

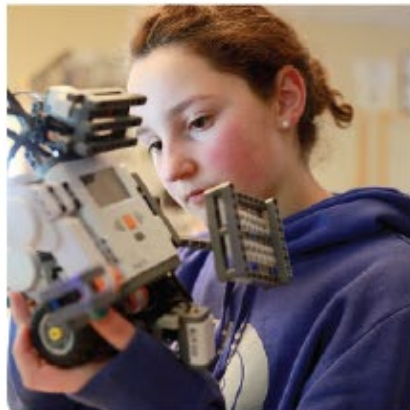


# Welcome to Rideau Park School



RIDEAU PARK SCHOOL





# Rideau Park School

Grade 7-9 Open House  
Thursday January 15, 2026  
6:00pm – 6:45pm

Andrea Riquelme – Principal

Jackie Cochrane – Assistant Principal

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## Welcome - Agenda

- **Meet the Team**
- **School Profile**
- **Registration**
- **Academics**
- **Complimentary**
- **Athletics**
- **School Tour**







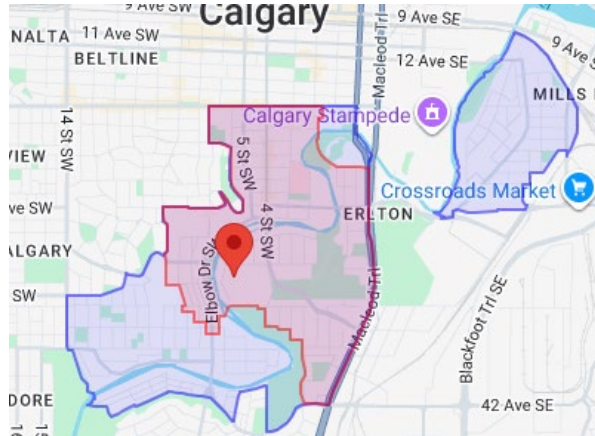
## Meet our Team

- Andrea Riquelme, Principal
- Jackie Cochrane, Assistant Principal
- Learning Leaders: Ms. Redwood, Ms. Koshynsky, Ms. Wegg (away)
- Teachers: Mr. Pocock, Ms. Wilson, Mme. Ford, Mr. Burns, Mr. Ball



# Rideau Park – a close-knit community school!

- **Empathy, Open-Mindedness, Integrity**
- Established in 1930; strong sense of community and generational alumni pride
- Rich history – Mission and Rideau Park neighborhoods can trace their roots back to 19th century missionaries, today you can still see bilingual street signs throughout the community of mission
- K-9 student population (440 students, approx 50/50 between K-6 and 7-9)
- Serves the inner-city communities of Rideau Park, Roxboro, Elbow Park, Cliff Bungalow, Mission, Parkhill, Erlton, Ramsay





## Registration and Lottery Considerations

- Rideau Park is a school **'In Lottery'**
- Schools must run a lottery when:
  - They receive more registrations than the available space for a program or
  - For middle and high schools, when they receive more incoming students than they can accommodate.
- **Wait List** - if not offered placement, the student is added to our priority Wait List.
  - When space is available, parents are called to offer placement
- Registration Deadline for Lottery:
  - **February 10 at noon**
- Students who are designated to Rideau Park School do not need to register – the schools do this internally via PowerSchool
- If new to CBE, you must submit an online registration to be included in lottery

# Ensuring ALL Students Meet with Success

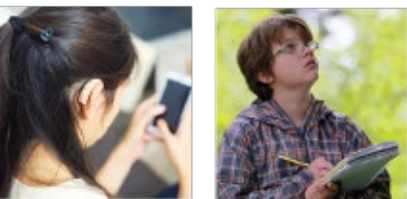
- **Academic and Social Emotional Support**

- Collaborative teaching
- Grade and discipline-specific teams
- Learning Leaders
- Key Teachers (IPP)
- Ongoing, reciprocal communication
- Resource/Student Services – school administrative team

- **A well-rounded environment**

- Complementary Courses (Options)
- Athletics – teacher volunteers
- Clubs – Leadership; Student Well-Being
- Off Site Activities (Skiing!)
- Intimate, small-school setting (all students are known!)
- Community connection through strong School Council





## Daily Schedule – Routines and Expectations

- 6 periods - ~ 1 hour each with 3 minutes between classes to organize materials
- Attendance taken each class
- Transition to increased independence and learning self-advocacy skills
- Increased expectation for homework and study; **30min-1hr/school night (AR3066)**
- Core and complementary classes
- Lockers
- Change for gym
- Off-campus lunch (a privilege and responsibility)
- Technology Use
- Away For the Day – personal mobile devices
- Modeling appropriate behaviour – school leaders!

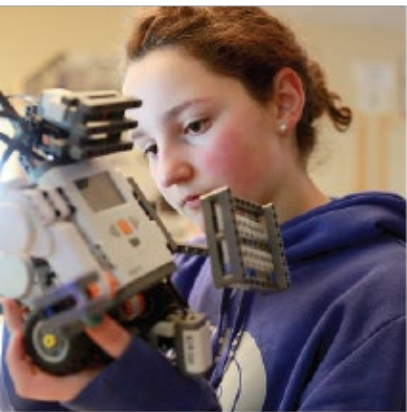






## Complementary Courses

- Selected each term
- Availability can vary, depending on staff expertise each year
- Full year (French, Band) and half year opportunities





## French – Mme. Ford



- Entry at grade 7 – open to all levels of experience
- Three-year program, with **culminating extra-curricular trip to Québec** in grade 9
- Emphasis on communication, high-frequency vocabulary, neurolinguistic approach
- Junior High French can allow for credit in High School French classes
- An excellent "bridge" to allow language acquisition of additional languages (Spanish, Italian, etc)
- Specialist teacher



# CTF Construction and Design Studies

- Grade 7, 8 and 9 – problem solve design challenges through both woodshop and design classes

## Construction-

- Grade 7 – woodburning and scroll saw project – student choice of images
- Grade 8 – woodburning and amplifier
- Grade 9 – woodburning and personal design







## Foods

- ½ Year Program
- Grade 7 foods is focused on Breakfast including eggs, bread, and extended recipes.
- Learn how to safely use the basic tools in the kitchen
  - Cleaning
  - Knife Skills
  - Baking
  - Pan Frying
  - Plancha







## 🎵 Instrumental Music (Band) 🎵

- Full Year Program – Entry at Grade 7 with no experience needed
- Performance Opportunities
- Build Teamwork & Leadership
- Learn to read music & play a woodwind or brass instrument
- Specialist Teacher
- Sequential for high school band

### **MRU Music Trip**

- Full Day trip to Mount Royal University
- Work with professional musicians
- Work with a guest conductor

### **Band Camp**

- A fun, immersive experience to build skills, confidence, and friendships—on and off the stage.
- 3-Day, 2-Night Trip
- Opportunities for fun extra-curricular activities





# Physical Education and Wellness/ Athletics

## ATHLETICS- Jr. And Sr. Teams

- Soccer
- Cross Country
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Badminton
- Track & Field (1st, 2022-2025)



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Monthly units
- Gym Strip
- Cooperation, Active Living and Skills Development
- Health (Wellness) taught in classrooms



# Strong Parent Community - School Council and Rideau Park Parents Association



## Parent Council at Rideau Park School



### What We Do

The Parent Council, aka Parent Association, partners closely with Rideau Park's Principal and Staff to understand what's most needed to support student learning, from classroom resources to creative enrichment.

### Why It Matters

Through fundraising and community support, we help bring the most important school needs to life. That means more opportunities, more experiences, and a better educational experience for every student.



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### Recently Funded by Parent Council:

- Gaga Ball Pitts
- Sewing machines for CTF
- SmartBoards for classrooms
- Classroom furniture upgrades
- Computer carts and library books
- Musical instruments
- Enriching Residencies
- Sport Court Maintenance

### Scan to Learn More!

Scan the QR code to join our email list and stay updated on events, fundraisers, and ways to get involved.

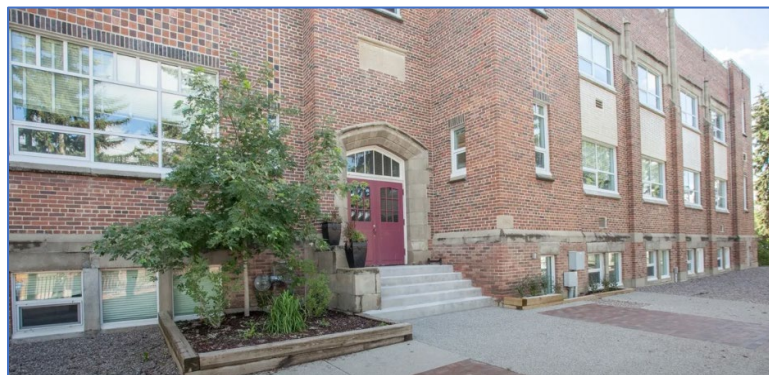






## Time for a Tour!

- Basement level: construction, French (rm 36), Science (rm 33)
- Upper Landing: Music/Band Room
- Main: Learning Commons, Office, Vending Machines : )
- Top Floor: Humanities (ELA, Social Studies) learning environment (Room 7)
- Top Floor: Mathematics learning environment (Room 10)
- Top Floor: Foods (Room 13)
- Outdoors: sports court, gaga ball pits, soccer fields





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