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# REDHAWK READER



"We ALL Belong At River Heights!"



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## Year End Assembly, Gr 3 Deadlines & Canadian Pride.

To the Wonderful Families of River Heights:

**Calling all Grade 3's** today is the final day for you to submit information to your personal slide for the year end slide show. The Deadline was extended to TODAY. Another activity is the [Pass the Hat as we Pass the Torch](#) Video activity. Yet another way for our grade 3's to participate in our year end assembly. The deadline for the video is THIS THURSDAY June 18th. Info was emailed out last Wednesday and is included on [page 2 of this newsletter](#). Both activities are in the Grade 3 Virtual Final Assembly Folder of the google classes.

**Final Year End Assembly: Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>** River Heights will hold a LIVE STREAMED event, the year end assembly at 6:30 PM. You can sign in to the [google meet room](#) that we have set up for this by clicking the hyper link. [meet.google.com/azw-zbpi-amx](https://meet.google.com/azw-zbpi-amx) We will be saying goodbye to departing staff, Virtually awarding students, and the debut of the Virtual goodbye song, the annual Gr 3 slide show and the Passing of the Hat video too. The entire event will be **live and recorded** so if you missed it Wed June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 you can watch it at your convenience. [Tip sheet](#) on installing Google Meet is on [page 3](#). Join the google meet click the link [meet.google.com/azw-zbpi-amx](https://meet.google.com/azw-zbpi-amx) and enjoy the event next **Wed June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**.

**Students Personal Items.** Thank you to everyone for participating in the safe retrieval of your children's items. It was a busy 2 1/2 day event. Everyone we missed on their day was emailed. All unclaimed items will be held onto for a fall pick up. If there are urgent issues with unclaimed items email me immediately [j.sheik@tvdsb.ca](mailto:j.sheik@tvdsb.ca) It was so good to see you last week as you retrieved your child's items from the school.

**Early Years Registration** has begun at River Heights. We have created a virtual tour and a website loaded with resources for new Redhawk Families. <https://riverheights.tvdsb.ca/en/our-school/registration.aspx>. If you know of anyone neighbours, friends, etc who have school aged children please encourage them to register for school as soon as possible.

**Watering:** Phase 2 of the Outdoor Classroom is underway. With the sponsorship of The Dorchester Optimists and a grant from the Toronto Dominion Bank we are building a living willow tunnel. This tunnel will need watering throughout the summer. WE NEED YOU. Help us maintain this amazing feature as it roots over this summer by signing up for just 1 week of watering. [https://docs.google.com/document/  
d/1i2kpu\\_WU4zAQjYyibwLdjp6liD\\_80YhrIMWzzToP8SA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1i2kpu_WU4zAQjYyibwLdjp6liD_80YhrIMWzzToP8SA/edit?usp=sharing) Go the google sign up sheet and offer your support for just one week of watering over the summer.

**Latest School Wide Activity. [Our From the Heart# 10](#)** Oh Canada . Friday June 19th is Dress in your Canadian Pride theme day. Wear your red and white , your maple leaves proudly. In addition your River Heights is supporting Thames Centre in their [Community Spirit Award Activity](#). If you or someone you notice decorates their house for Canada Day you can nominate them for a SPIRIT award. The Deadline for nominations is **June 24th**. Decorate your own home and nominate yourself and someone in your neighbourhood today and don't forget to wear your Canadian Pride June 19th.

To help us feel a somewhat normal the announcements continue Mon and Fri this week posted in your child's google classroom in the FROM THE OFFICE WITH MR. SHEIK folder or check it out on You Tube, last Friday's Minions Edition of the Morning Announcements <https://youtu.be/mA9qj5iNjY> and Today's special Avengers Morning Announcements here <https://youtu.be/0jEDs72iYI> We had a blast animating ourselves and hiding ourselves like a Where's Waldo except we called it [Where's The RedHawk!](#) play along on [Pg 6](#) of this newsletter. We now have Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/river.heights.908> and Instagram - [https://www.instagram.com/riverheightsps\\_dorchester/](https://www.instagram.com/riverheightsps_dorchester/) Let your teacher know the pictures are media friendly and look for them soon. All Smiles Mr. Sheik, Proud Principal of River Heights.



## Morning Announcements



June 15<sup>th</sup> 2020

### Pass the Hat as We Pass the Torch

The Grade 3 experience at River Heights is unlike Gr 3 anywhere else in all of Thames Valley. Gr 3 are the leaders and oldest students in the building. They are asked to take on roles and responsibilities that are unique to River Heights. When we say goodbye to our Grade 3's we are saying goodbye to our leaders. In our end of year assembly we make this formal. This year being such a different year, we are asking our Grade 3's of one more thing. We are making a goodbye video, a passing of the torch of leadership of your experience at River Heights.

We are asking students to make a short 30 sec clip. They bring a hat into the camera with their right hand and SAY THANKS or THANK YOU ... bring it into the picture and put it on. Once the hat is on, we are asking them to say "ONE favourite memory from their Time at River Heights" or "one thing they love about River Heights." After they say it, they take the hat off with their left hand and pass it off the screen to the left saying "Your Turn" or Next....

**Please take a look at the video checklist:**

- Plan what you want to say BEFORE turning on the camera.
- Have your hat ready to the right of you. Practice reaching for the hat, bring it into the camera view, putting it on and then afterwards, taking it off.
- Please wear redhawk clothes if you can.
- Remember to say thank you as you bring the hat into view from the right. And remember to say "Your Turn" or "Next" or "Here you go" etc.. as you pass it off to your left.
- Also make sure your video is not recorded with a window behind you (your face will not show up)

- **Instructional Video** <https://youtu.be/4B-FhpB8UxU>

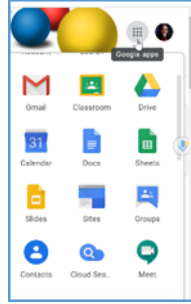
Please go into the Farewell to Grade 3's Virtual Assembly to see and sign the PERMISSION FORM for this video and to see instructions for how to submit the video IF IT IS TOO BIG TO ATTACH IN AN EMAIL. I'd prefer you email me the video to [j.sheik@tvdsb.ca](mailto:j.sheik@tvdsb.ca) once completed. Thank you to Mrs. Callowhill for these items that she developed for the Good Bye Song Video.

The videos will be spliced together to form one long chain of memories and sharing for the rest of the school. The video will debut during our live streamed good bye assembly in Google Meets and recorded for sharing to everyone.

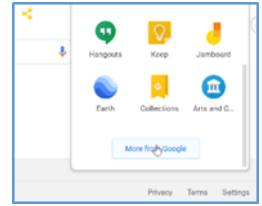
**The Deadline is Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup> 2020**

## How to Get Google Meets and Enable Grid View

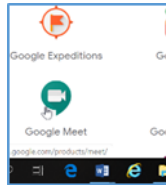
**Step 1: Go into your Google account and click on the 3X3 grid**



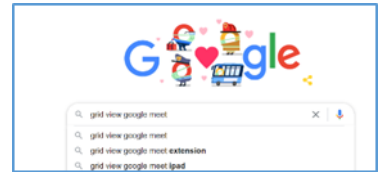
**Step 2: If you don't have Meet scroll to bottom of app menu**



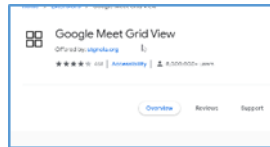
**Step 3: Add Google Hangouts, then Google Meet, go back to Step 1 to verify its in your apps**



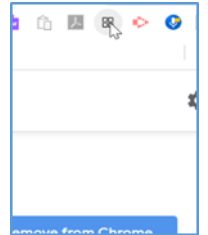
**Step 4: In Google search type grid view google meet extension.**



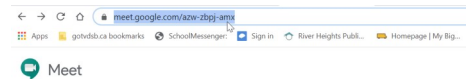
**Step 5: Add Google Meet Grid View.**



**Step 6: You should see a 3X3 grid on Your task bar**



**Step 7: Go to the link we've provided For this event [meet.google.com/azw-zbpj-amx](https://meet.google.com/azw-zbpj-amx)**



**Step 8: If Steps 1-3 went well the Meets app will start and you will be taken to that room. Hit the join now button**



**Step 9: Once in the room move mouse to upper task bar to the 3X3 and click to reveal the drop down menu. Click on Enable Grid View and highlight speakers and include yourself in the grid to maximize viewing.**

**This GoodBye Assembly is being RECORDED so that any one who misses this LIVE GOOGLE MEETS EVENT will not miss out .**

## Series of School Wide Activities



### #10 "Oh Canada!" Dress UP Theme Day and Community Event.

Our From the Heart Series has focused on being part of a community and on coming together. In our school all students belong but we know that As REDHAWKS we have a responsibility to ACT with our good character. Now it is time to show our Canadian Pride. If you decorate your house in any way for Canada Day **Thames Centre** invites you to join in their [Community Spirit Award Event](#). The Thames Centre **Special Events Committee** presents the **Community Spirit Award!** If you see residents within the Thames Centre Community performing a good deed, being kind and/or decorating for:

Canada Day; - closing day for Canada Day nominations is June 24, 2020. They want to acknowledge you!

#### How It Works:

Please fill out the [Community Spirit Award Nomination Form](#)

Send completed form to [Tori Haffner](#)

These forms will be presented at the following Thames Centre Special Events Committee meeting and up to four (4) nominees will be selected by receiving a sign (seen above), on their front lawn for one (1) week

**Making Connections:** When you think of our home, our country, how do you feel? Do you sing the national anthem? Do you wear your colours with pride? Do you wear something to show everyone that this is your home? What kinds of things might you own?

**THIS Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> 2020.** You can have some fun by wearing your favourite Canada Clothes hats, t shirts, jerseys ... even a shirt that is red and white ( redhawk shirts for example work too) And if you see a neighbour's home decorated for Canada Day Nominate THEM!

### OH CANADA - VISUAL SAMPLE DRESS UP AND HOME DECOR



**Wear your Canadian Pride River Heights THIS FRIDAY June 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 OH CANADA THEME DAY**

## COMMUNICATION CORNER:

*From the Speech and Language Pathologist for River Heights*

Dear Red Hawk Readers,

I am pleased to share with you some new resources from the Speech-Language Pathology Department. Throughout this time of school closure a parent friendly website and Instagram account have been developed with ideas and activities to support language, early literacy, speech fluency, alternative and augmentative communication and speech production skills. I encourage you to check these out for practice ideas.

- 1) The website offers parent-friendly resources and no-prep activity ideas for communication goals at home: [bit.ly/TVDSB\\_SLP](https://bit.ly/TVDSB_SLP)
- 2) The Instagram page has activity ideas and demonstration videos for home practice. The handle is @tvdsb.slp
- 3) This is a great and fun way to continue the learning and to build on critical communication skills as well.

Wishing everyone a fun and safe summer!  
Ms. Baron



# Where's The RedHawks? (our version of Waldo haaa)



**Almost ALL of the RIVER HEIGHTS TEAM MADE  
IT TO THE PARK.**

**Can you find your educator?  
How many can you name?**

**Stay tuned next week for a Visual Answer KEY  
and another Find GAME.**

**Can you find all 10 of our REDHAWK MASCOT?**