



RICHARDSON REPORTER

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

This Week's Important Dates

Wednesday, January 15 - Grade 6/7s at Mount Seymour

Friday, January 17 - Hot Lunch Day

Richardson Updates

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a restful and joyful winter break, filled with time to recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. As we head into the second half of the school year, I'm excited for all the opportunities that lie ahead. Our students are ready to continue their learning journeys, and we're looking forward to all the growth, creativity, and success that will take place in the coming months. Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to working together to make this a fantastic start to 2025!



Sincerely,
Ms. T. Doukas Mrs. A. Boyd

Student Illness/ Reporting Student Absences

Just a reminder to check student wellness before coming to school. If symptoms of illness are present, please assess whether students are better off staying home. We have had many unwell children at school this week who have had to be picked up. **Also, please be sure to call or email our office to notify the school if your child will be absent for any reason.**

Photos, Videos and Privacy

Social networking sites (Facebook, Instagram, etc.) are often used to share photos and videos of family and friends. While this is an efficient and convenient venue for sharing family photos, it presents challenges when video or photographs are taken at a school event and include other children from our school community.

In the interest of respecting potential family sensitivities and the privacy of others, if other children are identifiable in your photos or videos taken at school events, please obtain permission from the children's parents before posting on the Internet. Alternatively,



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 21 - Kindergarten
Dental Screening

Wednesday, January 22-Grade
6/7s at Mount Seymour

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

Monday, January 27 - PAC
Meeting

Thank you! Merci!

To families for driving with extreme caution around our school and in the back parking lot drop-off zone!



post photos or videos in which only your own children can be identified.

Parking and Driveway Concerns

Since coming back to school this week, we have again 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.

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 are again requesting 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.

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.

Accessibility Advisory Committee

The Delta School District is looking for student, staff and community volunteers interested in serving on its Accessibility Advisory Committee. The Committee's role is to identify barriers that prevent people from fully participating in school life and to advise on strategies to reduce them, ensuring a more inclusive and accessible environment. If you are interested in helping our school district become more accessible and welcoming to all, please complete the online application (or copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://forms.gle/UnQJP7uDdLQX5AFC8>) by **February 7, 2025**. For more information, please click here.

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.

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!

The next PAC meeting has been moved to Monday, January 27 at 6:30pm.

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

richardsonhotlunches@gmail.com

