



RICHARDSON REPORTER

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

This Week's Important Dates

Monday, January 6 - School Reopens

Friday, January 10 - Last day to order Hot Lunch (for Jan. 17)



Richardson Updates

As 2024 draws to a close, I reflect on my first term in the Richardson community. This term has been at times challenging, at times joyful, yet always full of rich learning experiences for our students here at Richardson. It is a wonderful experience to work alongside the staff and families that make this such a thoughtful, giving and supportive community. Our Richardson students have been working so hard since September, and I am proud of their efforts in all areas. I am particularly struck by the compassion shown by so many of our students towards their peers, in big and small ways. I would encourage families to keep focusing on compassion in 2025, and to continue to support our students to take care of themselves, to take care of others, and to take care of this place.

We are also saying farewell today to Mrs. Hope, who is taking on the role of Principal at Neilson Grove in January. This community has been so fortunate to have her here, and we will certainly miss her kindness, her energy and her amazing leadership. We wish her much success in her new school!

On behalf of the staff of Richardson, we wish everyone a very happy holiday season, a restful winter break, and a joyful new year in 2025!

Sincerely,
Ms. T. Doukas

Pancake Breakfast

Thank you to the many wonderful volunteers who helped to host our annual Pancake Breakfast! This was a wonderful community event that the community looks forward to each year. As a newcomer to the school, I was very impressed by the warmth, joy and spirit of giving that was present throughout the morning. What a wonderful send off for the holidays!

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 13 - PAC Meeting

Friday, January 17 - Hot Lunch Day

Tuesday, January 21 - Kindergarten Dental Screening

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

Thank you! Merci!

To our pancake breakfast volunteers!

For the generous holiday gifts staff have received from families this week!

For the many words of kindness to Mrs. Hope as she moves on to her new school!

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.

Reminder-Elementary Cell Phone Restrictions

Please be reminded that students are not permitted to use cellphones or other personal digital devices at school. For more information, please visit: [Elementary school restrictions](#). If you have any questions, please contact the school.

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. Please volunteer if possible!

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

richardsonhotlunches@gmail.com



The RICHARDSON PAC proudly presents.....

Hot Lunch Day

FRIDAY JANUARY 17, 2025

Fresh Slice Pizza

ORDER/PICK YOUR OPTIONS VIA
MUNCHA LUNCH

DEADLINE is JANUARY 10, 2025 TO ORDER

For questions/volunteer opportunities,
email:
richardsonhotlunches@gmail.com

FRESH SLICE
PIZZA