

RICHARDSON REPORTER

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

This Week's Important Dates

Monday, Sept. 23 - Cultural Performance: Kung Jaadee

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



Richardson Updates

We were very grateful this week for the opportunity to connect with families at our Open House. The relationship between the school and the home is very important, and we welcome communication and conversations with our families. A huge thank you also goes out to our PAC, who hosted a wonderful community hot dog dinner. The time spent volunteering for PAC events is much appreciated, and our students benefit from the additional opportunities provided by PAC. If you would like to volunteer in a small way or in a larger role, please contact the PAC at richardsonelementarypac@gmail.com.

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

Emergency Prep Fee

Starting this school year, the district is introducing a new annual Emergency Preparedness Fee of \$10 per student. These funds are to be used to cover the maintenance and replenishment of emergency provisions, including food, water and first aid items, to help care for students in case of a large-scale incident such as an earthquake. Please watch for a letter from our school office next week with instructions on how to submit this fee.



Traffic at Richardson

Families are reminded that our front parking area is for staff only, and the front driveway is not for pick ups and drop-offs. Also, 83 avenue in front of the school has a 30km/hour speed limit, and U-turns are not permitted. Please help us keep our students safe!

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found rack is already quite full. If your child is missing a hoody, jacket, shoes or other items,

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, Oct. 14 - Thanksgiving Day - School Closed

Wed., Oct. 23 and **Thurs.** Oct. 24 - Early Dismissal at 2pm for Parent Conferences

Friday, Oct. 25 - Pro-D Day - School Closed

Thank you! Merci!

For getting students to school on time each day!

For respecting our parking and traffic guidelines!

For updating information in Parent Connect!



please remind them to stop by the lost and found to have a look.

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 took place on September 18. It was a great event, and a beautiful day for a run. We are continuing to invite students to bring 'Toonies for Terry' in support of the Terry Fox Foundation.

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!



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.

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.

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.**

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.

*******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!

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.