

"Celebrating Our Diversity As Learners"

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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Welcome back from what I hope was a restful Spring Break. The skies are getting bluer and the grey is fading these last few days; can summer be far behind? I'm enjoying my morning "hellos" and afternoon "good byes" while on parking lot duty; it has been very nice to meet so many Cook community members. Mrs. Kusch and I are on "traffic" duty to keep our families safe; we notice that some parents cross the road in the parking lot without using the crosswalk. Remember parents are the first teachers and you want to instill safe pedestrian habits. Please use the crosswalk.

With better weather and longer hours of light for outside activities, many of our students ride their bikes to school and in the community. This is a great habit to cultivate; however, many of the riders do not wear helmets. I had one conversation with a parent and child during which the child left home with a helmet then put it in his backpack instead of protecting his head with it! Parents, please ensure your child follows helmet laws for their safety!



MASK REQUIREMENT

Effective from **March 30, 2021**, all staff, parents, visitors, and all Grade 4 to 12 students should wear a mask or face covering **at all times** while indoors at

school. Kindergarten to Grade 3 students need to wear a mask in common areas such as the hallway, washroom, gym, and the library, and are **strongly encouraged** to wear a mask in the classroom.

DISTRICT SURVEY

This year, the structure of our elementary schools was adapted to support learning during the COVID pandemic. This included, for example, a cohort

system, managed entry and exit procedures, and more outside learning and play time.

As we look to move forward beyond our current context, we have developed a survey to seek your input about your child's experiences. We value your perspectives and will use the survey information to help us plan for future school years.

The survey is available for onsite learning families from **April 6th – 15th** and is designed for students that are **attending school onsite**. The link to the survey can be accessed [here](#).



2021 STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, guardians or caregivers, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

This month, the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in **grades 4 and 7**, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage you to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included. The e-survey is open until April 30th and can be found [here](#) without any code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- April 1 – Celine (Div. 7)
- April 4 – Lacey (Div. 7)
- April 5 – Ali (Div. 7) & Michelle (Div. 5)
- April 6 – Angela (Div. 8)
- April 7 – Aiden (Div. 14)
- April 8 – Aryan (Div. 4) & Oliver (Div. 20)
- April 11 – Isaac (Div. 2) & Manson (Div. 12)
- April 12 – Randy (Div. 14)
- April 13 – Jessica (Div. 5)
- April 14 – Nathan (Div. 4)
- April 15 – Arsalan (Div. 4), Liana (Div. 5), Tung Tung (Div. 6) & Timur (Div. 6)
- April 16 – Shompriti (Div. 2)
- April 18 – Gary (Div. 2)
- April 19 – John (Div. 14)
- April 21 – Jhao-Cing (Div. 2), Syu-Huei (Div. 3), Noelle (Div. 21) & Anagha (Div. 5)
- April 22 – Mia (Div. 4)
- April 23 – Matthew (Div. 8)
- April 26 – Matthan (Div. 21) & Jordan (Div. 9)
- April 27 – Eli (Div. 9)
- April 28 – Cyan (Div. 13), Ciaran (Div. 11), Michael (Div. 14), Flora (Div. 3), Freda (Div. 1) & Luke (Div. 5)
- April 29 – Jackie (Div. 16)
- April 30 – Praise (Div. 7), Arsh (Div. 1), Zafrina (Div. 17), John (Div. 4) & Adam (Div. 4)

READY SET LEARN 2021



We are very happy to invite you and your child (ages 0-5) to our **Richmond School District's Ready Set Learn Events**. Please see below for information on the events and activities that we have planned throughout the month of April - and best of all they are all FREE! Included is a Will's Jams Live - a concert with children's performer Will Stroet. To access the concert and the webinars please go to: www.sd38.bc.ca/rsl. If your child is starting kindergarten in September, we have some webinars just for parents as well! We hope you will join us!



For Parents	For Children
Starting Kindergarten Wednesday, April 7th, 1:00-1:45 pm	Yoga for Little Ones Friday, April 9th, 11:00-11:30 am
Taking Care of Yourself Monday, April 12th, 1:00-1:45 pm	Songs, Rhymes and Stories Wednesday, April 14th, 11:00-11:30 am
I am Already Learning! Monday, April 26th, 1:00-1:45 pm	It's an Eggstravaganza! Friday, April 16th, 11:00-11:30 am
Welcome to Kindergarten Wednesday, April 28th, 4:00-4:45 pm	Science for Preschoolers! Wednesday, April 21st, 1:00-1:30 pm
For Families	Learning Happens Outdoors Friday, April 23rd, 11:00-11:30 am
A Walk in the Park! Monday, April 19th, 1:00-2:00 pm	



Please find the free Will's Jams concert and webinars at:
www.sd38.bc.ca/rsl

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM



Learn about the summer programs for elementary and secondary students offered by Richmond Continuing Education and how to register for it. Please click [here](#) to register for the Zoom session held on **April 15, 2021 at 10am** by Mr. Michael Khoo.



HAPPY EARTH DAY!

Thursday, April 22nd is Earth Day. It's an annual event, celebrated worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was first celebrated in 1970, but is now celebrated in more than 192 countries and coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network.