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Admin Team Message

Bonjour! The final term of the school year is here, and the time is flying by quickly. We are very happy to be at school together, but are missing your children and families dearly. We know that you have been working hard with remote learning and staying safe. Hopefully, you have also been able to take some time to relax, enjoy the sun, and have some socially distanced fun together!

We can also imagine that you may be wondering about the plans for the coming weeks. Please try to avoid speculation and rumours. Our first priority has always been to ensure that we have protocols in place at our school to enable students, staff and the community to feel comfortable, be safe, and stay healthy. As we begin to look at next steps, please be assured that we will move forward with guidance from the Provincial Health Officer, the Ministry and the District.

We would also like to take a moment to say a very sincere “Merci” to all of you for your continued support, patience and understanding. We know these times are uncertain, but we will get through them together. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Have a lovely long weekend with your families! To quote Dr. Bonnie Henry ... “Be kind, be calm, be safe.”



Up-Coming Pro-D Day

A friendly reminder that school and remote learning will not be in session for students on **Friday, May 15th**. This is a day in lieu for many of our staff members who engaged in our Professional Learning Day in August before school started. For others, it will be a day for them to participate in their own professional learning activities.

Event Calendar

May

- 10th – Happy Mother’s Day!
- 15th – Professional Learning Day
No School today!
- 18th – Victoria Day Holiday
- 21st – Spirit Day ~ Hat Theme
- 29th – Music Friday



June

- 21st – Happy Father’s Day!
- 25th – Last School Day
for 2019-20 (Schools
close for the year)
- 26th – Administrative
Day



Are you Moving?

It’s hard to believe that 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 at many grade levels, so knowing this information sooner would be helpful for fellow parents/families.



Also, if you should have important information regarding your child that may help us in choosing a **placement** class (e.g., preferred learning style, most effective teaching style), the form to be filled in is included near the end of this newsletter. Please either email this form to Mme Wilson at pwilson@deltasd.bc.ca or place it in a sealed envelope and send it to the office, **by Monday, June 1st**. (There is a yellow bin that you may drop it into near the front door.)

IMPORTANT NOTICE ~ PLEASE TRANSLATE!



Student Recognition

In the month of February, we recognized the students who gave their time to help as Office and Library Monitors.

Office Monitors: Mohammad A.S., Aykai B., Devon B., Supreet B., Rafay Abdul C., Bhavjot D., Sejal D., Ishnoor D., Gunvir G., Theja G., Rylie H., Conami H., Charlie H., Amtoj J., Dasha J., Raviya K., Saad K., Rehaan K., Adrielle M., Ashvin M., Aryan N., Alwin N., Divine P., Yuvraj P., Nigel R., Aysia R., Sammy M., Madison S., Taylor S., Zoya S., Sarah S., Gurbir T., Olivia T., Dilett T., Savannah U., Oakly V., Phoebe W.-S.



We would also like to recognize the following students who gave their time throughout the year to help with our Safety Patrol.



Safety Patrol: Samantha A., Chloe E., McKenzie M., Sasha F., Rakan N., Kabir B., Payton J., Rakshika M., Navroop L. and Joti M.

APRIL Birthdays ~ Bonne fête!

Happy Belated Birthday to these students whose birthdays were celebrated during the month of April:

Tayyaba R., Tyler H., Armaan G., Alwin N., Rachel T., Bhavjot D., Raiden P.K., Aysia R., Oliver L., Samantha A., Epshie M., Sahil S., Ruby B., Kavi P., Ellie J., Devin J., Gurleen B., Zayd A., Cynthia H., Elise F., Sahil V., Grady S., Paul R., Skyler W., Emily T., Nathan S., Asher S., Supreet B., Kameron K., Raya H., Amrose J., Jasmit J., Haeven M., Jayla W., Logan G., Michael N., Jasraj W. and Tharakan B.



A Reminder to Register for KINDERGARTEN

If you have a child whose fifth birthday occurs on or before December 31st, 2020, he or she may be registered to attend Kindergarten in September 2020.

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.**



*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are restricting access to our schools. You will need to email the registration documents to us. Please call the school office at 604-596-7481 for more information. Thank you! Merci!

MAY Birthdays ~ Bonne fête!

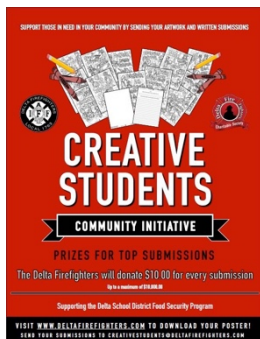
Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays during the month of May:

Darshleen K., Khaled A.H., Gurmania S., Gauri S., Daimond D., Sidney M., Chase H., Immad S., Sahaas S., Nihal E., Quincey D., Numsa S., Amrita B., Agamjot R., Aiyana J., Mahadevan S., Aubree H., Isaiah C.S., Jaaneel S., Syah P., Divleen D., Karina P., Khloe L., Kennedy G., Taylor J., Kara V., Walid A.H., James C., Saachi C., Naomi H. and Harjot K.



~ Creative Students Community Initiative ~

Help Delta Firefighters Support our Food Security Program



In a new community fundraising initiative, Delta Firefighters are encouraging students to use their creativity to highlight the people they are thankful for who are working hard to help others during these challenging times.

Delta Firefighters will make a \$10 donation to the school district's Food Security Program for every submission received. In addition, the contest winners will receive a \$100 gift card to a local business of their choice, and have their artwork displayed throughout the City of Delta.

Based on their age, students have a choice of colouring in posters, sending in a written submission, or creating their own thank you poster. More information on this fun contest is available on the Delta Firefighters website at <http://www.deltafirefighters.com/creativestudents/>

"We are so thankful to Delta Firefighters for supporting our Food Security Program in this way. Currently, the program supports more than 175 families each week, and unfortunately, we are seeing that need continue to grow," said Doug Sheppard, Superintendent of Schools. "Our firefighters continue to bring hope and connection to Delta. As pillars of our community, they continue to connect those who are able to support with those in need. They are important role models and we are extremely grateful for their efforts to encourage students to help people in need in Delta with this initiative."

For more information on the school district's Food Security Program, please visit the district's website at <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/news/delta-school-district-is-helping-to-feed-local-families/>

Messages from the Library

Read Alouds and WEBSITE

We hope you are enjoying the weekly read alouds from Ms. Wone that are posted to your class websites.

Don't forget that the Richardson Library Website offers many literacy materials and resources. Please check it out!

<https://sites.google.com/deltalearns.ca/ri-library/home?authuser=0>



School Supplies for Grades 1 through 7 Students ~ 2020-21



Under normal circumstances, now is the time that we would be sending home our student school supply orders from *Pharmasave*. This is an optional method offered to enable families to order their child's school supplies for next year. We are pleased to be able to offer families this convenient program again this year.

If you would like to place an order for the upcoming school year, the supply form will need to be picked up and turned in directly to the Pharmasave at Nordel (11198 84th Avenue), rather than dropped off at the school. Forms for a particular grade level will be photocopied for you at the store when requested. Please make sure to fill in the appropriate form for your child's grade in September ('Eng' for the English Program or 'EFI' for the Early French Immersion Program).

School supply orders for the 2020-21 school year will also be posted to our website later in June for those who choose to purchase their supplies elsewhere.

The French Connection Challenge!

We are very excited to share with you the French Connection Challenge. What is it? Well, students film a video (maximum 4 minutes) of themselves doing something fun in French. Our District Modern Language Coordinator, Mme G. Oger-Black, will watch the video and enter the student's name into a chance to win a box of DQ Dilly bars for the winner and his/her family. This treat will be personally delivered by Mme Oger-Black in a socially distancing sort of way.

*This challenge is open for **all** students who are learning French in the Delta School District, from Kindergarten through Grade 12!*

*The deadline for submitting the project:
Wednesday, MAY 20th.*

Please check out the contest yourselves here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/o/folders/1Fjo6FmQ7Qyp5BuhPUCKLAAljhvr2jwzY>

You will find a poster pdf with full contest details, along with a PowerPoint presentation with LOTS of resources.

To enter this challenge students must fill in the following form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSep08yMHRh2T8i43t5fnChTE_7VxoDIibOMxh_z-PpeAvfPPg/viewform

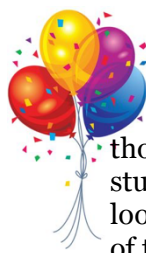


Questions that have been asked:

- Do students have to show their faces? No, they could wear a mask or use filters on their phones if they wished to stay unrecognizable.
- What's the minimum length? There is no limit as there are SO many different activity choices that are meant for all levels of French.
- Is this mandatory? No, this is a fun contest students can choose to take part in, so it is completely optional ... but remember the yummy DQ Dilly bars! ☺

Richardson PAC

Please visit the RPAC website for messages from the school PAC at
<https://richardson.hotlunches.net>



Grade 7 Students

We wish to send extra positive thoughts to all of our Grade 7 students. We know that everyone was looking forward to our traditional end of the year festivities, including the Assembly, Luncheon and Dance. Unfortunately, these plans need to be put on hold due to the current COVID-19 landscape.

Although this may be a deep disappointment, we are looking at ways we can honour our students for all their hard work during their Elementary years. We are currently meeting with our Grade 7 teaching team to look at some new possibilities to honour the class of 2020.

We will be in touch with our Grade 7 families soon, so please stay tuned!

Thank you! Merci!



Sincerely,

Mme Patricia Wilson, Mrs. Jacquie Schierer,
Principal Vice-Principal

and the Staff at Richardson Elementary

Richardson Purpose and Mission:

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



RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY - CLASSES FOR NEXT YEAR (2020-2021)

During the month of May, we will begin deciding on the appropriate placement of students for our next year's Grades K through 7 classes. These will be tentative classes, as over the summer there will most likely be more students who move into our neighborhood and others who move away, necessitating some changes to this organization. For this reason, tentative placements will not be shared with parents. Please keep in mind that there are many factors that the professional staff take into account when creating classes. Some of these are: learning styles and strengths, what the child can do in relation to the goals of the program, degree of independence in work habits, social and personal needs, age and physical maturity, previous year's placement, previous teacher's input, parental input, establishing a balanced group academically, male/female balance, friendship groupings, equalizing class size, siblings/twins (separated or combined), and medical needs.

The ultimate goal is to place your child in a classroom in which they will flourish academically and socially. If you should have important information regarding your child that may help us in choosing a placement class (e.g., preferred learning style, most effective teaching style), please either email this form to Mme Wilson at pwilson@deltasd.bc.ca or send it in a sealed envelope to the office, **by Monday, June 1st**. Please note that a request for a particular teacher is not usually appropriate, and most classes will be combined classes (grade 2/3, etc.). Information from parents will be shared with staff members and considered when class placements are being made. Please note that in the Fall, parental information/requests will only be received from parents of "new to Richardson students." Please also know that in Delta, the final decision for student placement belongs to the school Principal.

Your child's name: _____

Your child's grade next year: _____ English ☐ French ☐

Your child's current classroom teacher(s): _____

I would request the following information be kept in mind when my child's classroom placement is made:

The following is additional information (which is unknown to the current Classroom Teacher/Principal) that would be useful to consider for my child's classroom placement:

Parent's Name (please print) _____ Parent's Signature _____

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2020 - 2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Days in Session	186
Hours of Instruction in School Week	Kindergarten - Grade 7: 24.55 hrs.
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Minutes of Instruction in School Day	Kindergarten – Grade 7: 295 min.
Number of Non-Instructional Days	6 (District Wide)
Pro D Day – Staff Only (School not in session)*	Tuesday Sept. 1
Schools Open (9:00 – 12:00)	Tuesday, September 8
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, September 25
Thanksgiving Day – Statutory Holiday	Monday, October 12
Parent Teacher Interviews (2:00 p.m. Dismissal)	Wednesday, October 21
Parent Teacher Interviews (2:00 p.m. Dismissal)	Thursday, October 22
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, October 23
Remembrance Day – Statutory Holiday	Wednesday, November 11
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Monday, November 30
Report Cards Posted	Tuesday, December 8
Last Day of School before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 18
Winter Vacation Period	December 21 – January 1
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 4
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, January 22
Family Day – Statutory Holiday	Monday, February 15
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, February 26
Parent Teacher Interviews by Teacher Request (2:00 p.m. Dismissal)	Thursday, March 4
Report Cards Posted	Wednesday, March 10
Spring Vacation Period	March 15 – March 26
Schools Reopen	Monday, March 29
Good Friday – Statutory Holiday	Friday, April 2
Easter Monday – Statutory Holiday	Monday, April 5
Student Led Conferences (2:00 p.m. Dismissal)	Thursday, April 8
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)* (In Lieu of Sept. 1)	Friday, May 1
Victoria Day – Statutory Holiday	Monday, May 24
Last Day for Students (Report Cards Posted) (10:30 a.m. Dismissal)	Tuesday, June 29
Schools Close/Administrative Day	Wednesday, June 30

Daily Schedule:

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instruction Hours: Grades K - 7

Opening Time: 9:00 a.m. (8:55 a.m. Warning Bell)

Recess: 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Lunch: 12:08 - 1:00 p.m. (12:55 p.m. Warning Bell)

Dismissal: 3:00 p.m.