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**NEWSLETTER**

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Message from the Administration

Welcome back to the final term of school. We hope everyone had a restful Spring Break. We've started this term with a focus on Acts of Kindness. We are encouraging students to show kindness in the hope that the receiver will then show kindness to others. We are encouraging students to think about acts of Kindness they can show toward others in their classrooms. The older students will also talk about larger acts of kindness such as volunteering in the community. If you would like more information on Kindness, check out these websites: <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/>, <http://www.spreadkindness.org/>, <http://www.kindspring.org/> or <http://www.randomacts.org/>

WHAT IS GREAT ABOUT WILLIAM COOK SCHOOL?

We are in the process of gathering input from Cook parents about what attributes they think are great about being part of the Cook School community. Rolling bulletin boards will be located in the various wings of the school over the next two weeks and we welcome your input as you drop off or pick up your child before and after school. Please write down your ideas and then they will be collected and added to the information we are gathering as part of our school goal process this year. Thank you in advance for your input!

PIZZA NOTICE

Our next Pizza Day is scheduled for Thursday, April 13th. Please ensure that your order is returned to your teacher by Thursday, April 6th. Use our CashonLine for your orders this month.

SCHOOLCASHONLINEPAYMENTS

For safety and efficiency reasons, the School District wants to reduce the amount of cash and checks coming into our schools. Please see the instructions to register!

Here's how:

Step 1: Go to this website:

<https://richmondsd38.schoolcashionline.com>

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and follow the steps

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation e-mail, please select the "click here" option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

TRACK ATTACK!

It's spring time which means it's Track Season! In the middle of May, our school will participate in a Track and Field meet at Minoru Park on Thursday, May 18th. Starting next week, students will begin training for the meet.

During 'Track Attack', students will have a chance to participate in all the events to determine their favourites. Students in Grades 3 – 7 should be prepared to practice every day (weather permitting). Please ensure that your child has running shoes and comfortable clothing to move in during the next few weeks.

We try to take as many interested students as possible to the track meet. Once 'Track Attack' is finished, teachers will look at the strengths of the athletes and place as many interested students as possible in events. Event practices

will then be organized for before school, at lunch and after school. If your child is not going to be present on May 18th, please let your teacher know so we can adjust the teams accordingly.

CURRENT ADDRESSES NEEDED!

If you are moving, please let us know as soon as possible. We always need to know your most current location. Students who begin with us can remain with us, even if you move to another neighbourhood. We need current addresses and phone numbers for contact information. If something were to happen to your child, we need to be able to contact you as soon as possible.

During this time of year, we also start organizing the school for next year's enrolment. Our student numbers need to be as accurate as possible. If you plan on leaving the school, please let the office know as soon as possible. Thanks in advance for your help with this!

COOK SCHOOL T-SHIRTS

We will be offering Cook School T-Shirts for sale this month.

These red t-shirts will be great for spirit days and for our track and field meet in May. A variety of sizes will be offered. Please watch for a notice going home.



READERS CHOICE WINNERS

Each winter Mr. Rosell runs the Readers' Choice Book Contest for students. Primary students listen to the nominated picture books in their classrooms and intermediate students read a minimum of 3 of the 8 nominated novels. At the end of the term, students vote on their favourites. The winners of Cook School's Readers' Choice are: the picture book The Night Gardener by the Fan Brothers and the novel The Blackthorn Key by Kevin Sands. In April, Mr. Rosell will be giving away sets of the novels in a random draw of intermediate readers.



WELCOME TO TEACHER CANDIDATES

Teacher Candidates are individuals who are completing their teacher training at the University of British Columbia (UBC). Four of our classrooms have teacher candidates working in them every day for the next ten weeks. Throughout these next ten weeks, they will take on more and more of the teaching load in their classrooms. We are welcoming Ms. C. Brar who is with Ms. Kay's grade 6/7 classroom, Ms. J. Smith who is with Ms. Rollo's Grade 5/6 classroom, Ms. M. Charlton who is with Ms. Rawlick's Grade 2/3 classroom, and Ms. M. Driscoll who is with Ms. Neudorf's K class. We know they will have a great experience here at Cook with amazing teachers and terrific students.

PAC MEETING – EARLY APRIL

Our next PAC meeting is Tuesday, April 4th at 8:45am in Rm. 3. We hope you can join us. Ms. Loat will continue to share information about our school goals and events.

PARKING REMINDERS AT COOK

With close to 500 students entering and exiting our school grounds each day, vehicles can be quite dangerous. We want to remind parents of the following expectations when it comes to driver safety:

1. Cars may drop off students (**but not park**) in the morning. If you want to walk your child into the school in the morning, please park your car on the street.
2. After school, parents are **NOT** permitted to park or wait in the parking lot. If you plan to pick up your child after school, please park your car on the street.
3. Do not enter the school parking lot through the exit at any time of the day. We have only a single lane in the parking lot so everyone must drive in the same direction.
4. Please help by being a positive role model and use the cross walk when crossing the street.

During the morning drop off, please be respectful of staff members trying to park their cars in the parking lot and walking into the school. After school, when several of our staff members finish work, they need to be able to get to their vehicles and leave the parking lot in a timely manner. In addition, we often have after school meetings and require spaces for those attending the meetings.