

RICHARDSON REPORTER

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

This Week's Important Dates

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



Richardson Updates

It has been a busy first month of school, with students and teachers getting down to the important work of learning. During our first month back, we have had many successes: we are used to new classes, new friends and new routines; we had our first assembly and school event, and we have learned about school expectations. We have also started our cross-country practices for interested students.

Today, we took time to recognize Orange Shirt day, in anticipation of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We know that education is the best way to create change, and we are committed to learning about the impacts of Residential Schools. We wore our orange shirts, we created a community mural and we had a community walk to honour the survivors as well as the children who did not make it home. In classes, staff led age-appropriate conversations in classes; hopefully, our learning has helped us to better understand our past, and to create a better future.



As we turn the calendar to October, we are looking forward to, Parent Conferences, Thanksgiving, Diwali and Halloween. We are looking forward to enjoying all of our special experiences!

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

Upcoming Events

Monday, Oct. 7 - PAC meeting

Monday, Oct. 14 - Thanksgiving Day - School Closed

Wednesday, Oct. 16 - Cross Country Challenge

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 sending healthy snacks and lunches to school with students!

For updating information in Parent Connect!

Delview's Thanks for Giving

Delview is gearing up for their Thanks For Giving Canned Food Drive (T4G) scheduled for October 17. Delview students will canvas the neighbourhood collecting donations that evening which results in the largest one day canned food drive in the province (this is their 34th year!). Your support is greatly appreciated!

Combined Classes

As I had shared earlier in September, combined (or split) classes are an organizational necessity in Delta schools. The district has created a document to help families understand why we often have numerous combined classes in our schools. Please see the document that accompanies this newsletter for more information

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.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

This year, as part of its ongoing commitment to supporting Indigenous Reconciliation, the district hosted its first ever *Walk for Truth and Reconciliation*. Students and staff across the district participated in the walk to honour the legacy of Residential school survivors and raise awareness about the importance of Reconciliation in Canada.

Following the walk, a ceremony was held outside Delta Manor Education Centre in Ladner which included words of wisdom from members of the Musqueam Indian Band and Tsawwassen First Nation, as well as students and staff. To view a recording of the ceremony, please visit: <https://sportswavetv.yaretv.com/watch/2093-sportswavetv-walk-for-truth-and-reconciliation>. **(Please note, there is mature content in this recording, not suitable for primary students.)**

Monday, September 30 marks Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. If you're wondering what you can do to recognize and honour the day, here are a few simple steps towards Reconciliation:

- Discover whose traditional territory you're living or working on and then learn about those Nations. Both the Tsawwassen First Nation (TFN) (<https://tsawwassenfirstnation.com/>) and Musqueam Indian Band (<https://www.musqueam.bc.ca/>) websites have information about who they are and their histories.
- Participate in a local First Nation's Walk for Truth and Reconciliation on Monday. For information on TFN's walk, please visit: <https://tsawwassenfirstnation.com/event/community-walk-for-truth-and-reconciliation/>
- Check out the 94 Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action (https://ehprnh2mwo3.exactdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf) Ask yourself if there is one Call that you can commit to acting on.
- As many of us celebrate the back-to-school season, stop, and reflect on why it may not be easy for everyone. Find out more about Phyllis Webstad's story (<https://orangeshirtday.org/phyllis-story/>)

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!

The first Neufeld fundraiser of the season ends today!

How to order:

1. 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.

DELVIEW'S 32nd Annual THANKS-4-GIVING

Since 1992, Delview Secondary's Thanks-4-Giving Canned Food Drive has collected over 466,506 food items for the local food banks. The demand on Food Banks is greater than ever, please help us to ensure that Delta and Surrey residents have access to essential food and supplies.

How to Donate:

- Use the donation box at the front of the school during school hours
- Come to the Drive-Thru drop off on **Thursday, October 17th from 6 - 8:30pm**

Delview Secondary
9111 116th Street, Delta
604-594-5491

We are accepting:

- Non-perishable food items
- Cash contributions

Most Need Donations:

• canned fish & meat	• wholegrain rice
• healthy & high fiber cereal	• pasta and sauce
• canned & dry soups	• Meals in a Tin
• canned fruit & vegetables	• Baby formula

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 17th
6:00 - 8:30pm



All proceeds go to:

