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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are now settled into the school year, and we look forward to a productive year of learning for students. We will continue to inform you of events at the school through a number of ways.

A monthly newsletter notification will be sent to you via email through our office. Please ensure we have your current email on file. We will also continue to post timely events on our home page <http://ri.deltasd.bc.ca>, through twitter @RILightning, and sometimes through letters sent either from the office or from the classroom. Please feel free to contact us at the school if you should require further information.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent teacher conferences are taking place on October 17 and 18. **Please book a time online (beginning Tuesday, October 10) on Parent Connect** (see instructions on back of newsletter), with your child's teacher to discuss how the beginning of the year has gone, and how you can partner with your child and your child's teacher to support his/her learning. There is much research that shows a positive and strong home school connection benefits student learning.

HEALTHY HOME / SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Students benefit greatly from strong, positive communication between the home and school. It is helpful to:

- Contact the teacher when you have information or a concern. Usually a face-to-face or phone conversation is best for more detailed information.
- Keep email communication short and sweet. Longer emails are the form of communication most likely to be unhelpful, due to the inability to clarify understandings/perceptions, and the lack of body language, facial expression and tone of voice.
- Follow due process with concerns (most of the time). Start with the teacher, and then move on to the principal/vice-principal if you are not satisfied.
- Keep in mind that gossip in any form (spoken or on line) is unhelpful and sets a poor example for our children.
- Speak well of the school and the adults who work there in front of students, especially when working through issues of concern. We need to be a team.

Dates to Remember

October



- 5 Cultural Performance - Metaphor
- 6 Fan Friday Theme Day
- 6 Hot Lunch Day
- 6 Gr. 6 Immunizations - 1:00
- 9 *Thanksgiving Day Holiday*
- 13 Student Photo Day
- 16 Playground Opening 11:30
- 16-19 Book Fair
- 17 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 17 Early Dismissal - 2:00 pm**
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- 18 Early Dismissal - 2:00 pm**
- 19 Shake Out BC
- 20 Non-Instructional Day**
- 23 Non-Instructional Day**
- 26 PAC Neufeld Order Pick up 3:00
- 27 PAC Hot Lunch Orders Due 9:00
- 27 PAC Spooktacular
- 30 PAC Pumpkin Carving Contest
- 31 *Halloween*

November



- 3 Hot Lunch Day
- 10 PAC Hot Lunch Order Due
- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly
- 11 *Remembrance Day*
- 13 *Remembrance Day Holiday*
- 17 Photo Retakes
- 17 Hot Lunch Day
- 24 Non-Instructional Day**



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IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE TRANSLATE



TERRY FOX RUN

Our Terry Fox Run was a big success. Thank you to Mrs. Schierer, Mrs. Kerrigan and our grade 7 leaders for helping to organize and run our event. We raised \$487.11 and have forwarded that on to the Terry Fox foundation on behalf of the Richardson community.

VOLLEYBALL



We are very pleased to announce that our grade 6 and 7 volleyball teams are under way. We are looking forward to another great season of volleyball. Special thanks to Mrs. Kerrigan, Mrs. Witoski, Mme Romans, Mr. Chhun and Mme Sandberg for coaching the grade 6/7 teams this year.

DROPPING OFF YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH?

We have a counter near the front office for parents who need to drop off their child's lunch. Paper, a pen and tape are available so that you can tape your child's name (first and last name) to the lunch. Please let your child know ahead of time that you will be dropping it off, so that they know they should come down and pick it up. If we notice that the lunch break is underway and a student has not come down to pick up his/her lunch we will call them down to the office to get the lunch. ***Please do not go to your child's classroom to deliver their lunch to them and do not stop/park in the school fire lane. Instead, partner with us in helping to instill in your children their independence at going to retrieve their lunch from the table.***

ELECTRONICS AT SCHOOL (i.e. Cameras, cell phones)

A reminder to all parents and students that the school understands that many parents feel that it is important for their child to have a cell phone for emergency purposes. At Richardson, **all electronics, including cell phones, are turned off and put away while at school.** Under no circumstances should students be using electronic devices during school hours (unless requested by their teacher). We have many students whose parents have asked that their child not be photographed. If you need to get in touch with your child, please contact the office and we will get the message to your child in a way that would cause the least interruption to instructional time. Thank you!

PARENT CONNECT

Please make sure that all phone numbers that we have for you, your spouse, or other **emergency contacts** for your child(ren), are current and up-to-date. The inability to contact an adult in any type of emergency, medical or otherwise, can be very distressing for a child. All updates are made on the **Parent Connect system.** We use this information as our Emergency release data in case of an earthquake or any other major emergency.

By logging into Parent Connect, families also have the ability to update email addresses, medical information, as well as give consent for **photos, electronic communications, outside media in schools, walking field trips,** and our **Fruit and Veggie** program. Please note that if you do not give your consent on Parent Connect, your child will **not** be able to participate in these activities.

There are 2 different ways to access Parent Connect.

- To access by using parent/guardian **e-mail** (as defined in the student's record): <https://cimsweb.deltasd.bc.ca/schoolconnect/parentsignore.aspx>
- To access by using the student's Personal Education Number (Ministry **PEN**) (a 9-digit number found on the student's report card): <https://cimsweb.deltasd.bc.ca/schoolconnect/parentsignon.aspx>



If you forgot your password or don't have one yet, just click on the "*forgot my password*" icon and your password will be e-mailed to you.

UPCOMING PRO-D DAYS

October 20 and 23 are Pro-D days. Students will not be at school, and staff will be involved in a number of professional development activities in order to deepen and broaden their professional skills, expertise and knowledge.

LITTER FREE LUNCH

Parents please remember we are in our fifth year of **LITTER FREE LUNCHES**. We ask that children bring home any recyclable containers for refund, and store food in reusable containers. Our goal is to reduce the waste that is produced during the lunch time. Thank you for your support with this worthwhile program.

Please ensure that lunches contain the needed utensils for the children to eat their lunches.



STUDENT PHOTOS

The photographer will be at Richardson on Friday, October 13 to take student individual photos.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER



With the rainy weather upon us, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather (boots, raincoats, umbrella, etc.) as we try to get students outside for fresh air at both recess and lunch.

BOOK FAIR - October 16 to 19

Richardson presents the *Scholastic Book Fair* Monday, October 16 to Thursday, October 19th in the Library. Four Days, shop from hundreds of great books and remember, every sale benefits our school and classroom libraries. The Book Fair is Open Monday To Thursday before school from 8:15 - 8:45, Lunch from 12:15 - 12:45. (Monday and Wednesday for English students / Tuesday and Thursday for French students) and Wednesdays and Thursdays (all are welcome) during Parent/Teacher interviews from 2:15 pm to 6:15 pm. Parent volunteers are greatly appreciated. Please contact the school as soon as possible, if you are interested in helping.



PAC FAMILY SPOOKTACULAR - Friday, October 27

Just a reminder that our PAC Family Spooktacular is Friday, October 27 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There will be lots of great activities and games for the students. A special thank you to our parents for all their hard work in setting up and hosting such a great event.

MESSAGE FROM THE PAC - Pumpkin Carving Contest & Display – Monday, October 30, 2017

All Richardson students from kindergarten to grade 7 are invited to enter the *Annual Richardson Pumpkin Carving Contest & Display*, sponsored by the PAC. There are 3 simple rules to follow in this contest:

1. Pumpkins must be carved (and decorated if you choose to).
2. Be creative
3. Have fun!



Contestants must bring their carved pumpkin to the multipurpose room between 8:20 a.m. and the first school bell on the morning of Monday, October 30. All pumpkins will be on display in the multipurpose room between 9:30 a.m. and 2:40 p.m. It is NOT required, but if you have a battery-powered tea light, please include it inside your pumpkin at drop-off time.

This is a student project and will be judged accordingly. Judges will be looking at elements of **design, detail, originality, and creativity** in carved pumpkins. If you have carving skills and a creative imagination, then this is your time to shine!

Pumpkins must be picked up at the end of the school day on October 30.

***All unclaimed pumpkins will be removed from the school at 3:15.**

Winners will be announced at the end of school day. Prizes may be collected at the classroom teacher's discretion either just prior to, or immediately following the dismissal bell.

**Reminder: Working with any sharp tools should always be done with adult supervision.*



FIREWORKS

Parents are reminded that section 12 of The Corporation of Delta's Bylaw No 5855 states that children may not: possess, transport, offer for sale, sell or trade fireworks within the boundaries of the Municipality. **This means that students may not have any fireworks at school.**

Richardson Purpose and Mission

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

HOW TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENTS

1. Sign in to your Parent Connect account
<https://cimsweb.deltasd.bc.ca/schoolconnect/parentsignone.aspx>
2. Select the "Intrvw" tab at the top of the screen (Parent Interview Schedule)
3. Select the child for which you want to schedule appointments (if there is more than one child in the family, use the drop down selection box to select the appropriate child)
4. Select the Homeroom Teacher ID in the Select a Teacher field. The available schedule will be displayed in date/time order making it easy to scroll down through the list and select the best available time. The selection will be moved to the panel on the right.

If you select a specific teacher, or a specific date, or a specific time range, and the system does not display any time slots, then that means there are no appointments available for the teacher for that date and for those times.

**** Remember to leave one time slot between appointments for walking time ****

5. If you want to cancel an appointment immediately after you selected it, just click on the "Cancel" button. If you want to cancel an appointment after you either moved on to the next child or left the program, go back and select the appropriate student and teacher and click on the "Cancel" button for the selected appointment. Your appointment will be cancelled and removed from the list on the right.
6. If you would like to make an appointment with the Resource Room teacher and/or ESL teacher and/or LA teacher, etc., then unselect the "Limit to who teaches this student" checkbox and the Select a Teacher drop-down selection will now show ALL teachers in the school. Select the appropriate Teacher and book an appointment.
7. Print a hard copy of your interview schedule once you have made all your appointments and bring this schedule with you to the school. The interview schedule will indicate where each teacher is located in the school.
8. If you need translation help, please email our Multi-Cultural worker at rsidhu@deltasd.bc.ca

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PAC CPF REP:

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is a network of volunteers, dedicated to the promotion and creation of French-second-language events and learning opportunities for all students. Check us out on Facebook (search CPF Delta) or browse the info on the Richardson Hot Lunches website for homework resources and fun activities. We rely on memberships to support our activities and if you sign up or renew your CPF membership before October 31st 90% of those fees will come back to Delta! *New Kindergarten memberships are only \$5!* Any questions, contact Katherine, katralph@telus.net

MESSAGE FROM RPAC

Richardson PAC is pleased to announce that we will again be fundraising with the M & M Food Market on 84th Ave & 112th Street. Please mention that you would like your receipt held for the Richardson Elementary Fundraiser, and they will give our school 10% of all sales. It's that easy! Please share this wonderful opportunity with your friends, neighbours, and relatives!