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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We would like to extend a very special thank you to our PAC and Richardson Community for organizing and attending the Family Fun Fair which was held on Friday, May 5th. It was a huge success with hundreds of people in attendance. The food and activities were wonderful and we all enjoyed the entertainment. Special thanks to Mrs. Morettin, our Parent Coordinator, and her organizing committee, and the many who volunteered their time to make the event a big success. Our parents put many hours into this event and our students and staff are extremely thankful for your dedication and hard work. Congratulations to everyone for a great evening.

We are also wrapping up another fantastic Track season, and are very proud of the effort, performance and sportsmanship shown by all of our students. On Thursday, May 11th, we will be taking a team of athletes to participate at the Zone A Regional Meet at North Delta Secondary. As we receive the results from the Regional Track Meet, we will then send qualifying athletes to the District Meet in Tsawwassen on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. We are pleased to say that all of our students have worked extremely hard throughout the season and we wish them well as they represent Richardson and compete against other Delta schools. In addition to training many great athletes, we are also developing many wonderful citizens for the future!

A special thank you to our head coach, Mrs. Schierer, as well as the staff members and volunteers who gave of their time, and helped with our track program. We would also like to thank all of the parents and family members for delivering your children to our early morning practices, and in particular, for the support and words of encouragement you gave to them throughout the season.

### **REMINDER:**

**Just a reminder that students do not attend school on Friday, May 19th - Pro D Day and Monday, May 22 - Victoria Day holiday.**

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Student school supply orders from *Pharmasave* were sent home this week and are due back by May 26, 2017. Please note that this is an optional method of ordering your child's school supplies for next year. Supply lists will be sent home with your child's report card in June.

### **Dates to Remember**

#### **May**

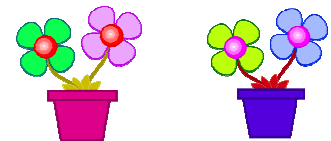


- 11 North A Regional Track Meet
- 12 Reg. Track Meet Alternate Day
- 14 *Mother's Day*
- 15 Gr. 6 Immunizations
- 18 District Track Meet
- 18 Cultural Perform. - Kierah's - 9:30
- 19 Non-Instructional Day**
- 22 Victoria Day Holiday**
- 23-26 Gr. 6 Evans Lake Trip
- 24 Kindergarten Orientation Visit

#### **June**



- 2 Sports Day
- 2 Hot Lunch Day
- 7 Hot Lunch Orders Due 9:00 am
- 14 Hot Lunch Day
- 18 *Father's Day*
- 20 Talent Show - 1:15 pm
- 23 Assembly - Year End Slide Show
- 28 Assembly - Gr. 7 Leaving 9:00 am
- 29 Last Day for Students
- 29 Report Cards Sent Home
- 29 Early Dismissal - 10:30 am**
- 30 Admin. Day - Schools Close



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**IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE TRANSLATE**



## **STUDENT PLANNERS**

Student Planner orders for those who will be using planners, for the 2017-2018 school year, will be sent home with students soon.

## **COLTON CARES FUNDRAISER**

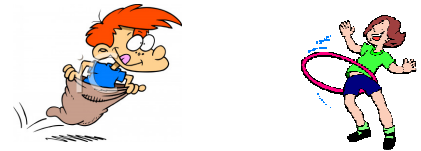
Colton Cares was a huge success. The generous families at Richardson Elementary donated enough to exceed Colton's goal of \$10,000 and on Friday April 21st we announced a total of \$11,206.40!! Colton will be presenting a cheque to the Children's Hospital Foundation at the Miracle Weekend telethon on June 3/4. Colton wishes to thank everyone for supporting his efforts to give to this very worthy cause. You can still donate online only at: [tinyurl.com/coltoncares](http://tinyurl.com/coltoncares)

## **ARE YOU MOVING?**

We will soon begin the process of planning our classes for next year. You can assist us by calling the school to let us know if your child will NOT be attending Richardson next year. Our numbers are very tight, so knowing this information sooner would help fellow parents/families.

## **SPORTS DAY**

Mark your calendars! This year Sports Day will be on Friday, June 2



## **MATH CELEBRATION**

Once again, Richardson was honoured to host the North Delta Math Celebration this year, and we had two fun-filled sessions in our gym on April 19th. This annual inter-school gathering is a chance for students who enjoy math to show off their skills. The participating grade 4/5 and 6/7 students worked in teams and used their mathematical thinking and communicating to work through challenging problems. Students then earned gold, silver, or bronze ribbons for their solutions depending on the accuracy and the teamwork they displayed during the sessions.

Congratulations to the intermediate students who represented Richardson. All of our teams demonstrated effective teamwork and strategies. It was wonderful to see how hard our students worked! Thank you to Mme Cruz and Mrs. Caplan who gave up their lunch hours to work with our math teams leading up to the event.

**"It's not that I'm so smart; It's just that I stay with problems longer." ~ Albert Einstein**

## **TECHNOVATION CHALLENGE**

On Saturday May 6, 2017, Mrs. Bagri brought a team to SFU to compete in the 2017 Technovation BC Regional Pitch Event.

Representing Richardson were Pirahnavi (grade 5), Dilpreet (grade 5), Vamakshi (grade 6) and Stephy (grade 7). The girls were awarded a second place for their app named HELP. Their app had been created to help new immigrants settling into their new country. HELP stands for:

- H - Housing
- E - Employment
- L - Location and Transit
- P - Purchase



In addition to their second place finish, the girls won the best poster award. The team has now entered the next level of the competition, and will be judged on their video. Well done Richardson team!

The Technovation Challenge is an entrepreneurship challenge for girls aged 10 to 18. It challenges girls to build mobile apps that address community needs. The technovation challenge has engaged more than 10,000 girls from 78 countries.

## **CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL JEANS DAY**

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Jeans Day Button. We were able to raise \$80.00 for BC Children's Hospital.

## **READING LINK CHALLENGE**

A job well done to all students who participated in this year's Reading Link Challenge. Students competed against each other at Richardson and then a team of six students went to Devon Gardens to face off against 18 other Delta schools at Devon Gardens. Our team battled through several rounds of questions, including 3 tie breaker questions and several sudden-death questions posed by the librarians from the George Mackie Library and other public libraries in Delta.

Thank you to all students who took the time to read the 6 great novels and to their teachers for their support. Congratulations on your efforts: Coen N, Divine P, Aykai B, Sarah S, Angel L, Zoya S, Lucas B, Arjun G, Aidan W, Liam D, Swaijit S, Ashvin M, Audrey P, Caelan R, Elayne W, Claire B, Sophia T, Phoebe W, Madison S, Conami H, Aysia R, Rylie H, Shreya, Pirahnavi B, Vashna G, Dilpreet L and Kail V.

## **TALENT SHOW - Tuesday, June 20, 2017 - 1:15**

The Talent Show is coming soon! It is open to all students from grade 3-7. We are looking for a variety of acts (music, singing, dance, comedy, skits, unique talents, lip syncs) for our 2017 Richardson Talent Show.



All acts must be under 2 ½ minutes and must be perfected (including props and music) for the auditions. Due to time limitations there will be a certain number acts that can perform in the show. We will be considering quality, preparedness and variety during deliberations following auditions. *Auditions will be held at lunchtime May 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> and a specific day for each entry will be assigned by Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please be prepared!!!* (Grade 6 auditions will be May 30<sup>th</sup> due to participation in Camp)

Entry forms can be picked up at the office or in front of Ms. Bunnett's classroom May 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and sign up (return of signup sheets) for auditions will end May 16<sup>th</sup>. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Caplan or Ms. Bunnett.

## **REMINDER MESSAGE FROM THE INDIGENOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

A link was sent home to all families with Indigenous ancestry from the district. Please complete this survey before May 31, 2017. If you prefer to answer the survey questions over the phone, please contact Diane Jubinville, District VP, Indigenous Education at 604-952-5058.

## **SUMMER WEAR**

With the summer temperatures looming, students are often tempted to wear beach-like clothing to school. Please help us to maintain an age-appropriate dress code for all grades at Richardson by ensuring that strapless tops, spaghetti-strapped tee-shirts and tops that bare the midriff are not worn to school. As well, "too-short" shorts and skirts are not appropriate for the school work place (a simple rule of thumb is if they are shorter than the finger tips when arms are held at the side, then they are likely too short). Please note that underwear should always be covered. Avoiding tee-shirts with inappropriate slogans is also helpful. We wish to work with the parent community in helping to ensure our students wear clothing that is respectful of and appropriate to the school learning environment. These guidelines are intended to maintain a wholesome environment where children can be children without the pressures to hurry up and be young adults.

We are also noticing that there have been many scrapes and injuries to feet when students are trying to run in flip-flops or sandals. Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate footwear. This is especially important as they participate in physical activity everyday. Thank you for your support.

## **CALENDAR**

For your information, we have attached the 2017-2018 school calendar to this newsletter.



***Richardson Purpose and Mission***

***To nurture the Heart, Mind, Body and Spirit of each member of our School Family***

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-----**2017 - 2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

Days in Session	188
<b>Hours of Instruction in School Week</b>	<b>Kindergarten - Grade 7: 24.42 hrs.</b>
Number of Days of Instruction <b>Minutes of Instruction in School Day</b>	180 <b>Kindergarten – Grade 7: 293 min.</b>
Number of Non-Instructional Days	7 (District Wide)
Pro D Day – Staff Only (School not in session)*	Thursday, August 31
Schools Open (8:52 – 12:00)	Tuesday, September 5
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, September 22
Thanksgiving Day – Statutory Holiday	Monday, October 9
Parent Teacher Interviews (2:00 p.m. Dismissal)	Tuesday, October 17
Parent Teacher Interviews (2:00 p.m. Dismissal)	Wednesday, October 18
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, October 20
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Monday, October 23
Remembrance Day – Statutory Holiday	Monday, November 13
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, November 24
Report Cards Home	Thursday, December 14
Schools Close for Winter Vacation	Thursday, December 21
Winter Vacation Period	December 22 – January 5
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 8
Student Led Conferences (2:00 p.m. Dismissal)	Thursday, February 1
Family Day – Statutory Holiday	Monday, February 12
Parent Teacher Interviews by Teacher Request (2:00 p.m. Dismissal)	Thursday, February 22
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, February 23
Report Cards Home	Wednesday, March 14
Spring Vacation Period ( <i>includes Good Friday and Easter Monday</i> )	March 19 – April 2
Schools Reopen	Tuesday, April 3
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, April 20
Regional Track Meet	Tuesday, May 8
District Track Meet	Thursday, May 17
Non-Instructional Day*(In Lieu of Aug. 31)	Friday, May 18
Victoria Day – Statutory Holiday	Monday, May 21
Last Day for Students (Report Cards Sent Home) (10:30 a.m. Dismissal)	Thursday, June 28
Schools Close/Administrative Day	Friday, June 29

**Daily Schedule:**      **Office Hours:** 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**Instruction Hours:**      **Grades K - 7****Opening Time:** 8:52 a.m. (8:47 a.m. Warning Bell)      **Recess:** 10:32 – 10:47 a.m.**Dismissal:** 3:00 p.m.      **Lunch:** 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. (12:55 p.m. Warning Bell)