



SCHOOL NEWS #7

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SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 38 (Richmond)

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IMPORTANT DATES

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

March 13	Last Day of Classes
March 16~27	Spring Break
March 30	School Re-opens~Welcome Back! Drumming Begins till Apr. 1
April 3	P A C Hot Food Day
April 10	Good Friday Holiday
April 13	Easter Monday Holiday
April 20	P A C Meeting @ 7:15 pm

School events and activities are also posted on the school website calendar:

<http://mckay.sd38.bc.ca/calendar>

MCKAY PAC SPONSORS AFRICAN DRUMMING EXPERIENCE

The PAC will be sponsoring an African drumming experience for all students from March 30th -April 1st. Students will work with Milton Randell, an accomplished local percussionist, who has worked in many lower mainland schools. He will work with groups of students for 2.5 days. Each student will have approx. 4 hours of hands-on drumming experience and will perform on Wednesday, April 1st at 1:20 PM. Parents are invited to watch the performance. Thank you, McKay PAC, for your financial support of this fine arts experience.



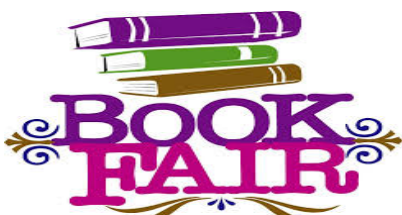
BASKETBALL SEASON CONCLUDES

The Gr. 6/7 teams have been practicing and playing games for the past couple of months and this week the teams conclude their seasons this week at the annual Burnett Breaker tournament. Thank you to our parent drivers and the coaches this season. Mr. Pearce coached the boys' team and Mr. Pyke and Mr. Hoath coached the girls.



BOOK FAIR

Thank you, parents, for supporting the BOOK FAIR. Ms Mui, our Librarian organized a Book Fair which was held in late February. This event raised just over \$1000.00 of new books for the school library. Thank you to Ms. Mui for her efforts in making this such a success and she does event at two schools!



MCKAY MUSTANG SPIRIT DAYS

A big thank you to the students in Div. 3! They have been hard at work preparing for a number of upcoming spirit days. The students will be coordinating all aspects of these days including announcements, promotional posters and prizes. Confirmed days include the very popular twins' day and a staff favourite – "May the Forth Be with You" day (Star Wars) on May 4th.

SHOE DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS BEGINS MARCH 30TH

If you have new or lightly used shoes which you would like to donate please bring them to the school (a box will be located near the office) beginning March 30th. A local organization called Sole-Darity founded by a former student is collecting the shoes to give to those in need across Canada.



TRACK AND FIELD PRACTICES BEGIN APRIL 7TH



Practices will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons for grades 3-7. Students are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing and running shoes. The District track meet dates have not been announced.

GRADE 4 & 7 PARENTS: PLEASE COMPLETE STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

Grade 4 and 7 parents are asked to complete an anonymous electronic survey before April 3rd. Survey log-in information and instructions were sent via email to only these parents. This is valuable parent feedback for the school.

SECOND TERM STUDENT REPORTS

There has been a lot of student learning happening in all the classrooms this term. Our teachers and Educational Assistants have worked really hard to ensure all the students are taught the prescribed provincial curriculum (found at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>)

Our Intermediate students (Div. 1-5) have documented these learning experiences in their e-portfolios, which all parents have access to, and are encouraged to comment on throughout the school year. Intermediate parents should have received a midyear summary of progress following your February conference. The primary students received their second term report cards this week. Parents are encouraged to discuss the report cards with their children and make an appointment with your child's teacher if you have any questions after Spring break.

