
Middle School News



River Valley School - a safe and happy place to learn

Dear Parents or Guardians:

December 4, 2023

On **Thursday, December 7** River Valley School will be holding our annual Christmas Dance for our grade 6, 7 and 8 students. The dance will run from **6:00 pm to 8:30 pm** and the grade 8 classes are responsible for organizing and decorating for the dance; they came up with a theme of 'Nashville', not 'Christmas in Nashville' or 'A Nashville Christmas', just 'Nashville' (so I guess thank you grade 8's!).

The cost will be \$5.00 for entry; the Growly will be open selling pizza, pop, ice cream, etc. **Any student bringing in a food donation for Sundre Santa's will be entered into a drawing for a door prize.**

Students must be in good standing with the school to attend the dance:

- a student on suspension on the day of the dance would not be allowed to attend;
- repeated minor infractions (academic or behavioural) can result in a student losing good standing; parents would be kept informed of the possibility prior to the dance;
- once a student has been reinstated from a suspension or completed their consequence they would be considered in good standing; if there is concern that their problem behaviour may reoccur at the dance a student may be excluded from attending.

Expectations for students during the dance include:

- students will remain at the school until 8:30 when their guardians pick them up (alternate pick-up plans can be made if guardians contact the school); parents may pick-up their children earlier if necessary;
- the dance is for River Valley students only; no guests are permitted to attend;
- to ensure student privacy and allay the possibility of photos and videos being posted online, only school staff will be taking photos during the dance:
 - students will not be allowed to take pictures or videos inside the school during the dance,
 - if a student brings a phone with them, they will drop it at the door as they enter and pick it up when they leave (they will be labelled and stored in the office); if a student needs to access a phone to call home they will be allowed to,
 - parents are asked to take pictures outside of the school or at home before the dance;
- students are expected to follow all of the normal rules of the school and the instructions of all of our supervisors during the dance;
- students that fail to follow the rules or instructions may be asked to remain in the office until their guardian picks them up and this may keep them from taking part in future dances or other school events.

If parents are interested in volunteering to act as a chaperone inside the gym and to help supervise at the main door and in the hallways, you can contact me at the school. You will be required to have a current criminal record check, vulnerable sector check and CESD volunteer application on file at the school.

Thank you,

Ian Mulholland, vice-principal