



# SCHOOL NEWS #4

December, 2019

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 38 (Richmond)

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## **WINTER CONCERT ON DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 1:30 PM:**

Parents and friends are invited to attend the annual concert in the school gym. This year groups of classes will be singing one or two songs each and the concert should be 30 - 40 minutes in length. Thank you for your support.

The PAC will, once again, be raffling off front row seats to the concert as a fundraiser. More information will be sent home shortly.

## **MRS. MACCOOL & MRS. ONCALVES LEAVING MCKAY SCHOOL**

As was previously communicated to the PAC executive and to Div. 7 parents, Mrs. Macool and Mrs. Goncalves will be resigning from the Richmond School District on Friday, December 20th. This wonderful job share team have been at the school for 17 years and are highly valued members of the McKay staff. Mrs. Macool will be teaching in the Delta School District and Mrs. Goncalves will be pursuing some other career options. Please drop by and say good bye to the long-time staff members. Ms. Jane Chau will be teaching Div. 7 for the remainder of the school year.

## **WINTER WONDERLAND:**

McKay School will be going to skate at Minoru Rinks during their Winter Wonderland event on December 18th. We will be going in two groups; the first will skate from 10:30 -11:30 and the second from 11:45 – 12:45. The children have an hour to skate in the beautifully decorated rink which looks very festive! We always have many parents who come out to help with putting on skates and helping to get the younger ones ready to go on the ice. A permission form and request for online payment will be sent home shortly and you are asked to return it to your classroom teacher by December 9th. We will be traveling by school bus and parents can meet us there.

## **The schedule is as follows:**

**10:30 ~ 11:30 – Div. 1, 3, 4, 8, 7 & 9**

**11:45 ~ 12:45 – Div. 2, 5, 6 & 10**



## **END OF TERM REPORTING:**

All the Primary students (Div. 6 to 10) will receive report cards on Monday, December 16th. The Intermediate Teachers and students have been posting assessment information in their e-portfolios throughout the first term. Parents are asked to log-on and provide feedback for your child.

## **STAFF AND STUDENT SAFETY PROCEDURES**

McKay Elementary, along with the rest of the Richmond School District, is committed to promoting Safe Schools for all students and staff. Part of that commitment is ensuring staff and students are trained and prepared to respond to any threat, minor or serious, to our school population.

Just as we practice safe procedures in case of earthquake or fire, we also prepare for other situations that might happen in our neighbourhood (such as a broken gas line) or within our school (such as an intruder). These situations would lead us to “lockdown” the school. For the broken gas line example, we would follow Code **Yellow** procedures – a **perimeter** lockdown. For an intruder, we would follow Code **Red** procedures - a **full** lockdown. These procedures have been developed with the support of law enforcement agencies and are consistent through all metro school districts.

We will have a lockdown practice on December 9th to simulate effective responses to potential safety threats. All staff members are aware of the procedures and protocols and the classroom teachers will discuss the steps involved in a school lockdown with their students before the drill. You know your child best and if you feel your child would benefit from some reassurance, please have a brief conversation with him or her before the drill.

## **STAFF VS GR. 6/7 VOLLEYBALL GAME & RICHMOND FOOD BANK FUNDRAISERS**

School staff are organizing a food bank drive beginning on Wednesday, December 4th. and concluding on Tuesday, December 10th. All students are invited to watch the game and are encouraged to bring a can of food. There will be boxes set up near the school office for donations.



## **STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

The grade 6/7 Student Leadership group is hard at work preparing for a cookie sale in support of the Food Bank on December 4th. Cookies will be \$1.00 and will be on sale at recess and lunch.



## **THANK YOU FROM THE MCKAY PAC**

The earthquake emergency kit fundraiser raised \$300.00 for the McKay PAC. The funds will be used to support the classroom field trip \$5.00 subsidy per student.



## **CITY OF RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTRE RECREATION SUBSIDY**

The City of Richmond Recreation Fee Subsidy Program supports individuals living in Richmond who are experiencing financial hardship. It offers financial assistance to enable participation in parks, recreation and cultural programs and services offered by the City of Richmond and its Community Partners. The goal of the program is to ensure Richmond residents can access the health and wellness benefits of parks, recreation and cultural opportunities, regardless of their financial situation.

Parents can come to the school office to get referral forms.

## **THE RICHMOND CHRISTMAS FUND**

The Richmond Christmas fund is a non-religious, non-discriminatory program. We provide assistance to low-income individuals and families in Richmond who do not have the financial means to celebrate the holidays. Please note that the Christmas Fund is not a government program, and is supported almost entirely by donations from the community. The program exists thanks to the incredible generosity of Richmond residents. Registration takes place over four consecutive Saturdays, beginning in late November. Parents, please see attached information. Please contact Mr. Hoath if you have any further questions.



## **RICHMOND OVAL DAY ON JANUARY 28TH**

Our family team activity for January will be a school wide (K-7) field trip to the Oval. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities throughout the school day. Parents will be asked to drop off and pick up their children at the oval. More information and a permission form will be sent home in early January. The field trip will be \$15.00.



## **K REGISTRATION IS ONGOING**

Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome Kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2015, turning 5 in 2020. These children will begin kindergarten in September, 2020. Registration began on November 1, 2019. Please visit our website <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten> for more information.

Families are encouraged to register any time during the Priority 1 registration period (November – January) *for the best chance at attending their catchment school*. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 7, 2020.



**RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM** is looking for homestay families for 2 to 4 week programs in January/February.

Information about the winter program

- Various homestay options between January 15 and February 17, 2020
- Up to 4 students per homestay
- Grade 6 or Grade 7 (Approx. 12/13 years old)
- Homestay stipend: \$35 per student per night (Includes: 3 meals per day; transportation to and from school from Monday to Friday; some weeknight and weekend transportation within Richmond).

If you would like to be short term homestay parent, please contact our homestay manager, Karen York at [kyork@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:kyork@sd38.bc.ca)

