



# SCHOOL NEWS #5

January, 2020

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 38 (Richmond)

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## **RICHMOND OVAL DAY ON JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

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. Please see the attached permission form. The cost of this field trip will be \$15.00 – please pay on School Cash Online.



## **BAND CONCERT – JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>:**

The grade 6/7 students and Ms Ting have been hard at work preparing for their upcoming concert. All parents are encouraged to attend on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm till approx. 6:45 pm in the gym.

## **PARENT AND STUDENT OUTDOOR EDUCATION MEETING JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> AT 7:30 PM**

All current Gr. 5/6 students will have the opportunity to attend camp on September 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. All Gr. 5/6 parents and students are encouraged to attend an information meeting on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in the school multipurpose room at 7:30 PM.

Representatives from Camp Jubilee will be in attendance to provide program information and answer questions.

Please note there will also be information on the water certification process to enable participation in water-based activities. An information package will also be distributed at this meeting.



## **PAC NEWS:**

The next PAC meeting is on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm in the staffroom. Please come out to support the PAC and help us create the best possible community for your children! Our PAC continues to help our students have the best possible experiences at school and it is because of them that we were all able to go skating at Minoru Winter Wonderland! Our next PAC Hot Lunch will be on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.



## **BREAKFAST CLUB – JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>:**

All students are invited to our next Breakfast Club on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 am. These events are good opportunities for students to eat together.....focus on healthy eating habits...and have fun as well! We are fortunate to have such a wonderful staff who is out early on these mornings to help out, and our students in Division 1 & 2 do a great job of setting up the night before. A lot of work goes into making these events the success that they are!



## **GRADE 6/7 EXTRA CURRICULAR BASKETBALL BEGINS:**

The Gr. 6/7 basketball season began this week and the Girls' and Boys' teams had practices. All students are welcome to join. This is a great opportunity to make social connections, get some physical activity and learn a new sport.



Both teams will play games against local schools and participate in the Burnett Breaker tournament on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Pearce (a retired school principal) will be coaching the Boys' team and will be assisted by Mr. Ledesma and Mr. Johnsen. Mr. Pyke, an educational assistant at the school, and Mr. Hoath will be coaching the girls' team.

A permission form and game schedule will be sent home next week.

## **LATE FRENCH IMMERSION PRESENTATION:**

This week we had a teacher and a group of Grade 6 students addressing our Grade 5 students and telling them about the LFI (Late French Immersion) program at Diefenbaker School. This is open to students entering Grade 6 in the fall, and please take the time to discuss this with your Grade 5 child so that you can make an informed decision about choices open to them next year.

## **Parent Information Nights – Late French Immersion**

January 13<sup>th</sup> – Diefenbaker Elem. 6:30 – 8:00 pm  
Or  
January 14<sup>th</sup> – Whiteside Elem. 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

**VERY IMPORTANT - CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Please remember to advise the office if you move, add or change phone numbers, add or delete an emergency contact, ask someone different to pick your child up from school. ....please keep in mind that if something were to happen to your child while in school and your contact information is not up to date, we would not be able to advise you. Please send a note or email to Mrs. Perry with updated information any time throughout the year.

([vperry@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:vperry@sd38.bc.ca))



**IPALS EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM:**

IPALS is a program for new -to - Canada parents and their children who are 3-4 years old. Within IPALS, children’s language and literacy skills are strengthened. The connection between the home and school is an important part of IPALS. Our IPALS program begins January 17 until March 13 12:00-3:00 PM at Grauer Elementary. Please see the attachments.



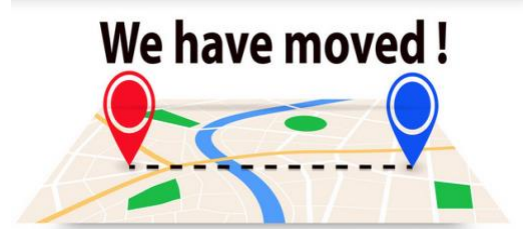
**GRADE 7 TRANSITIONS:**

It is only January, but plans are already underway to begin the important transition of our Grade 7 students to High School. On Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, staff at all the feeder schools for Burnett High School will meet in the morning to begin the conversations. This will be followed by visits later in January and early February by Burnett school counsellors’ staff to our Grade 7s here at McKay. This is an important step for our students, and we are making sure that they are all well prepared to enter High School as the confident learners that they are!



**HAVE YOU MOVED?!**

It is very important that we have the **correct home address** for your child on file. If you have moved since the verification sheets were sent home in September, please complete the “Change of Address” form which was emailed to all Grade 7 parents previously, fill it out and provide the necessary documents to update the info. at the office.



Please note high school transfer information was emailed to all parents earlier this week.

**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.



**Ready Set Learn 2020**

COME TO A FREE CONCERT WITH WILL STROET AND JOIN US FOR SOME FUN ACTIVITIES!

You and your pre-school aged child are invited. Events take place January-February and are free!

WE HAVE ACTIVITY STATIONS PLANNED! We will highlight Indigenous culture.

We look forward to seeing you!

Contact Information: Marie Thom, Early Learning Teacher Consultant 604-668-6000 EXT 3270

**Ready Set Learn 2020**

MORNING EVENTS 9:30 - 11:00	WILL'S JAMS	AFTERNOON EVENTS 1:00 - 2:30
WILL performs on:		WILL performs on:
<b>January 15</b> WHITESIDE 9282 Williams Rd.	<b>RICHMOND</b> SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38	<b>January 15</b> HAMILTON 5180 Smith Dr.
<b>January 22</b> WOODWARD 10300 Seacote Rd.		<b>January 22</b> DIEFENBAKER 4511 Heritage Dr.
<b>February 5</b> GRAUER 4440 Blundell Rd.		<b>February 5</b> BRIDGE 10400 Leonard Rd.
<b>February 12</b> THOMPSON 6211 Forsyth Cr.		<b>February 12</b> COOK 8600 Cook Rd.
<b>February 19</b> LEE 9491 Ash St.		<b>February 19</b> BLUNDELL 6480 Blundell Rd.
<b>February 26</b> BYNG 3711 Georgia St.		<b>February 29</b> MITCHELL 12091 Cambie Rd.