



# RICHARDSON REPORTER

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

## This Week's Important Dates

**February 2-8:** French Immersion Week in BC

**Friday, February 7 -** Hot Lunch Day

**Today is the last day to order Hot Lunch for Feb. 7!!**



## Richardson Updates

In February, our focus is always on kindness, families and friendship, and we are looking forward to a great month ahead. This month, classes will be engaging in learning in a variety of age appropriate ways, recognizing diversity and kindness through activities that connect to Black History Month, Valentines Day, Family Day and Pink Shirt Day. We are anticipating a wonderful month of learning and friendship.

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

## Winter Weather Procedures

This weekend there is the possibility of snowy weather. Our district has specific winter weather procedures that can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/news/winter-weather-procedures-2024-2025/>

All schools in the Delta School District will remain **OPEN** if at all possible during winter weather, including snowfalls.

1. Any district-wide closure will be decided by **7 a.m. at the latest** and will be announced through the media, as well as through the district and school websites and social media. *Please note: No announcement will be made stating that specific schools are open. Only closures and delayed openings will be announced.*
2. Student safety is the first priority of the Delta School District. Parents/Guardians are responsible for their children's safe travel to and from school.
3. Schools will be kept open except under extreme circumstances to provide the option of attendance for all, **but the decision to attend is the responsibility of each family.**

## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday**, February 11 - Math Festival

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

**Thursday**, February 13 - In-Person Kindergarten Registration @ RI

**Thursday**, February 13 - 2:00pm Early Dismissal

**Monday**, February 17 - Family Day (school closed)

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

**Wednesday**, February 26 - Pink Shirt Day

**Thursday**, February 27 - Science Fair @ Richardson

## Thank you! Merci!

To parents who made the time to attend the PAC meeting this week!

To our PAC for funding our new school jerseys!



4. During extreme weather conditions it is also common for police and other authorities to advise citizens to avoid unnecessary travel. **Parents should take this advice as well. Students will not be penalized for lack of attendance under such poor weather conditions.**

5. The district supports individual and family decisions regarding safety. Student and staff safety are a priority of the school district. **If schools are open, and parents wish to keep their child home due to weather conditions, they may do so.**

6. Parents should phone or email the school to notify staff that their child(ren) won't be attending. Weather-related student absences will be excused.

## Drop-off/Safe Arrival

Our morning drop-off time is very busy in our back driveway and around the school. All students should strive to be on the school grounds by 8:50 to be on time. Students arriving after the warning bell at 8:55 are still expected to go to their class lineup. When students arrive after 9:00, they must enter through the front doors in order to sign in. We appreciate the support of families in getting students to school on time.

Additionally, it is important to note that staff supervision of the school grounds begins at 8:45am.

## Student Illness

This past week, we have had the highest number of absences due to illness since the start of this school year. Families are urged to assess the well-being of students before sending them to school. If symptoms of illness are present, please consider whether students would be better off at home.

## New School Jerseys

Our Grade 6 and 7 basketball teams had their first games this week, and proudly sported our new Richardson Ravens jersey that was funded by our PAC. The shirts look great, and the students were so proud to wear our new school logo and colours.

## Grade 7 - Secondary School

Grade 7 students are automatically streamed to NDSS for the regular program and to Burnsvew for the French program. If you wish to apply for a non-catchment or

non-district placement in another Delta school, please follow the procedures below.

**Applications open on Monday, February 3 at 8:30am.**

**Non-District and Non-Catchment Applications - 2025-2026**

On Monday, February 3, 2025 at 8:30am, the Delta School District will begin to accept applications for Non-District and Non-Catchment students through our district website. Please see the information at the following link for more information.

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/student-registration/>

**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.

**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](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)

**Upcoming PAC Fundraiser:**

Please place your orders for mini donuts on Munchalunch by Monday, Feb. 10, or return this form to the school with payment by Feb. 10. Orders will be delivered on Feb. 14. Thanks!

**LITTLE Ooties**  
MINI DONUTS

**mini donut day!**  
\$5.50 per bag

Order on the munchalunch website,  
or return this form by FEB 10.  
Orders will be delivered on Feb 14th.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Bags: \_\_\_\_\_ Money Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent Learning Opportunities

Family Smart's lineup of **FREE** virtual events for February to March are open for registration.

### **Virtual Event: For Families: A Conversation About Eating Disorders**

Knowing how to help our kids who are experiencing an eating disorder can be a terrifying, isolating and overwhelming experience. Learn about disordered eating, what to be aware of, the importance of connection, and strategies that help support recovery. Victoria Keddiss hosts a conversation with Eating Disorders Therapist & Educator Carmen Kauffman, along with a mom and daughter with lived experience.

Registration: <https://familysmart.ca/monthly-events/>

February 5th 6:30pm-8pm

February 20th 6:30pm-8pm

### **Virtual Event: ADHD - The Real Deal**

ADHD doesn't just affect the person with ADHD, it also affects those around them. As parents of kids living with ADHD, we can benefit from learning what ADHD is and how to support our kids. Dr. Duncan, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, dispels some myths and explains how and why the ADHD brain works the way it does.

Registration: <https://familysmart.ca/monthly-events/>

February 6th 6:30pm-8pm

February 19th 12pm-1:30pm

February 25th 6:30pm-8pm

### **Free Workshop from the Centre for Trauma Informed Practices:**

#### **Rethinking Social Media for a Better Understanding of our Children and Youth**

**\*\*pre-registration required\*\***

**\*\*see the image to the right:**

**PARENT PRESENTATION**

Delta School District  
Inspired Learning

CTIP  
CENTER FOR TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICES

*Rethinking Social Media for a Better Understanding of our Children and Youth*

- ✓ Learn about popular apps and platforms youth are using.
- ✓ Understand how social media impacts self-image and relationships
- ✓ Discover strategies to foster stronger connections with your child.

**SPEAKER: MADISON CAMERON**  
CENTER FOR TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICES

**TUES, FEB. 25, 2025**  
**6:30PM - 8:00 PST**

**ONLINE (ZOOM)**

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:**  
**HTTPS://BIT.LY/DELTAPARENTPRESENTATION**