



# SCHOOL NEWS #6

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 38 (Richmond)

## HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

### IMPORTANT DATES PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Nov. 20	PAC Movie Night 6:30pm "Inside Out"
Nov. 25	Immunization Day (K & Gr.6 only)
Nov. 30	Pro-D Day ( <i>School Not In Session</i> )
Dec. 3	Fire Drill 2:00pm
Dec. 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Term Reports & Pajama Day
Dec. 10	PAC Meeting 7pm
Dec. 16	Winter Concert 6:30pm ( <i>Primary Div. 8 - 16</i> )
Dec. 17	Winter Concert 6:30pm ( <i>Intermediate Div. 1 - 7</i> )
Dec. 21 – Jan 1	Winter Vacation ( <i>School Not In Session</i> )

### THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE OCTOBER FOOD BANK DRIVE



In October, the Grade 7 leadership group organized a food drive and managed to collect 575 items for the Richmond Food Bank. We appreciate your support! Next year, the Gr. 6/7 leadership group will be organizing another food drive in April 2016. Traditionally, the staff and students organize a Christmas food bank drive, but a couple of classes and leadership students are raising funds for other charities at this time.

### TRAINING DAYS FOR NEW CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the provincial government has introduced a new curriculum (K-12) and has announced two additional non-instructional days for all school districts. On January 29<sup>th</sup> & May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 teachers will be attending workshops. All Richmond schools will not be in session on those two dates. There is a letter from the Superintendent on the second page (other side) of this newsletter.

### SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

This week we are trying, once again, to send home our school newsletter electronically. In case the issues have not been rectified, we have also sent this week's newsletter out on paper. Thank you for your patience.

### WINTER CONCERTS December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>



As mentioned in a previous newsletter, there will be two evening concerts this year. The primary students (Div. 8 - 16) will perform on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and the Intermediate students (Div. 1 - 7) & choir will perform on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The doors will open at 6:00pm for both concerts. Please note the annual PAC raffle will occur following the evening performance on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

There will also be two dress rehearsal concerts. The primary students will perform on Wednesday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm and the Intermediate students will perform on Thursday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. There will be limited parent seating for both rehearsals.

### NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

All the elementary school websites in Richmond School District have been upgraded and the new Hamilton website is now operational. Parents are reminded the school calendar, past newsletters and school PAC events are posted. It can be found at <http://hamilton.sd38.bc.ca>. We are also on Twitter, and you follow us at hamiltonsd38.

### HAMILTON EARLY WARNING NUMBER (604) 668-6516

We are asking for your support to maintain the health of all children by keeping your child home when they are ill. Their recovery will be speeded up when they have the opportunity to rest at home. A proper sleep and breakfast are essential to ensure children function well at school. Please call our early warning line (24-hour line) with your child's name and division number and reason for absence. Thank you.

### PAC GIFT BASKET RAFFLE

Thank-you for all the generous donations to fill our themed gift baskets this year! The deadline to send in any last minute items (or cash in lieu) is **Wednesday Nov. 25, 8:30am**. The PAC is looking for volunteers both parents and students to assemble and to add the finishing touches to these 16 incredible gift baskets before placing them on display outside of each classroom. If you are available to help on **Friday Nov 27** from **6:30-8:30pm** in the school foyer, please contact Nicole ([IversonOkano@shaw.ca](mailto:IversonOkano@shaw.ca)). There will be hot chocolate and holiday treats for all volunteers!

### GR. 7 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT DEC 1<sup>ST</sup> AT CAMBIE SECONDARY SCHOOL

The Grade 7 volleyball players will have an opportunity to play in a jamboree style tournament between 3:30-6:00pm. Permission forms will be sent home shortly.

November 18, 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: Additional Non-Instructional Days for 2015-2016

The Richmond School District is beginning the process of implementing a new curriculum mandated by the Ministry of Education for students from Kindergarten to Grade 12. These new directions in curriculum are intended to give our students the knowledge, skills and attitudes they'll need to succeed in a world that is dramatically different from the one we know today.

To support this change, the Ministry of Education has given each school district in British Columbia two additional non-instructional days during the 2015-2016 school year. A non-instructional day means that students will not be attending school, but our staff will be involved in professional learning that day.

The school district has chosen **January 29, 2016 and May 2, 2016** as our additional non-instructional days provided by the Ministry. This time will be used to give Richmond staff the chance to become more familiar with the new curriculum. Each non-instructional day will offer an overview of various aspects of the curriculum changes and a chance for educators to discuss and share ideas and various teaching strategies that support them.

Our staff is very eager to take advantage of this time to expand their professional knowledge and provide your children with the best possible learning opportunities. Because these days were added by the Ministry after school started in September, you did not have the usual lengthy advance notice about them. It's our hope that the positive benefits of the curricular changes on your children's learning will help compensate for this late notice about these additional non-instructional days. You can also expect that your school will be providing you with more information about what these changes mean for your child's classroom.

Thank you for your ongoing support for your children and their education.

Sincerely,



Monica Pamer, EdD  
Superintendent of Schools