



RICHARDSON REPORTER

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

This Week's Important Dates

Friday, November 22 - Hot Lunch Day

Friday, November 22 - Spirit Day
"Monochrome Day"

Friday, November 22 - Final day for ArtCard orders

Richardson Updates

During this shorter week, our staff and students have been engaged in many important activities. Volleyball, Chess Club, Green Team and our Spirit Team are thriving and we hosted two special guests on Thursday, our School Liaison Officer, Constable Millar and his colleague, Constable Kalkat. Constables Millar and Kalkat shared a presentation with our senior students on digital citizenship and online safety. As they shared with students, there are many great things about the internet and our devices, but there are also risks and safety concerns that students must learn about in order to stay safe online. Families are encouraged to monitor student use of devices and online activity, and to be sure to engage in these important safety conversations at home as well. At school, personal digital devices are not permitted except to support individual health and learning needs. Please see the attached flyer that was also shared with families in September. We appreciate your support!

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

ArtCards

ArtCards have gone home to families this week. If you are interested in placing an order for this fundraiser, please follow the instructions provided inside the sample card. Orders can be placed at www.artcardsbykids.com. The red code on the back of the sample card will be needed for ordering. The deadline for ordering is Friday, November 22

Parking and Driveway Concerns

Over the last few days, we have witnessed some very concerning driving behaviour on the streets around our school and in our driveways. This includes excessive speeding, illegal u-turns, parking in the fire zone and parking in front of fire hydrants. The most dangerous driving takes place when families are running late.



Upcoming Events

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

Friday, December 6 - Spirit Day:
Funky Socks

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

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

Friday, December 13 - Hot Lunch

Friday, December 20 - Spirit Day:
Pyjama Day

Friday, December 20 - PAC
Pancake Breakfast

Friday, December 20 - Last Day
before Winter Break

Thank you! Merci!

To families for cheering on our
grade 6 and 7 volleyball players!

To our PAC for funds to support
the cost of field trips!

For driving with extreme caution
around our school!



Please leave home early and allow plenty of time to get students to their entry doors safely.

Our most important concern is the safety of our entire community (students, parents, staff and visitors). We do not want anyone to get hurt, and we request that families **use extreme caution** when driving in our school zone. Please be respectful and follow our guidelines carefully:

In Our School Zone:

- U-turns are not permitted
- The speed limit is 30km/h
- Whenever possible, walk or bike to school
- Families are encouraged to park on streets surrounding the school and have children walk to their line-ups
- Northside Community Church has also graciously offered the use of their parking lot for before/after school parking

Front Parking Lot and Driveway:

- Staff parking only
- No drop-offs or pick-ups from 8:30a.m. until 3:30 p.m.
- Bus/Fire Zone - NO PARKING

Back Parking Lot:

- Can be used for parking and for drop-off and pick-up
- The 5-minute stopping zone is where you can temporarily parallel park to drop-off or pick-up your child
- The driving lane is meant for a quick drop off for students who can exit without help
- Students should exit vehicles on the **passenger side**

Accessible Parking Spaces:

- One accessible parking space in the front parking lot
- Two accessible parking spaces in the back driveway
- Must display a valid accessible parking permit

If you do not have a permit, please do not use accessible spaces for drop-off and pick-up of students at any time

Please remember, your children are watching you. It can be uncomfortable for everyone involved if a staff member has to remind a driver of these guidelines; it is very important that everyone sets an example of good citizenship for our students.

Fraser Health Information: H5 Avian Influenza

Out of an abundance of caution, Fraser Health has sent school districts in the region a letter about the teenager who has tested presumptively positive for avian influenza. You can [click here](https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2024/11/2024-11-12-Letter-to-Superintendents-H5-Avian-Influenza-Final-revised73.pdf) to see this letter (or copy and paste this url into a web browser: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2024/11/2024-11-12-Letter-to-Superintendents-H5-Avian-Influenza-Final-revised73.pdf>)

We encourage everyone to practice the preventative measures suggested, including:

- Stay up to date on all immunizations, especially the seasonal flu vaccine
- Do not touch sick or dead animals
- Stay home if you are sick

Learn more

- BCCDC information on avian influenza: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/avian-influenza>
- Avian influenza: How can I protect myself?: http://www.bccdc.ca/resource-gallery/Documents/Avian_flu_How_can_I_protect_myself.pdf
- HealthLinkBC information on avian influenza: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/illnesses-conditions/infectious-diseases/avian-influenza>

Hot Lunches

Our first hot lunch will take place on Friday, November 22. Ordering for this hot lunch has closed. Please watch for the next hot lunch opportunity on December 13.

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.

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 volunteer if possible!

Proudly sponsored by your **Richardson Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**

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>

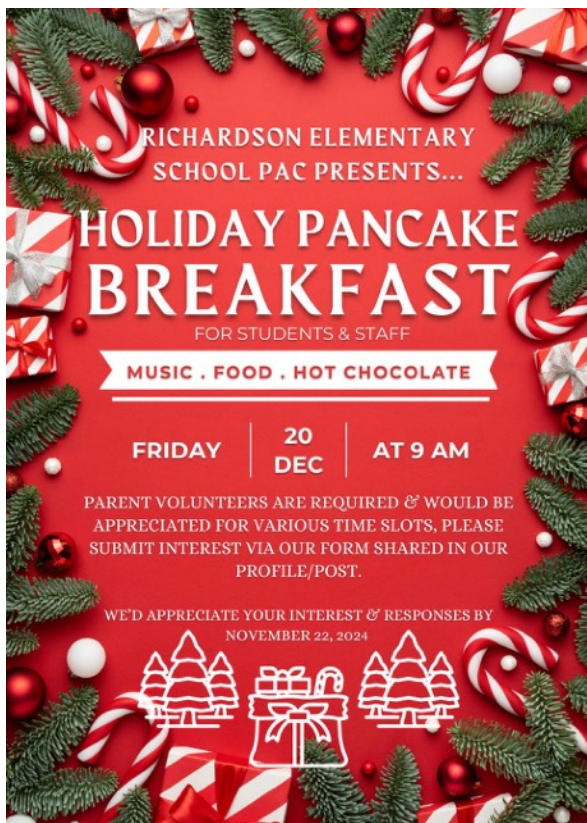
Once you have a MunchaLunch account bookmark and sign in at <https://munchalunch.com/login>

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!

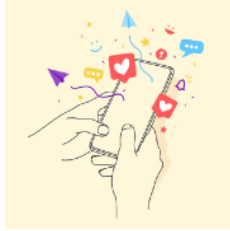
To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do. Thank you for volunteering! For questions about this event please contact Pardip Narwal at Pinksnarwal@gmail.com [Sign up to volunteer](#)

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.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RichardsonPAC>

Instagram: richardsonschoolpac



November 22: Subway hot lunch

December 20: Holiday Pancake Breakfast



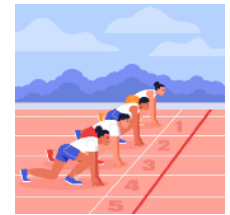
January 13: PAC in person meeting – 6:30 p.m.

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. More information can be found at <https://ri.deltasd.bc.ca/parent-community/pac/>