THE WEEK AHEAD

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What's going on this week?
Oct 30: Gr 6/7 Immunization Clinic

<u>Don't forget! Click here to pay your child's school</u> <u>supply and agenda fees!</u>

Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome Kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2019, turning 5 in 2024. These children will begin Kindergarten in September 2024. Online registration opens on November 1, 2023. Please visit our website www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

We encourage families to complete their registration within the Priority 1 registration window, which spans from November to January, in order to maximize their chances of securing a spot at their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 2, 2024.

Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available on our District website, providing new parents with guidance on the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori). These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten.

Finally, there will be a Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of students with disabilities and diverse abilities on Zoom held on November 8th from 6:30 – 7:30pm. A link to the Zoom is available on our District website www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten.

Our Remembrance Day assembly is coming up on Nov 10th @ 10:30am.
All are welcome to join.

The long awaited Grade 5 Active Pass is now available! Click here for information from the City of Richmond.

The student council is looking forward to seeing all students dressed up or wearing black or orange for Halloween on Tuesday October 31. In the morning, there will be a costume parade and Trick or Treating for primary students, followed by an assembly for the whole school. Student council will be holding the annual Halloween costume contest. During the assembly, they will be awarding prizes for the funniest costume, the best homemade costume and the most creative group costume. At lunch there will be the option to get pictures taken with friends or walk through the haunted house. Looks like it will be a fun filled day!



Please do not park in the staff parking lot during pick up/drop off time. This includes stopping your vehicle and getting out of the car to drop off your child(ren). Thank you!

McMath's Leadership Team is collecting donations of prepackaged candy and warm clothing (scarves, gloves, or **new** socks) for the Good Shepherd Ministry which is a charity that donates to those experiencing homeless in the downtown east side.

If you have donations, please drop them off in the allocated bins outside the office by Nov 1st.



City of Richmond Halloween Events and Activities

Over 20 spook-tacular Halloween-inspired events and activities are now on through Tuesday, October 31 with the fang-tastic Halloween Fireworks Festival in Minoru Park on Halloween night. All the details about this year's 20+ events can be found at richmond.ca/halloween.

"Trick or Treat" Others with Respect

Halloween should and needs to be fun; however, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for all. Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices with colleagues and students and requires consideration. It is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other 'dress up' events.

A few things to keep in mind: It's good to keep in mind that the following are **NOT Costumes:**

RACE (black face/brown face)

CULTURE (Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks)

RELIGIOUS FAITH (religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab)

GENDER (gender switching for humour or to mock)

TRAUMA (hangman's noose/weapons)

(Adapted with permission from SD41 resources)

Thank you to the City of Richmond for funding the Ride the Road cycling safety program for grade 5,6, and 7 students at our school in September and October. HUB Cycling is collecting feedback about the program for the City of Richmond so they can see the impact of their funding (and hopefully continue or increase it in future!).

If your child participated in the **Ride the Road** course, please provide feedback by completing the <u>Parent Survey</u> and <u>Student Post-Course Survey</u> before Nov 10 2023.

PAC Purdy's fundraising is now open!

Order online:

Fundraising.Purdys.com

Campaign # 60012

Deadline: November 4

Pickup latest: Nov 17



SO. MUCH. SOIL.

We have lots of soil left over to share from our garden clean up/soil refresh party.

If you are in need of great quality soil, stop by with your own shovel and wheelbarrow/bucket. It's located between the MLL portables and the friendship garden. Near the NW side of the school property.

Important Dates Ahead

• Oct 30: Immunization Clinic for grade 6s and 7s

• Nov 7: Photo Retake Day

• Nov 9: Hot Lunch - Domino's Pizza

• Nov 13: School Closed - in lieu of Remembrance Day

• Nov 20: Pro D Day - No School for Students

Nov 21: TCO2 Presentation for Grades 4/5 and 6/7

• Nov 22: Dixon Craft Fair 5:30pm-8:30pm

• Nov 23: Hot Lunch - Sushi Lovers

• TBA: Jingle Bell Run

• Dec 7: Hot Lunch - Domino's

Dec 8: PAC Movie Night -The Grinch (2018)

• Dec 14: Winter Musical @ 1pm and 6:30pm

Dec 21: Learning Update #1 Published to MyEd

Dec 21: Hot Lunch - Dairy Queen

Dec 22: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - PJ and Movie Day

Dec 25 - Jan 5: Winter Break

Jan 18: Hot Lunch - Taco Luis



PAC Meetings

Where?

Dixon Library

When?

Nov 21 (Tues) 6:30pm-8pm



Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Dates

November is...

Nov 1: Musqueam Day

Nov 7: National Inuit Day

Nov 8: Indigenous Veterans Day

Nov 11: Remembrance Day

Nov 12: Diwali

Nov 12-18: Multiculturalism Week

Nov 13: Statutory Holiday for Remembrance Day

Nov 16: International Day for Tolerance

Nov 16: Metis Day

Nov 20: World Child Day

Nov 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance

Nov 24: Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur

Nov 25: Holodomor Memorial Day

Nov 27: Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib