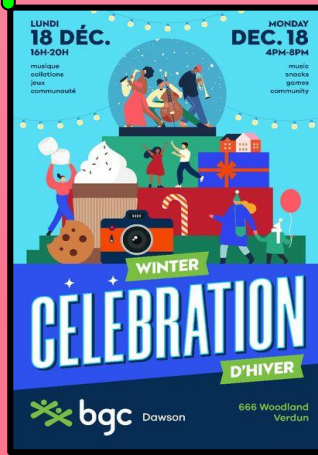




FRIDAY, DEC. 22nd IS A FULL SCHOOL DAY, ENDING AT 2:25 p.m., BUT THE SEED/DAYCARE SERVICE CLOSSES EARLY AT 4:30 p.m.



DAWSON B&G:
Monday afternoon, Dawson Boys' and Girls' Club will host their Winter Celebration... a fun-filled afternoon for families to enjoy! Stop by the Center at 666 Woodland between 4 and 8 p.m. to take part in the festivities! We are grateful for our partnership with Dawson B&G!

SOCIÉTÉ ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:
We will continue to accept non-perishable food donations at the main office until Thursday, December 21st. Thank you to all who have given so far! Every little bit helps!

THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL FOR 2023!
Please note that, due to the strike days (and weather), we have adjusted our schedule a bit:
Dec. 18th Regular school day (no theme)
Dec. 19th Dress Rehearsals for students
Dec. 20th WINTER CONCERTS!
Dec. 21st PYJAMA/MOVIE DAY BY CYCLE
Dec. 22nd



FRIDAY, it's a school wide competition! Wear green for the Grinch's team or black/white for the Penguins' team and we'll see which team comes out ahead! All in good fun before the holiday begins!

RECLAIM LITERACY ANNUAL BINGO ACTIVITY:
Our partners at Reclaim Literacy are once again offering students the opportunity to participate in a BINGO challenge over the holiday to encourage daily reading! Participation is optional but cards will be given to students (along with a FREE book to get them started) on Monday!

HOLIDAY BASKETS:
Thank you to Mr. L and his family for preparing and delivering the holiday baskets to deserving Riverview families over the weekend! If you are in need and have not been contacted, please be sure to let us know. We will always do what we can to support our families. **Special thanks and recognition will be given this week to all students who collected more than \$100 to donate to the Walk-a-Thon.** Your generosity is going a long way in helping families in our community, not only during the holidays, but into the New Year as well! Thank you all for making this year such a tremendous success!

PUBLIC CONSULTATION:
Attached to this evening's email you will find a memo on Food Services. As part of [Verdun's Planning 2023-2028](#), Verdun has chosen to prioritize access to food, particularly for people in more difficult situations or who are experiencing particular challenges. **As such, the Concertation en Développement Social (CDSV) invite anyone living in Verdun to complete [this short survey](#), which will only take a few minutes.** First, they want to understand what strategies people use to feed themselves, and how they become aware of neighborhood resources. They want to better understand what makes access to food resources challenging.

STUDENT HEALTH REMINDERS:
K4/K5: It's not too late! Several families have yet to send in their permission slips... Please submit them before the holidays if you would like your child to participate in the vision screening on January 16th.
GRADE 4: The new date for vaccinations will be confirmed in the new year.



IN THE NEW YEAR AT RIVERVIEW:
Our annual Open House will take place on January 18th, 2024. We encourage all of our current families to spread the word! New families will be welcomed to attend information sessions and visit K4/K5 classrooms and the whole school will be filled with student work, projects, music, art, and displays to celebrate learning and community. We encourage everyone to bring a friend and spread the word about the great things going on at Riverview! We hope to see you there!

GRAD COMMITTEE:
Grad basket raffle tickets will be sold at the concerts on the 20th and the draw will be done at the end of the afternoon concert, time permitting. Winners will be contacted and announced in the next newsletter! We look forward to seeing you there!

EXCITING NEWS RE: HOT LUNCH PROGRAM!
After the holidays, we will begin a partnership with **Une Garde Manger pour Tous**, a local catering company who will provide hot lunches for interested families. Ordering and payments will be done completely online for delivery of food to students in their classrooms beginning the week of January 15th. According to a survey done earlier this year, more than 90% of our families were in favour of a "hot lunch" program at the school, and so we have proceeded with this pilot project from January to June. More details to come, but the first opportunity to order will be right after the holiday! We hope this is the beginning of a great program at Riverview!