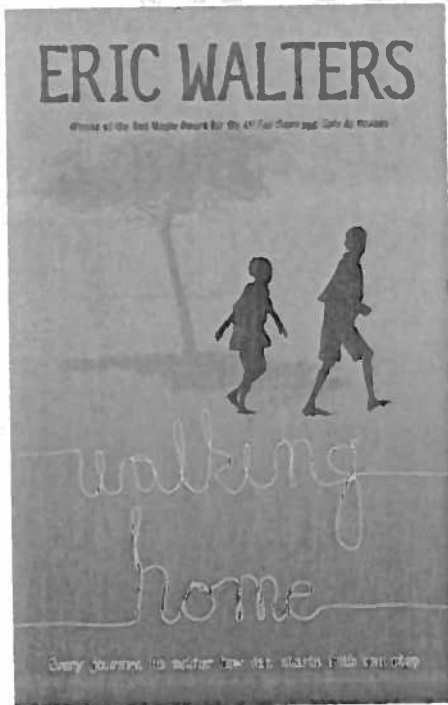


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Thirteen-year-old Muchoki, his younger sister, Jata, and mother can hardly believe what has become of their lives. Only weeks ago they lived with their family in a quiet Kenyan village, but sudden political violence has destroyed their home and forced them to flee for their lives. Now they live in a tent in an overcrowded refugee camp. Driven by further tragedy they are forced to undertake what seems like an impossible quest: to walk over a hundred miles across Kenya in search of their last remaining family. Even the longest of journeys must begin with just one step – and a bit of hope.

October 1, 2015

Grade 7 & 8 Parents & Students:

In recent years, we have seen a slight increase in student enrollment at Rivers Collegiate, especially in the junior high population. Currently, we have **33 Grade Seven** students and **29 Grade Eight students** in our school. After a few discussions with Rolling River School Division, we were provided with more teacher time for these students until at least January 2016 when staffing will be further evaluated.

As a school and divisional team, we have decided to focus the additional teacher time on English Language Arts and Mathematics. We are very fortunate to have **Mrs. Brenda Sokoloski** return to RCI to fill in this position. As a school team we have met several times to consider the best situation for our students. Starting on Monday, students will be transitioned into a slightly altered schedule that will provide ALL Junior High students with greater supports for learning.

It is our hope that students will make this transition smoothly and welcome this opportunity to learn in a smaller group setting for these two courses. If parents have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly (Ext. 496). Thank you and have a nice weekend.

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Want to teach novice riders of all ages how to be better ATV and snowmobile riders?

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In order to ride safely, riders must understand the unique hazards presented by ATVs and snowmobiles. You can help educate youth in your community by arranging this FREE public presentation on how to stay safe while operating off-road vehicles.

Through real-life stories and practical tips, this two-hour presentation covers:

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lunch specials- \$4.00 Chocolate Milk- \$1.50 Cookies- \$0.25				1	2 PIZZA	3 Junior high soccer Tournament Junior varsity boys volleyball tournament in MacGregor
4	5	6 FRENCH TOAST & BACON	7	8 TOMATO SOUP & GRILLED CHESE	9 Girls volleyball tournament	10 in Boissevain
11	12 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING	13 BURGER & OVEN FRIES	14	15 CHICKEN CEASER SALAD	16 Girls volleyball tournament	17 In Hamiota
18	19 SWEET & SOUR MEATBALL STIRFRY	20 WESTMAN YOUTH CHOIR @RCI- 10:30 AM	21 POTATO BACON SOUP	22	23 NO SCHOOL	24 Junior varsity boys volleyball tournament in Boissevain
25	26 PIZZA	27	28 JAMBALAYA	29 SCHOOL DANCE 7-10 PM	30 HALLOWEEN SPECIAL: GREEN EGGS AND HAM	31 HALLOWEEN