

RICHARDSON REPORTER

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This Week's Important Dates

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

Wednesday, March 12: Spirit Wear Orders due

Thursday, March 13 - 4:00pm: Neufeld Farms Delivery

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



<u>Richardson Updates</u>

This week, the sun came out and the mood around the school was lively and hopeful. Everyone is looking forward to our upcoming break, but we have five more school days to go! Please encourage students to continue making good choices at school, and to be patient with one another.

Thank you for your support!

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

Term 2 Report Cards/Learning Updates

Under the new Ministry of Education Reporting Order, Report Cards will now be called 'Learning Updates.' Our Term 2 Learning Updates will be shared with parents through Parent Connect on Wednesday, March 12. The office will notify families when they are made available for parents. Please contact the office if you are having difficulty accessing your child's report. For any questions regarding student progress, please contact your child's teacher. We invite families to take some time to celebrate student learning, and the wonderful progress that all students have made this term.

Raven Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear orders are open this week. We can accept cash or cheque for payment of these orders. Please drop orders off at the office or send the order to school in an envelope with your child. The last day for ordering will be Wednesday, March 12. Please expect 4-5 weeks for production after orders close.

International Programs-Homestay Recruitment

Please see the information below for more information about becoming a homestay family for an international student.

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 31 - School Reopens

Monday, March 31 - PAC meeting

Thursday, April 17 - Student Led Conferences and Early Dismissal at 2:00pm

Friday, April 18- Good Friday (School Closed)

Monday, April 21- Easter Monday (School Closed)

Thursday, May 8 - Regional Track Meet

Thursday, May 15 - District Track Meet

Friday, May 16 - Non-Instructional Day (School Closed)

Thank you! Merci!

To families for reinforcing our Raven Code of Conduct!

To families for supporting our School Spirit Wear initiative!

To our PAC volunteers for their hard work on a variety of fundraising initiatives!

To families who help with driving for field trips!

Attendance

Consistent school attendance is critical to a child's academic success and overall development. Missing school, even for a few days, can cause students to fall behind in their lessons and struggle to catch up. Regular

attendance helps children stay engaged with their studies, build essential skills, and maintain a connection with their teachers and peers. We encourage all families to prioritize attendance and to ensure that students are in class every day that they are feeling well, and ready to learn. Working together, we can support your child's growth and achievement throughout the school year.



Budget Consultation for 2025-2026

In preparation for development of the 2025/2026 budget, the Delta Board of Education is encouraging parents/ caregivers, staff, partners, and rights-holders to share their priorities for the upcoming school year by <u>5p.m. on</u> <u>March 14, 2025</u>.

You can provide your feedback by: •Completing a short <u>online survey</u> •Sending an email to <u>budget@deltaschools.ca</u> •Sending a letter to Delta School District, 4585 Harvest Drive, Delta, B.C., V4K 5B4 •Talking to your school's PAC

Please <u>click here</u> (or copy and paste this url into your browser <u>https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/news/</u> <u>2025-2026-budget-consultation-process/</u>) to learn more about this year's consultation process.

Student Illness/Reporting 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. 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 have any questions for our PAC, or if you would like to volunteer your time with an event, please send an email directly to richardsonelementarypac@gmail.com.

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

Message to Grade 6 and 7 Families:

We know it's not even spring yet and the Grade 7 leaving ceremony in June seems far away, but it will come faster than you think!

My name is Faith Gilbert, and I'm a grade 7 parent who has volunteered to help organize this year's event.

We need adult volunteers

This year's grade 7 leaving ceremony is set to look a little different than previous years, and we are going to need more volunteers and perhaps some fundraising.

We're aiming to a meeting after spring break with all interested in helping, so we can minimize the chaos of planning in June.

If you're willing and able to help, please send an email to <u>re2012leaving@gmail.com</u>.

Contribute to our yearbook and slide show memories

The last two years, the Richardson PAC has generously donated the funds for a Grade 7 yearbook.

Please also email <u>re2012leaving@gmail.com</u> to:

- Express your interest in helping put together our grade 7 yearbook and/or slideshow during the event.
- To send photos of your child's time at Richardson, either at the school or during school sponsored events (sports teams/ field trips/ camp etc) to include in the yearbook or

slideshow. Please send these photos before April 15 as the yearbook will need to be printed by mid-May.

Grade 6 parents - let us know if you can help!

We have an annual tradition for grade 6 parents to help on the day of the leaving ceremony so our grade 7 families can enjoy celebrating their students. If you're available to volunteer, please email us at the address shared above.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask, Faith Gilbert

do something great

Welcome an international student into your home.



Be a Canadian ambassador and global citizen

- Have a lifelong impact on a child from across the world
- Homestay remuneration increasing to \$1,200 per month as of September 2025
- Choose from hosting for 2 weeks to 5 months or longer
- Benefit from our team's support
- Contact us to find out more!



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