

Riebie Chatter



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Be POSITIVE & spread POSITIVITY.

COVID ! COVID ! COVID!

Just the word is enough to exhaust us !!! Each week..... each day..... or shall I say.... each hour..... a new challenge!

The Gauteng Department of Education last week provided electronic training to School Principals, which was a repeat of the handling of COVID-19 in schools. This training was significant and very informative. In theory, the secret is to stick to the actions we can control, namely the wearing of masks, sanitizing of hands and equipment, and to maintain social distancing. The Department of Education emphasized the fact that schools will not be closed unnecessarily, and that groups should not be placed in isolation unnecessarily.

If we are notified of a person involved with Laerskool Van Riebeeckpark Primary, who tested positive for COVID-19, there are certain questions we have to ask ourselves:

1. When last was the person who tested positive for COVID-19 at the school?
2. Did the person show any signs when he/she was at the school?
3. Was there any direct contact between the person and other persons, after any symptoms were experienced, or after he/she tested positive for COVID-19?
4. Are there any other persons in the same class/group who showed symptoms and/or tested positive for COVID-19?

If the answer to any of the questions above is "yes", we consult the Gauteng Department of Education, as well as the Health Department, and dependent on their advice we will then make a decision. It is only with the recommendations of these two Departments, that we can isolate groups, or the school in its entirety.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CONTACT AND DIRECT CONTACT?

Contact

Contact means that a person was in the presence of someone who is **possibly** or **definitely** COVID-19 positive, but all the necessary COVID-19 rules and disciplines were observed, in other words masks were worn, sanitizing were done, and social distancing were maintained.

Action: If you only had contact, you should only isolate if you start showing any symptoms.

Direct contact

Direct contact means that a person was in the presence of a person who tested positive for COVID-19, for longer than 15 minutes, in a closed area, without a mask, and within less than 1 meter from that person.

In other words, if you correctly apply the COVID-19 rules, there is theoretically no way that you will be in **direct contact** with anyone. We do however realize that children can be unpredictable at times and that it could be difficult to control.

We will, as we have been doing until now, continue to inform class groups via WhatsApp if any confirmed positive COVID-19 cases are recorded in classes. I would like to thank parents who act responsibly and keep their children at home if they show any symptoms.

Staff should please be informed if learners are not at school. All absences must still be reported to the school, by means of a medical certificate or a letter from the parents, except for cases where the school places groups in isolation.

The school aims to finalize the half-yearly assessment with all our learners at the school. To be healthy and stay healthy during this time is a major challenge and the responsibility of each staff member, parent and learner. I know that I can rely on the school community.

“ Take care of your body. It’s the only place you have to live.”

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The school is very proud of all the learners who participated in the Kempton Park Public Speaking Competition (Afrikaans and English).

Congratulations to the following learners who achieved places as follow:

AFRIKAANS

Amika Theron	Grade 2	1 st place
Mari-Lize Jacobs	Grade 4	3 rd place
Tertius van der Walt	Grade 6	2 nd place
Mické Bothma	Grade 1	2 nd place
Jacinda Ruthven	Grade 7	1 st place
Rosa Brand	Grade 5	3 rd place

ENGLISH

Amika Theron	Grade 2	2 nd place
Jean-Miné Brits	Grade 3	3 rd place

Tertius van der Walt	Bilingual winner (Grade 6 en Grade 7)
Amika Theron	Grade winner (Grade 2-AFR)
Jacinda Ruthven	Grade winner (Grade 7-AFR)

FATHER’S DAY

~ A Father is not an anchor holding us back,
also not a sail taking us there, but a
Light House who shows us the way with his love. ~
~ HAPPY FATHER’S DAY ~

APPLICATIONS GRADE 1 – 2022

We expect that the opening date for **Grade 1 - 2022** applications will soon be announced by the Department of Education. Please keep checking the media and school newsletters and communiques, for the opening date and for more information.

On the morning of the opening date, parents must apply **ONLINE** in accordance with departmental guidelines on: www.gdeadmissions.gov.za

Parents must have the following **compulsory supporting documents** ready. These documents must be uploaded on the Department's online platform, and also be handed in to the schools that you apply for.

- **Certified** copy of child's Unabridged Birth Certificate.
- Copy of Immunisation record.
- **Certified** copies of **both** parents' ID documents.
- Proof of residential address, not older than 3 months (W&L account in parent's name or lease agreement on official agency letterhead in parent's name).
- If you are not the biological parents, documents as proof of legal guardianship.

THE SCHOOL WILL COMMUNICATE WITH OUR SCHOOL'S PROSPECTIVE GRADE 1-2022 PARENTS, TO SEND A SET OF THE ABOVEMENTIONED DOCUMENTS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE. WE ASK THAT YOU GET ALL THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS READY IN THE INTERIM.

Greetings until next week.....

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ACADEMICS

FOUNDATION PHASE ACADEMICS

As already communicated to parents, the learners are currently busy with ongoing formal assessment. A friendly request to parents not to keep learners at home unnecessarily. Please communicate with your child's class teacher if your child can not come to school.

A sincere thank you to our Riebie parents for their positive support to our Riebie learners with their

schoolwork.

INTERSEN ACADEMICS

Formal assessments for the week 21 June 2021 – 25 June 2021:

21 June 2021	Grade 4 – Grade 7	History
22 June 2021	Grade 4 – Grade 7	Home Language
23 June 2021	Grade 7 Grade 4 – Grade 6	Life Skills Normal academics day
24 June 2021	Grade 7 Grade 6 Grade 4 and Grade 5	Technology Geography Normal academics day
25 June 2021	Grade 7 Grade 4 and Grade 6	Natural Science Natural Science and Technology

A friendly request to parents to ensure that learners are dropped off on time for school in the mornings. Precious time is lost to complete formal assessments if a child is late for class. Unfortunately, no extra time will be allocated to these learners.

SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS

The day on which formal assessment for a specific subject is done, learners must have that subject's textbook at the school for control purposes. If a school textbook is lost, parents will receive a notification to pay for the lost textbook.

RECEIVING OF TERM 2 ACADEMIC REPORTS

Communication regarding when the academic report cards for Term 2 will be received will be communicated in next week's Riebie Chatter.

PLEASE NOTE: No academic reports will be available in advance.



SPORT

CRICKET PRACTICE

Please note the following:

Practice will take place daily from 12:00 – 12:45, thereafter learners may go to their respective gates and go home.

* ALL boys are welcome to attend practice in their age group, as indicated below.

21 June 2021	12:00 – 12:45	U/11, U/12 & U/13
22 June 2021	12:00 – 12:45	U/9A U/10
23 June 2021	12:00 – 12:45	U/11, U/12 & U/13
24 June 2021	12:00 – 12:45	U/9A U/10

CROSS-COUNTRY

Practice is from 12:00 – 12:45 from Monday - Thursday.

TENNIS

Practice for boys and girls will take place as follows:

21 June 2021	12:00 – 12:45
22 June 2021	06:00 – 07:00
24 June 2021	06:00 – 07:00



GENERAL

RIEBIE BLANKETS AND CUSHIONS

Blankets

You can now purchase a Riebie blanket for your child at R150-00 each. The winter is definitely here, and it is the ideal time to invest in one of our unique blankets! Please use the bank details and reference number **9769/001**, as indicated below.

Cushions

The special Riebie cushions can be purchased at R175-00 per cushion. Please use the bank details and reference number **9756/001**, as indicated below.

Account Name	: Laerskool van Riebeeckpark
Bank	: FNB
Account Type	: Cheque Account
Branch Code	: 205 609
Account Number	: 6274 913 4243

Reference Number (**Blanket**) : 9769/001 + child's name, surname and grade
Reference Number (**Cushion**) : 9756/001 + child's name, surname and grade

FACEBOOKBLAD

Parents who would like to do so, are welcome to send extramural achievements of learners to the school, for these achievements to be posted on the school's Facebook page. The following must be kept in mind:

- ☆ The learner must have participated on Provincial or National level;
- ☆ The learner must be dressed in his/her Provincial or National clothes on any photos submitted;
- ☆ The learner's coach must supply a letter to verify the achievement; and
- ☆ The photo and letter can be sent to Mrs. J. Ruthven on Fridays, or by email to: julie@riebie.co.za or by WhatsApp: 072 412 4524.

CANSA

The school would like to thank each Riebie parent, learner, teacher, and the admin ladies for their involvement in the "Piggy Drive" fundraising project. Each coin that landed in the piggies' tummies, made a difference in the life of someone suffering with cancer. It was once again proven... Our Riebie hearts are warm and we reach out to those who need us! We are very proud to share the following information:

The school raised a phenomenal amount of R15 337-00!

- ☆ The Grade 6-learners and their teachers won with their amount of R3 087-00.
- ☆ The Grade 1's was selected as the Foundation Phase grade whose piggy was decorated most creatively.
- ☆ The Grade 6's and Grade 7's were both chosen for the originality of the decoration of their piggies.
- ☆ All the other grades did well too and had lots of fun!

WELLDONE EVERYONE !!!

GOLF

REMEMBER: GOLF DAY – 17 SEPTEMBER 2021 at MODDERFONTEIN GOLF COURSE !!!

As you already know the Golf Day has become legendary and is ONE fundraiser not to be missed!

For now, it is important to diarize this date in your diary.

More information will be shared in the third term.

Please direct any enquiries to: golf@riebie.co.za

RIEBIE MASKS

Wearing a mask every day is **compulsory**. Why not buy your child extra Riebie masks at R30-00 per mask.

Riebie Mask 1 (**RM1**) -
Big rhino in the middle

Riebie Mask 2 (**RM2**) -
Lots of small rhinos

Account Name : Laerskool van Riebeeckpark
Bank : FNB
Account Type : Cheque Account
Branch Code : 205 609
Account Number : 6274 913 4243
Reference Number : 9701 + Your child's name, surname and grade + (RM1 or RM2)

RIEBIE RAKKERS AFTER-SCHOOL CENTRE

Contact Numbers:

- Junior After-School Centre : 076 515 5497
- Senior After-School Centre : 082 265 4909

For any enquiries or complaints, please feel free to email Mrs. T. Abrahams at teresa@riebie.co.za

MENU FOR THE WEEK: 21 JUNE 2021 – 25 JUNE 2021

MONDAY	MACARONI & CHEESE	SANDWICH & JUICE
TUESDAY	CHICKEN A'LA KING	SANDWICH & JUICE
WEDNESDAY	BEAN SOUP AND BREAD	MILK TART
THURSDAY	MASH AND MINCE	FRUIT & JUICE / SANDWICH
FRIDAY	COLD MEAT ROLLS	CHIPS / FRUIT & JUICE

*** The menu is subject to change ***