



# RICHARDSON REPORTER

*Caring for Ourselves - Caring for Others - Caring for this Place*

## This Week's Important Dates

**Monday**, November 11 - Remembrance Day: School Closed

**Friday**, November 15 - Hot Lunch Orders due on MunchaLunch

**Friday**, November 15 - Spirit Day "Monochrome Day"

## Richardson Updates

Today, we honoured all Canadian soldiers, past and present, who have served and sacrificed for our nation so that we can enjoy the freedom that we have here in Canada. Our school-wide assembly included songs, poems and presentations by classes that helped us all gain a better understanding and appreciation of Remembrance Day and everything it means. Our theme was 'Peace' and the student presenters did a wonderful job of sharing their creativity. Thank you to all families who joined us.



We wish all of our families a peaceful long weekend together.

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

## Hot Lunches

Our first hot lunch will take place on Friday, November 22. Ordering for this hot lunch will take place online. Here is the link to register for MunchaLunch. Please see more information in the PAC section of the newsletter below.

## ArtCards

ArtCard samples will be going home early next week. Please watch for this to come home in your child's backpack. Orders will be due online by November 17 for delivery prior to winter break.

## Primary Winter Concert

We plan to host our Primary Winter Concert on December 10, at 1:30pm. Families are invited to join us for this special event. More details will be shared at a later date.



## Upcoming Events

**Friday**, November 22 - Hot Lunch Day

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

**Tuesday**, December 10 - 1:30pm: Primary Winter Concert

**Thursday**, December 12- Term 1 Learning Updates (Report Cards) posted

**Friday**, December 20 - PAC Pancake Breakfast

**Friday**, December 20 - Last Day before Winter Break

## Thank you! Merci!

To families for taking part in our Remembrance Day assembly!

To PAC Hot Lunch Committee for getting our first Hot Lunch Day organized!



## Extended Absences

Over the course of a school year, students may be absent for short periods of time for a variety of reasons. Extended absences, for reasons other than student health, should be carefully considered by families. To ensure that our students miss as little time as possible from school, we ask for parents' cooperation in scheduling family holidays outside of school time.

Schools are not in a position to approve or deny permission for student absences for family holidays or other extended absences. This decision lies with the parent/guardian. Please do inform the office and teacher in advance of the absence so they are aware. Should parents wish to remove their child from school for a lengthy period of time, consideration should be given to the implication this may have to their child's education. Important learning is missed by students during any absence which puts them at a disadvantage compared with those in regular attendance.

Should a family decide to remove their child for an extended absence, the school is not required to provide educational materials. Being present and engaged in the school setting goes beyond the materials provided. Teachers are not able to replicate the school experience by providing homework. Please note that teachers are not obliged to provide learning materials or assignments during an extended vacation absence. Should a student be absent for a significant period of time and therefore is not able to demonstrate the learning outcomes for a particular course, it may not be possible to provide an appropriate proficiency scale in reporting on their learning.

## Grade 7 Event

Grade 7 families can expect a leaving ceremony to take place in the morning on Tuesday, June 24, 2025. Planning for this event will take place after Spring Break, and more information will be shared with families as soon as possible.

## Richardson Reporter - Online

Did you know the 'Richardson Reporter' is also published on our school website each week? Families can link to current and past issues at the following link:

<https://ri.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/daily-announcements/school-newsletters/>

### **Emergency Preparedness Fee**

Last week, we shared out information about the 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.

If you have not yet done so, please pay this fee by paying online through Parent Connect, or by sending cash or a cheque to the school office with the name(s) of your students in the school.

**\*NEW\*** Payments with credit cards though Parent Connect - Once you are logged into Parent Connect, select "Fees" top tab, then select "Fees for Payment".

If your family requires financial support in relation to this fee, please contact the school office. Discretion will be maintained.

### **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](mailto:richardsonelementarypac@gmail.com). Please volunteer if possible!

**\*\*\*Please see more PAC content in the next two pages\*\*\***



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## Hot lunch kick off: Subway



## Our hot lunch program kicks off this year with Subway on Friday, November 22.

The deadline to order is November 15.

Orders are placed on MunchaLunch. Sign up for our school lunches site, MunchaLunch: <https://munchalunch.com/register>

Once you have a MunchaLunch account bookmark and sign in at <https://munchalunch.com/login>

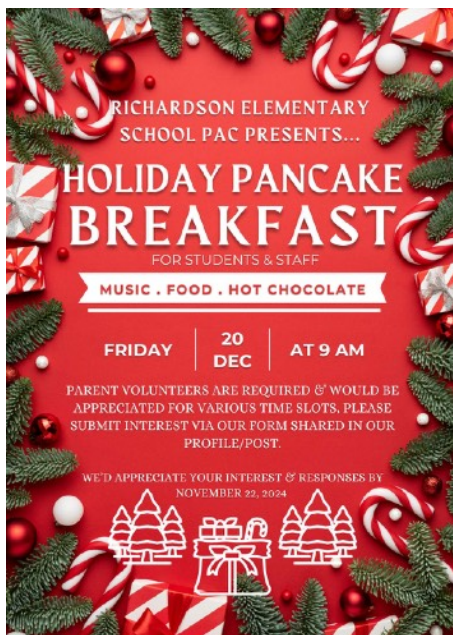
## Be a hot lunch volunteer!

With our hot lunches kicking off we could use volunteers to support getting food to our students during their lunch hour.

Sign up to help with the Subway order November 22nd or share your interest in volunteering at future hot lunches [by completing this sign up form](#). More hot lunches are coming soon!



## Be a part of an annual tradition - our student and teacher pancake breakfast!



## On December 20th contribute to one of our most beloved events of the year - the complimentary student and staff holiday pancake breakfast!

This event is presented and served by Richardson parents and guardians. Shifts are available starting at 8 a.m. including chefs, servers/food fillers, hot chocolate and juice station, set up and clean up and more!

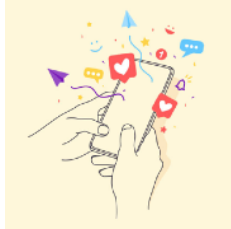
To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do. Thank you for volunteering! For questions about this event please contact Pardip Narwal at [Pinksnarwal@gmail.com](mailto:Pinksnarwal@gmail.com)

[Sign up to volunteer](#)



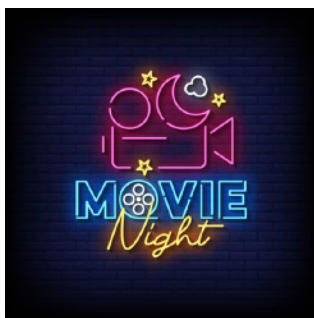
## Coming up

The following PAC-sponsored events are scheduled. Please continue reading the Richardson Reporter, and follow us on our social channels for updates including upcoming hot lunches, fundraising initiatives and more.



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Instagram: richardsonschoolpac

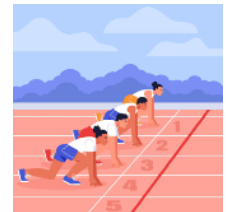
**November 22:** Subway hot lunch  
**December 20:** Holiday Pancake Breakfast



**January 13:** PAC in person meeting – 6:30 p.m.  
**January 23:** Free family movie night

**March 10:** PAC in person meeting – 6:30 p.m.  
**April** - date to be confirmed: Free family movie night

**May:** Delta Regional track meet. Richardson Elementary has the opportunity to host the concession stand - with proceeds going back into funds that sponsor school initiatives and activities. Sign up information and details to be shared in the new year.



**Spring** (to be confirmed): Richardson sports day concession. Families volunteer at this event every year. Funds raised go back to Richardson activities and initiatives.

**June 6:** PAC in person year-end meeting and executive voting, budget and schedule approval for 2025/26 – 6:30 p.m.

**June 24:** Richardson grade 7 leaving ceremony event.

*Note: This is a school activity that the Richardson PAC proudly sponsors. Parent and guardian volunteers will be needed to help plan the event. Families of grade 6 students are welcome to volunteer to support the day of the event. This tradition allows our grade 7 families to relax and enjoy the day (with the intent that you'll have the same experience the following year!)*

**[Sign up as a grade 7 or grade 6 family volunteer](#)**



Are you interested in leading an event? Have an idea for a fundraising initiative? Let us know! Please share them at an upcoming PAC meeting or email us at [richardsonelementarypac@gmail.com](mailto:richardsonelementarypac@gmail.com). More information can be found at <https://ri.deltasd.bc.ca/parent-community/pac/>