

RICHARDSON REPORTER

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

This Week's Important Dates

Monday, February 10- Last day to order Mini-Donuts

Monday, February 10 and **Wednesday**, February 12 - Hip Hop workshops with Powys Harrison

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

Friday, February 14 - Valentine's Day



<u>Richardson Updates</u>

It was a beautiful week of winter wonderland in our area with snowy days and very cold weather. All week, we were monitoring conditions to ensure safety for our staff and students. We did make the decision to call an inside recess on one of the days that was particularly icy, but were able to send students out safely most of the week. Students had so much fun playing in the snow at recess and lunch; the joy was infectious! Similarly, classes enjoyed Carnaval celebrations on Friday, organized by our French Immersion staff. The activities were fun and lively, and all students got to experience some French culture.

Term 2 tends to be one of the shortest and busiest of the year. All students have been working through the variety of learning opportunities indicated in the class previews sent out by teachers in January. Our next formal reports will be available on March 12. Until then, if you have questions about your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher by phone or by email. This week, there is an early dismissal on Thursday at 2pm so that teachers can connect with families on an as-needed basis.

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

Valentine's Day

With Valentine's Day fast approaching, our thoughts at Richardson turn to friendship and kindness. Paper valentines with kind notes and messages are welcome to be exchanged in classes. It is an opportunity to take the time to discuss with students the importance of acts of kindness, and that classmates will remember the caring words of friendship that are shared in the valentines.

Late French Immersion

Do you have a student who is currently in Grade 5? Please note these important dates if you are considering

L'École Richardson Elementary

Upcoming Events

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

Thursday, March 6 - District Science Fair @ Scottsdale Mall

Wednesday, March 12 - Term 2 Learning Updates (Report Cards) Posted

Friday, March 14 -Last Day of School before Spring Break

Thank you! Merci!

To families for sending students prepared for the winter weather!

To our hot lunch organizers for another successful Hot Lunch Day!

To families for monitoring student use of digital devices and social media!



the Late French Immersion Program at Chalmers Elementary for your child next year.

•LFI Parent Information: a pre-recorded presentation available on line on the district website

•LFI Parent Info Night in person at Chalmers Elementary: on Monday, Feb. 10 at 6:30pm

• LFI Application deadline: February 12, 2025 at 4:00 pm Please go to the Online Application Page if you are interested in this program.

Math Festival

We are looking forward to hosting the Julia Robinson Math Festival on Tuesday. All students will take part in fun math activities throughout the day.



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 <u>catchment</u> 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. Please volunteer if possible!

The Hot Lunch Committee welcomes the help of volunteers. If you are able to spend some time helping out on hot lunch days, please contact the committee at the Hot Lunch email below.

richardsonhotlunches@gmail.com

PAC Fundraiser (orders due Monday!):

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!

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

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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 Keddis hosts a conversation with Eating Disorders Therapist & Educator Carmen Kauffman, along with a mom and daughter with lived experience.

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

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

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 below

