

RICHARDSON REPORTER

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

This Week's Important Dates

Monday, Oct. 21 - 6:30pm: PAC meeting

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

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



Richardson Updates

The rainy autumn weather has arrived, and it is feeling very cool and crisp outside in the mornings. We have noticed many students arriving to school without their jackets. Please remind students to bring their jackets to school, as they will be spending time outside most days.

With more typical fall and winter weather expected, I would also like to remind everyone of the importance of following the traffic laws and school parking expectations. It takes all of us working together to keep our students and families safe. Speeding in the area and parking illegally, even if it's 'just for a second,' is not worth the potential injury and harm it can cause a child. I appreciate all of those who are respecting the rules of the road, respecting our neighbours' driveways, and helping to keep children safe.

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

Parent Conferences

Effective communication between home and the school is very important for student success. This year, our Parent Conferences will take place on Wednesday, October 23 from 2:10pm to 6:00pm, and Thursday, October 24 from 2:10pm to 4:00pm. On both of these days there will be a 2:00pm early dismissal. These meetings are intended for parents only. Students do not need to attend. If you have not yet booked an appointment on Parent Connect, please call the office and we can schedule an appointment for you.

Movie Night

We are looking forward to this evening's PAC Movie Night! This is a free community event hosted by our PAC. Students who attend must have an adult supervising them. The doors will open at 6:30pm.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Oct. 30 - PAC
Pumpkin Carving

Wednesday, Oct. 30 - Photo
Retakes

Thursday, Oct. 31 - Halloween and
Diwali

Friday, November 1 - Diwali
Celebration

Friday, November 8 -
Remembrance Day Assembly

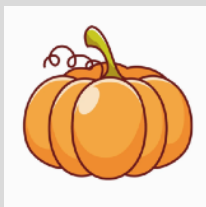
Monday, November 11 -
Remembrance Day: School Closed

Monday, November 25 - Pro-D
Day: School Closed

Thank you! Merci!

For sending students to school
dressed for the weather!

For reading with students at home
as this is one of the key factors in
developing strong reading skills!



The Great BC Shake Out

Yesterday, schools across the province took part in the Great BC Shake Out earthquake drill. At Richardson, students learned about what could happen during an earthquake and how to keep themselves safe should one ever occur. In addition, our students practiced the "Duck, Cover, Hold" procedure too. This procedure involves ducking under a desk, covering our heads and backs, and holding on to the legs of the desk. Students then counted to 60 and awaited further instructions from their teacher. This was the first of three Earthquake drills that we will complete as part of our Emergency preparedness plan.

Student Vote

Our intermediate students took part in the BC Student Vote this week, casting their votes for the candidates in Delta North. This was an effective learning opportunity, as student leaders took on the roles of voting clerks, voting officers and scrutineers while classes rotated through and each student voted. Our intermediate teachers spent time in class teaching about government, political parties

and elections so that our students could be informed about how to vote. Don't be surprised if students remind you to vote in our provincial election tomorrow!



Dressing for the Weather

Although we have enjoyed some wonderful fall weather and many warm sunny days, this week was much more rainy and wet. As the temperature continues to dip, it is important that students come dressed in outerwear appropriate for the cold, wet, and wind. Here on the West Coast, rain is just a fact of life. On most days, students will be going outside at recess and lunchtime. It is only in the case of **extremely poor** weather, that we designate the recess and/or lunch hour as an "in day" which means that students are to stay inside and play quietly in their classrooms rather than venture outdoors. We refrain from doing this unless absolutely necessary, as the children need the opportunity to get out in the fresh air and be

physically active before heading back into the classroom.

Not only do students need to be dressed warmly to enjoy themselves outside but it is essential in the event of an emergency or unexpected situation requiring a building evacuation. Please ensure your children come to school dressed accordingly to be outside at recess and lunchtime (e.g. boots, coat, and umbrella). Because our field also gets quite mucky and wet at this time of year, packing an extra set of clothes into your child's backpack, no matter what grade they are in, is also suggested.

Purdy's Fundraiser

Our school is hosting a Purdy's fundraiser in advance of the winter holidays. If you would like to support our school by purchasing some sweet treats, please go to the link below:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1978390-120243>

ArtCards

Our students have begun working on some original artwork that will be made into ArtCards. Please watch for this opportunity to order a keepsake for your family.



ATTENTION PARENTS!

ArtCards
by Kids

Our school is participating in the Art Cards by Kids fundraiser this fall!

Watch for a sample card with instructions on how to order your child's art made into beautiful keepsake art products in the coming weeks.

Get excited because your child is hard at work creating their masterpiece in the classroom!

www.artcardsbykids.com

Families Experiencing Hardship

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

******* 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!

Pumpkin Carving Contest:

- Wednesday October 30
- Free to enter for all Richardson Elementary School students
- Bring your carved pumpkins to the multipurpose room between 8:30 and 8:55am
- All entries will receive a prize!
- Pick up your pumpkin after-school from 3-3:15pm

Have fun!

For questions email: sarahrpt@gmail.com



Richardson PAC Presents

**FREE HALLOWEEN
MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18**

6:30 doors
loonie & toonie
concession
Movie at 6:45