



RICHARDSON REPORTER

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This Week's Important Dates

Tuesday, January 21 -
Kindergarten Dental Screening

Tuesday, January 21 - Delta
Gymnastics for primaries

Wednesday, January 22 - Last
Day to Apply for French
Immersion Kindergarten

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

Thursday, January 23 - 6:30pm:
Burnsview Grade 7 Info Night

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



Richardson Updates

As January winds down, we can reflect on our learning and experiences in this fresh new year. There have been opportunities at school for deep learning, fun activities and community building. Now that we have turned the calendar to 2025, our work also turns to planning for the next school year. Please note information about Kindergarten registration and French Immersion enrolment below, as well as dates for Grade 7 to 8 transition evenings at our local catchment secondary schools.

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

Kindergarten Registration (English)

Kindergarten registration for September takes place mid-February each year. A child may be registered to attend Kindergarten in September if their fifth birthday occurs on or before December 31st of the current year.

Kindergarten registration for the 2025/2026 school year will be held from February 10-25, 2025. Please register ONLINE for your catchment area school during this period of time. In-person registration at Richardson will be available on Thursday, February 13. For verification of your catchment area school, please check the School Locator. Instructions on how to register will be posted on the district website in early February.

Please have the following documents ready to upload with your child's registration (all documents must be received for registration to be accepted):

1. Proof of birth date for the student (birth certificate or passport) (registration will not be accepted until proof of birth date is received).
2. Proof of citizenship for both the parent and the student (Canadian birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document, permanent resident card).

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 27 - PAC Meeting

Tuesday, January 28 - Delta Gymnastics for primaries

Tuesday, February 11 - North Delta Secondary Grade 7 Info Night

Monday, February 17 - Family Day (school closed)

Friday, February 21 - Pro- D Day (school closed)

Thank you! Merci!

To our PAC Hot Lunch committee for hosting hot lunch today!

To families for not sending pop or other sugary drinks to school!

3. BC Services Card (please include both sides of card)
4. Proof of Residency (Property Taxes – current receipt, purchase/rental agreement or rental receipt).

Please refer to the district website for information about procedures for non-catchment and non-district kindergarten applications: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/student-registration/kindergarten/>

French Immersion Enrolment Process

There is an *Enrolment Process* by which families need to proceed if interested to register a child in a French Immersion Program, either for the Early French Immersion Program or the Late French Immersion Program. An application form needs to first be completed and submitted by the deadline of each year, which demonstrates a *commitment* by the families to register their child in the designated program if their child is accepted and to understand that **there is a commitment for the child to stay in the French Immersion program until Grade 12**, where families understand that their support and encouragement will be very important throughout the child's journey of learning in the French Immersion program.

This year, parents must apply online by entering their details, their child's details (one application per child), indicate their French Immersion school choices in order of preference and submit their application by the appropriate deadline:

Early French Immersion (Kindergarten-Grade 12) 4p.m. on **January 22nd**

Late French Immersion (Grade 6-Grade 12) 4p.m. on **February 12th**

Please see information at the following link:

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/programs/french-immersion/>

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

Drinks at School

At Richardson, students are encouraged to bring a full water bottle to school each day. The water bottle can be kept with the student at their desk or in an easily accessible location that the classroom teacher has identified. During the lunch eating time, students may drink juice boxes or other such drink choices that parents have chosen to provide. At the end of the eating time, it is expected that these 'other' drinks are finished or put away according to teacher instructions. Such drinks must be easily resealed. This is to avoid sticky spillage which can damage student work. Additionally, parents are asked to refrain from delivering drinks other than water during the school day.



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](https://forms.gle/UnQJP7uDdLQX5AFC8) (or copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://forms.gle/UnQJP7uDdLQX5AFC8>) by **February 7, 2025**. For more information, please [click here](#).

Reminder to Send Students to School Fully Prepared

Before dropping students off for school, please be sure they are fully prepared for the day, dressed for the weather and with a lunch, full water bottle, and all necessary homework, supplies and library books. Also, please ensure students have a full change of clothes at school. The wet and muddy conditions outside often necessitate a change into clean and dry clothing after the playtime.

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.**

Families Experiencing Hardship

If any families are requiring support, please reach out to our school office in confidence. Ms. Doukas and Mrs. Boyd 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