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Dear Richardson Family,

On behalf of the Richardson staff, I would like to welcome you back, and wish a Happy New Year to you and your families! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday, filled with memories you will cherish of times spent together with family and friends.

I am really looking forward to my first year as Principal of Richardson, and I want to let you know what a privilege it is for me to work together with you, and be part of this very special community once again. Thank you for the warm welcome you've extended to me over the past week and a half. I am enjoying reconnecting with old friends and making new ones ~ the wonderful children who make up our student population, supportive and giving parents, and dedicated, caring staff all working together to encourage student learning and development.

Term Two is well underway, and we are excited for the many learning adventures to come! Please know that my door is always open if you have a concern you would like to discuss with me, if you are looking for information or guidance, or if you are just wanting to say 'Hello'.

I hope that 2018 is a fabulous year for everyone!

Sincerely,

Mme Patricia Wilson

### **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS ~ BONNE FÊTE!**

Happy Birthday to these students who are celebrating birthdays during the month of January:

Erin S., Gurleen T., Grady S., Mary H., Sarwin L., David I., Swaijit S., Raquel M., Maya G., Ruby M., Avir B., Clark S., Arjun A., Maya U., Sahib R., Kritika S., Ranveer S., Devinjit D., Ishnoor D., Maddie M., Noelle E., Simrit D., Joti M., Gabriela A., Aryanna R.N., Saul B., Shreya N., Elliot D., Keira R., Hunter G., Caelan R., Dakota S. and Nihla S.

### **Dates to Remember**

#### **January**



- 19 Gr. 7 Cypress Ski Trip
- 21 Charlotte Diamond Concert @ Seaquam - 2:00
- 23 Theme Day - Crazy Hair
- 24 Early French Immersion Info. Meeting @ Burnsvieview - 6:30 pm
- 26 Gr. 7 Cypress Ski Trip
- Jan. 29 - Feb. 1 Book Fair
- 30 Gr. 7 Burnsvieview Visit

#### **February**



- 1 Book Fair
- 1 Early Dismissal - 2:00 pm**
- 1 Student-Led Conferences
- 2 Gr. 7 Cypress Ski Trip
- 12 Family Day Holiday
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 Theme Day - Mismatch
- 16 Recognition Assembly - 11:00
- 19 Kindergarten Registration
- 20 Ready, Set, Learn
- 22 Early Dismissal - 2:00 p.m.**
- 22 Parent/Teacher Interviews by Teacher Request
- 23 Non-Instructional Day**



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## **THANK YOU! MERCI!**

Congratulations to the Richardson School Community for your contributions to our annual **Christmas Hamper Drive**. We collected over 1500 food items – our school goal – and will be having a second recess to celebrate. This extra recess will be happening next Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. The food items, new toys and other gifts that were collected were delivered to Deltassist in time for Christmas sharing. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you to all of the parents and family members for preparing and serving at the **Student Brunch** on Thursday, December 21st. The pancakes were yummy ~ a wonderful Christmas Treat!

The Staff would also like to thank Mr. R. Mann (Reece's Dad) for our delicious **Christmas Luncheon** in December. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness!

## **EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION NIGHT**

Mark **Wednesday, January 24** on your calendar! Burnsville Secondary is hosting the information nights for Early French Immersion Kindergarten. The meeting will start at **6:30 p.m.** Please let your neighbours with preschool children know of the dates if they are interested.

Please be reminded that if you are thinking of registering your child for **French Immersion Kindergarten**, an **online application form must be filled in first. Application deadline is February 2, 2018 - 4:00 p.m.** This form lets the school district know how many children will be expected for the program. As in the past, if the request for placements exceed the number of spots, a draw for spots will take place. Parents who fill out this form should understand that they **must still register** their child at school on Richardson's Kindergarten Registration Day (February 19, 2018 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.).

## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

English and French Immersion Kindergarten registration for Richardson Elementary will take place on **Monday, February 19** from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**.

A child may be registered to attend Kindergarten in September 2018 if his or her fifth birthday occurs on or before December 31, 2018.

At the time of registration the following items **must** be verified:

- Child's date of birth (original birth certificate or passport)
- Proof of citizenship for both the parent and the student
- Immunization record, Care Card, medical information
- Emergency contact information
- Appropriate proof of residence (property taxes – current receipt, purchase/rental agreement or rental receipt with address).

Please note that hydro and telephone bills are not accepted.



## **PLEASE COME DRESSED FOR THE WEATHER ...**

As we are now in the coldest and wettest months of the year, it is imperative that children dress appropriately, even if they are being driven to and from school (warm jackets, boots, hats, gloves, umbrellas, etc.). Students also need to have suitable clothing that will keep them warm and dry in the event of an Emergency School Evacuation.

Please also chat with your children about the importance of bundling up during recess and lunchtime, as they are sometimes too eager to rush out and play. It is important to note that students are sent **outside** to get some fresh air and a well-earned break **every recess**. We will stay inside at lunch only when the weather is particularly bad. Therefore boots and warm coats are especially important.

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## **STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES**

Our Student-Led Conferences are scheduled for **Thursday, February 1**. To enable enough time for all, **school will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. on that day.**

At a student-led conference, your child will lead you through a review of the work she/he has done. Students will have been taught to celebrate their strengths and highlight at least one area where they would like to improve. It is important for children to know themselves so they can build on their strengths.

The review of their work should take approximately 15-20 minutes. While you are reviewing your child's work, other parents will be in the room doing the same thing. Your child's teacher will be present but will only intervene if your child needs clarification or direction in what they are to do. If you need to talk to your child's teacher regarding any concerns, please contact the teacher directly to set up a separate parent/teacher interview time. Let's work together to help your children to become as independent as possible. (Please try not to bring other children to the Conference). We find that when we show support for a good effort and acknowledge our student's best work, we get much more of the same in the future.

**Booking appointments will be made available on Tuesday January 23 at 9:00 a.m. until Tuesday, January 30 on Parent Connect. Just sign in on Parent Connect and select the "Intrvw" tab and follow the prompts.**

## **BOOK FAIR - January 29th to February 1st**

Richardson presents the first *SPRING Scholastic Book Fair* from **Monday, January 29th to Thursday, February 1st** in the Library. Shop from hundreds of great books and remember, every sale benefits our school and classroom libraries. Be on the lookout for an **EXPANDED French selection**. 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 French students / Tuesday and Thursday for English students) and Thursday (all are welcome) during Student Led Conferences 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.

## **REPORT CARD ENVELOPES**

If you have not already done so, please sign and return the report card envelope to your child's teacher as soon as possible. The typed comments should be kept at home for your records. Merci!



## **BASKETBALL**

We will be starting our basketball season this term for Grade 6/7 boys and girls. If you are able to help out with coaching duties, particularly for the Grade 7 Girl's team, please give Mme Wilson a call. Everyone is looking forward to a fun and successful season! As usual, we will be needing your help to get students to and from games. If you are able to help us, we would really appreciate it. Each team player will be given a schedule before the games begin.



## **READY, SET, LEARN**

**Tuesday, February 20 at 11:00 a.m.**

We are very pleased to once again be hosting a "Ready Set Learn" event at Richardson. The "Ready Set Learn" event is for Parents with 3 and 4 year old children. Will Stroet will be performing at this event. If you are able to attend on Tuesday, February 20th at 10:45 a.m., **please call our school office at 604-596-7481** and confirm a spot. If you know of any families with 3 or 4 year old children, please invite them as well.

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## **GRADE 7 STUDENTS**

All grade 7 students were given a letter stating which secondary school they are designated to attend in September. If your child wishes to attend a different school, a non-catchment form may be submitted online or taken to the requested secondary school starting on February 5th (forms are dated and timed). Priority will be given to those students who submit their form to the high school prior to March 9th.

Please note the Parent Information Sessions for our grade 7 parents at the following high schools:

Secondary School	Date	Time	Location
Burnsview	January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Burnsview - Library
Delview	January 31 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Delview - Library
North Delta	January 25 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	North Delta - Theatre
Sands	January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Sands – Canteen
Seaquam	April 5th	6:30 p.m.	Seaquam - Theatre

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF DISTRICT-WIDE CLOSURES AND/OR DELAYED OPENINGS OF SCHOOLS**

As winter weather has arrived, we want to remind parents/guardians, students, and staff of the Delta School District's winter weather procedures and announcements.

All schools in the Delta School District will remain OPEN if at all possible during winter weather, including snowfalls. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 7:00 a.m. at the latest and will be announced through the media, as well as through the District and school websites. Please note that no announcement will be made stating that schools are open. Only closures and delayed openings will be announced.

Information about any district-wide closures will be sent to Metro Vancouver radio and television stations. Please check the following stations for school closure information:

Radio	Television
CBC AM 690, 88.1 FM	Global BC
CKNW AM 980	CBC TV
News AM 1130	CTV BC
Fairchild AM 1470	City TV

Announcements of school closures or delayed openings will be posted on the School District's website. Individual school closures due to unique circumstances (e.g., power outages) will be announced as early as possible on the District website, as well as on the affected schools' websites. On occasion, schools may delay the start of the school day; if this happens, specific details will be posted on the school and District websites.



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Student safety is the first priority of the Delta School District. Parents/Guardians are responsible for their children's safe travel to and from school. If, for any reason, a parent/guardian feels that a child cannot travel safely to school, then they should make other arrangements. Schools will be kept open except under extreme circumstances to provide the option of attendance for all, but the decision to attend is the responsibility of each family.

During extreme weather conditions, it is also common for police and other authorities to advise citizens to avoid unnecessary travel. Parents should take this advice as well. Students will not be penalized for lack of attendance under such poor weather conditions.

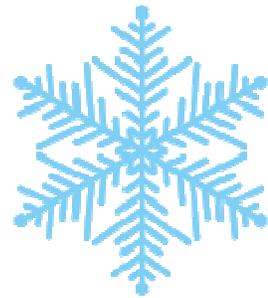
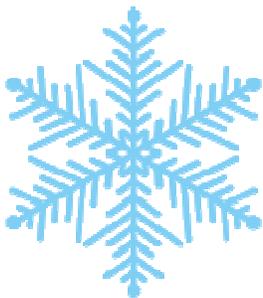
This is also a reminder to all students to dress warmly and wear appropriate clothing. Sidewalks and roads can be extremely slippery and so students walking to school are advised to take extra care.

At this time, we encourage you to review your own preparations for winter weather and ensure that you are familiar with your municipality's snow and ice response procedures. We request that you strictly adhere to parking restrictions in and around all Delta schools.

Your child's school will contact you about any changes to driving routes that may be put into effect on streets adjacent to the school.

With your cooperation and adherence to winter weather procedures, we can help achieve safe conditions for students travelling to and from school. Please put safety first.

Thank you!



***Richardson Purpose and Mission***

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

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