



LORD BYNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER # 3

Oct. 20, 2016

Dear Parents / Guardians:

Earthquake and Fire Drill Emergency Planning

October 20th was the “Great Canadian Shake-Out”. Students participated in our first earthquake drill of the year. We practice six fire drills and 3 earthquake drills each year. It is important for families to review their own emergency plans for the home as well. These drills also highlight the importance of families keeping contact information current in the office.

2016 Remembrance Day Peace Assembly

Thursday, November 10th at @10:45am

Please join us for a special ceremony as we remember those who sacrificed their lives for us and as we look forward with hope and determination to build a more peaceful tomorrow. Students involved in service organizations such as scouts, guides or cadets are encouraged to wear their uniforms. Parents and any family or friends who are Veterans and members of our Armed Forces are invited to attend in uniform, as well as any members of the Police or Fire Department.

Terry Fox Run

The weather cooperated and we had a very successful run. With the help of our many parents and our RCMP liaison officer, Cst. Adam Carmichael our students participated in a very meaningful and important event. We are pleased that while some money continues to arrive we have collected over \$492.00 to donate to cancer research.

D.A.R.E. Program

The Grade 5 students have started the D.A.R.E. program which is being presented by our liaison officer Cst. Adam Carmichael of the Richmond RCMP. Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) is a comprehensive school-based drug prevention program taught by police officers to children at the Grade 5 level. The officers partner with classroom teachers to build protective factors for children by providing information and social skills needed to live drug and violence free. The program is delivered over an 8-week period, and each lesson is presented in a fun and factual way, designed to maximize student participation using an interactive workbook.

Parents are very influential in their children’s lives, and D.A.R.E. is more effective with parental participation and support. D.A.R.E teaches topics that can be shared and built upon at home. D.A.R.E. is an effective crime prevention program and it provides opportunities to establish positive relationships between police, children, parents, teachers and other community members. Parents will be invited to the “Graduation” ceremony during the last session, which will be scheduled in late November.

Halloween:

Too Much Candy?? Trick or Treaters can donate any of their extra candy to a local shelter. There will be a donation bin by the front office until Nov. 9. Thank you for your help.

Photo Retake Orders

Photo retakes will take place Wednesday, Nov. 2nd Students wishing to have photo re-takes should let their teacher know. Please review the photo form instructions about how to order your retake photos. We will have a runner come to the classrooms and ask them to come down for retake photos.

Head Lice

As with many elementary schools, head lice continue to be an ongoing issue. Head lice do not cause illness or spread disease, however they can be irritating because of the discomfort they cause and how easily they are spread from person to person. If there is a case of head lice within your child’s classroom, separate information notices will be sent home.

Illness

Yes, cold and flu season has arrived! Remind your child to wash their hands frequently, and sneeze into a tissue or their sleeve. Please keep your child home if they are sick – if your child is too ill to play outside on a cold day, then they are most likely too ill to be at school!

District School Closure Process

The Richmond Board of Education has voted to terminate the current school closure process. The following motion was approved by the Richmond Board of Education:

WHEREAS the Board of Education (Richmond) has undertaken an extensive public consultation process designed to inform the public about the declining enrollment and seismic mitigation challenges facing the school district **AND WHEREAS** as part of the public consultation process the Board of Education (Richmond) sought input on possible school closures;

AND WHEREAS the recent announcement by the Minister of Education that capacity targets will no longer be required for school districts to qualify for seismic remediation funding;
AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government, through the three Richmond MLAs, has provided public assurance that seismic remediation funding is available for all schools in Richmond;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the current school closure process be terminated;
AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to update the Five Year Capital Plan to include all Richmond schools that require seismic remediation.

Parent Evening Oct 26 & Nov 15 2016

Parent Information Meeting: New Curriculum

Please join in a parent information meeting to discuss and answer any questions you may have about the new curriculum. Chinese interpreters will be available.

MacNeill Secondary
 October 26th, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
 November 15th, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

RSVP to Lisa Urata at lurata@sd38.bc.ca

SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR	
 <p>The Richmond School District offers a range of programs and educational services. To be guaranteed a space at your catchment school for 2017-18, register prior to June 16, 2017. Please see the important dates and timeline below.</p>	
REGISTRATION	OPENS
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS	
1) Children AND Parents with Canadian Birth Certificate or Canadian Citizenship Card or Canadian Passport : > November 1-30th: Parents register at your Catchment School . > After Nov. 30th: ALL Kindergarten registrations will be at Central Registration .	Nov. 1, 2016 9:00am-2:00pm
2) Children AND/OR Parents who are not Canadian citizens, but with valid Permanent Resident Card or Record of Landing with Passport , or Letter of Acceptance : > Parents register at Central Registration	Nov. 1, 2016 9:00am-2:00pm
GRADE 1-12 STUDENTS Parents register at Central Registration at District Board Office.	Jan. 3, 2017 9:00am-2:00pm
TRANSFER APPLICATIONS	OPENS
Transfer Applications will be received at the requested schools. ◆Closes February 10, 2017 at 3:00pm.	Jan. 9, 2017 9:00am-3:00pm
DISTRICT PROGRAM OPTIONS	OPENS
EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION AND MONTESSORI applications ◆Closes January 11, 2017 at 4:00pm.	Nov. 1, 2016 9:00am-4:00pm
LATE FRENCH IMMERSION applications ◆Closes January 18, 2017 at 4:00pm.	Nov. 1, 2016 9:00am-4:00pm
LATE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER DEADLINE Not entered in the placement process, but added to the waitlist generated from the placements.	
District Program Options applications available at catchment schools and Central Registration and must be delivered by the parent to Central Registration at District Board Office.	
PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS 7:00PM KINDERGARTEN, EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION KINDERGARTEN- GRADE 1 AND MONTESSORI KINDERGARTEN- GRADE 4 November 23, 2016 General Currie Elementary 8220 General Currie Road KINDERGARTEN EVENING FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: November 24, 2016 William Cook Elementary 8600 Cook Road LATE FRENCH IMMERSION- GRADE 6 January 11, 2017 James Whiteside Elementary 9282 Williams Road January 12, 2017 John Diefenbaker Elementary 4511 Hermitage Drive	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Registration forms must be completed in person by the parents or legal guardians with all the required documents </div>	
For more information about Registration for School and District Program Options please go to our district website at www.sd38.bc.ca or call Central Registration at 604-668-6058 .	
 <p>RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38</p> <p>CENTRAL REGISTRATION OFFICE 7811 GRANVILLE AVENUE, RICHMOND, BC V6Y 3E3</p>	

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Fri., Oct. 21 Provincial Professional Day – School Closed

Mon., Oct. 31 9:00AM Assembly - Halloween

Wed., Nov. 2 Photo Retakes

Sun., Nov. 6 Daylight Savings Time- Set clocks back one hour!!

Wed., Nov. 9 PAC Meeting at 6:30pm

Thurs., Nov. 10 Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45-11:45am

Fri., Nov. 18 Professional Day – School Closed

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!