



# RICHARDSON REPORTER

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

## This Week's Important Dates

**Friday**, December 20 - Spirit Day:  
Pyjama Day

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

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



## Richardson Updates

We have one more week of school before the holiday break, and many of us are looking forward to some family time and some rest. Next week, staff have some festive activities planned, as well as finishing up important units of study. In particular, we are looking forward to the Richardson PAC Pancake Breakfast on Friday. Thanks in advance to all of the many volunteers who will help to make the event very special!

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

## Term 1 Report Cards

Yesterday, report cards were made available to be viewed in Parent Connect. As you sit down to discuss your child's report card with them, consider the following conversation prompts:

**What are you learning?** Why is it important? How does it connect with your life?

**How are you doing with your learning?** What are your strengths? What are the things that you find hard? How do you "stick with it" when things are challenging?

**Where to next?** How could you improve? What are you still wondering about? What will you do or think differently about now that you have learned some new things?

If you have questions about how you can support your child in their learning, please contact their classroom teacher.

## Winter Concert

This past Tuesday, we hosted our holiday concert in the gym. We are proud of our students for their hard work and wonderful performances, and we were very happy to have had such a large turnout of families. Thank you for coming out to the event, and we hope you all enjoyed the concert as much as we did!

## Upcoming Events

**Monday**, January 6 - School Reopens

**Monday**, January 13 - PAC Meeting

**Friday**, January 17 - Hot Lunch Day

**Friday**, January 24 - Non-Instructional Day (School Closed)



## Thank you! Merci!

To families for supporting our holiday loonie drive for DeltaAssist!

To PAC hot lunch volunteers!

For submitting payment for the emergency supplies fee!

For ensuring students have a dry change of clothes at school!

For providing healthy lunch and drink options for students!

## Holiday Giving Back - Loonie Drive

Thank you to all families who contributed to our Loonie Drive for DeltaAssist. Together, we have raised \$155 so far in support of Delta families who need a little extra help over the holidays. We appreciate the generosity of our community.

## Scents at School

For many people, being exposed to scented products, such as perfume, aftershave, hair spray, cologne, shampoo, soap or other scented personal care products can pose a serious health risk. Migraine headaches, nausea and breathing problems are common symptoms for anyone who is affected by fragrances. Due to the health concerns arising from exposure to scented products, Richardson Elementary endeavours to provide as scent-free an environment as possible. Please encourage your growing student to use an unscented or very mildly scented deodorant, and please ensure any bottles of perfume, cologne or other scented sprays are left at home.

## French Immersion Information

Please see the attached information about French Immersion Programs in Delta. In Delta, students can enter Early French Immersion in Kindergarten, or Late French Immersion in Grade 6.

## Burnsview Grade 7 Info Night

Please mark your calendars for January 23, as Burnsview Secondary will be hosting their Grade 7 information event. The French Immersion information starts at 6:30pm, and then regular programs information begins at 7:00pm. This will take place in the Burnsview library.

## Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is overflowing! Please come by the school to check the Lost and Found items in our main hallway. All items will be donated to charity by December 18.

## Family Learning Opportunity

Virtual family learning sessions on the topic of 'Establishing Safe, Caring and Respectful Digital Communities' are available. The sessions are recommended for parents, caregivers and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the

community. The sessions are led by the agency 'Safer Schools' who work closely with the Ministry of Education and Childcare. There is one training session per month. Please consider this important learning opportunity. More information can be found at the link below:

<https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>

### **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 note there is a new email for **Hot Lunch** questions and communications:

[richardsonhotlunches@gmail.com](mailto:richardsonhotlunches@gmail.com)

