

RICHARDSON REPORTER

Nurturing the heart, mind, body and spirit of each member of our school family

This Week's Important Dates

Wednesday, Sept. 18 - Terry Fox Run/Assembly

Thursday, Sept. 19 - 5:30-6:30pm: Open House and Hot Dog Event

Friday, Sept. 20 - Non-Instructional Day (School closed for students)

Richardson Updates

It was wonderful to welcome our students and their families to school last week! We have several new families who have joined our Richardson school community – welcome! We look forward to getting to know you and your children better over the course of the school year. We are starting the year with 335 students spread into 15 divisions (8 English and 7 French Immersion). Staff are excited to get underway with a year filled with inspiring educational experiences, and we look forward to working together with you to support our students this year!

Sincerely,
Ms. T. Doukas Mrs. M. Hope

Parent Connect

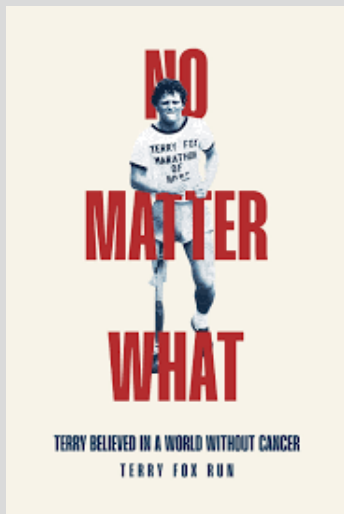
Please be sure to check Parent Connect to update your personal information, emergency contacts and to provide permission for such items as: walking field trips, Google apps permission for students, and photos. If you require support accessing Parent Connect, please see the instructions available on our school website, or call Mrs. Olfert in the school office.

Toonies for Terry

Our annual Terry Fox Run will take place on September 18. Students are encouraged to bring 'Toonies for Terry' in support of the Terry Fox Foundation. We will continue to collect toonies for two weeks. Alternately, families are invited to use the QR code to donate online. All students who donate will be entered into a draw for a Terry Fox t-shirt! Thank you for your support and for helping our students learn about one of our Canadian heroes!



On Wednesday, September 18, students will be taking part in a short assembly, then exiting the school for the



Upcoming Events

Monday, Sept. 23 - Cultural Performance: Kung Jaadee

Friday, Sept. 27 - Orange Shirt Day and Walk for Truth and Reconciliation

Monday, Sept. 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: School Closed

Thank you! Merci!

For sending students to school with a full water bottle, lunch and snack each day!

For updating information in Parent Connect!



Terry Fox Run. Our Kindergarten to Grade 6 student will run around our bark mulch track and be cheered on by our Grade 7 leaders. Parents are invited to also line the perimeter of the school field to cheer on our students. The assembly will begin at 11:00am. There will be limited seating available for families, as well as standing room for those who wish to attend. The assembly portion will be complete between 11:20-11:30, so parents who wish to watch can be ready to cheer students on at that time.

Open House

Richardson staff are planning to open our doors to families for our annual Open House on Thursday, September 19. Classrooms will be open for students and families to visit from 5:30-6:00pm. At 6:00pm, the PAC will be hosting a free hot dog dinner in the gym for any families who wish to drop in. There will be beef, veggie and Halal options, as well as some snacks and drinks.

**Please note that this is an informal event, and teachers will not be providing information on student progress. Parent Conferences will take place on October 23 and 24 and parents will be notified about how to book appointments.*

Medication for Students

If your child has any serious allergies or medical conditions, and/or needs to have access to medication such as an inhaler or epipen at school, there is a form that needs to be completed each year. Please contact our school administrative assistant, Mrs. Olfert, for more information.

Student Planners

This year, many, but not all teachers have opted to use student planners. For those classes using planners, a notice will be sent home today outlining the cost of planners and how to pay. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this.

Partners in Health and Safety

We would like to ask families to review the following health and safety routines:

- Wash and sanitize hands often
- Practice good respiratory etiquette by sneezing and coughing into your elbow
- Respect the personal space of others
- Stay home when sick

Walk Your Wheels

Students who ride bikes, skateboards or other wheeled device to school are reminded to 'Walk their Wheels' on our school grounds before school and until 3:15pm after school. This is to ensure the safety of all individuals during drop off and pick up times.

E-Scooters

Last June, the school district shared a message with families regarding the use of e-scooters. This was been shared out in all Delta schools. Here is the text of what was sent out:

It has been brought to our attention that electric kick scooters should not be used by students travelling to school or while on school grounds.

Despite their popularity in our province, electric kick scooters remain illegal for use on public roads, bike lanes and sidewalks across most of B.C., except in a handful of cities that are taking part in a [pilot program](#) to test the use of them. The City of Delta is not part of the pilot program. Even in the pilot program cities, it is illegal for a person under 16 years of age to operate an electric kick scooter. You can view the provincial rules here: [Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project Regulation](#).

As we have several students using scooters currently, we felt it was important to share this information with you. We thank you for your attention to this matter.

As a result, E-Scooters are not permitted at Richardson Elementary.

Dressing for the Weather

Our students will be heading outside for recess and lunch throughout the school year. Please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather to go out to play. All students must keep a change of clothes at school, especially pants and socks, in case they become wet or muddy during playtimes. ****Please expect that students will go out for recess and lunch, unless there is extreme weather.**



School Schedule

First Bell: 8:55am

School in Session: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Recess: 10:30am - 10:45am

Lunch: Eat 12:10pm- 12:25pm, Play 12:25pm-12:55pm

Office hours: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Please make every effort to have students at school on time so they can enter directly through their classroom doors. If students arrive late to school, they may enter the school through the front doors and sign in at the office.

Families Experiencing Hardship

If any families are requiring financial support for end of year activities, please reach out to our school office in confidence. Ms. Doukas and Mrs. Hope welcome any requests for support.

Personal Digital Devices at School

This year, the BC Ministry of Education has updated guidelines around the use of Personal Digital Devices at School. In Elementary schools, students are not permitted to access Personal Digital Devices at any time between 9am and 3pm. Exceptions are in place for those students requiring their device for medical purposes or to align with learning goals in their Individual Education Plans. Please see the attached documents or the link below for more information.

<https://district.public.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2024/06/PDDs-in-Elementary-Schools-Final.pdf>

*****Updates from your Parent Advisory Council (PAC)*****

All Richardson parents are automatically members of the PAC, and all are welcome to come to PAC meetings and events. If you would like to be added to the PAC mailing list and receive communications from PAC, please send an email directly to richardsonelementarypac@gmail.com. Please read the following updates, and volunteer if possible!

You're invited to Richardson Elementary's Open House & free hot dog dinner

When: Thursday, September 19

Classroom visits: 5:30-6 p.m. followed at 6:00 p.m. with FREE hot dogs (beef, vegetarian and Halal), snacks and cold drinks

Parent & guardian volunteers needed: Can you help for a shift?

Sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/BR9D8>

Let us know if you'd prefer to set up, provide kitchen support, help serve food, or support our community to sign up for Parent Connect and MunchALunch.

BONUS: it's a great way to get to know Richardson families!

Questions? Please reach out to richardsonelementarypac@gmail.com

Our first Neufeld fundraiser of the season is now open!

TOP 3 reasons to order today:

1. Support our school community (this is a fundraising effort for Richardson Elementary, proceeds from the sale go towards school activities, needs and initiatives)
2. To survive your child's summer snacking spree
3. To gift yourself the joy of convenience

How to order:

1. By September 30: Simply follow this link to shop and place your order <https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2024-richardson-elementary-3c9486361c/ref/em>
2. Pick up: October 7 in the Richardson parking lot (off of 84th) at 4 p.m.

Please take some time to respond to the PAC survey at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/6VKtkduH7afvD9pM8>

