



Brighthouse School News

“Where Everyone Counts”

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On behalf of all the staff at Brighthouse School, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish all students and their families a wonderful, relaxing holiday season.

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A special thank you to the Me to WE Club and sponsor teachers for organizing Movie Night and a very popular Candygram 'random act of kindness' initiative to spread holiday cheer and raise money for charitable causes.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

On the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 10th, the students of Sea Island and Brighthouse Schools gathered in the gym to honour and give thanks to the veterans of Canada. It was a moving and dignified ceremony, featuring a variety of performances by our students and staff. Thank you Mrs. Anderson, staff and students!



Food Drive

Every year Brighthouse Elementary collects donations for the food bank. To encourage and promote social responsibility, we are asking students to bring a non-perishable food item to their classroom to donate to the food bank. Thank you for teaching your child to do her/his part in making our community a better place. We will be collecting canned goods and other non-perishable food items in each classroom until **Thursday, December 15th**.

TOY DRIVE

Donations of new, unwrapped toys are needed for the 1st Annual Brighthouse Toy Drive. Toys will be given to children who are ill in Children's Hospital. Toys can be dropped off in the bin by the school office until December 14th and at the Winter Concert. Thanks for your support!

PAC MEETING: TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL

Our next Parent Advisory Council Meeting will be this coming Tuesday, December 13th after school in the library (3:00 p.m.). It will be a multi-cultural celebration of Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. Hope you can join in the celebration.



OUR WINTER CONCERT IS NEXT WEDNESDAY

Preparations are underway for our upcoming winter concert:

The Grumps of Ring-a-Ding Town!

WED. Dec. 14th **1:10pm** (afternoon concert)

WED. Dec. 14th **6:00pm** (evening concert). Students (K to 5 and all choir members) are asked to be at school at **5:45pm**. If students are unable to attend, please kindly let your child's teacher know, thank you!

We are looking forward to a fun-filled community event, and a special thank you to Mrs. Anderson for organizing this holiday performance.

FRI. Dec. 16th **11:00am** (Band Concert).



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

The Richmond School District is launching **School Cash Online**, an online fee payment system that will allow parents to pay online for student school supplies, field trips and other school related items. For safety and efficiency reasons, the school district is implementing this service to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into our schools. Information on how to sign-up for this new payment system will be sent home with your child(ren). **Each child must be signed up** and parents will be advised when an item is available to use the School Cash Online for their child(ren). **Please take a few minutes over the winter break to sign-up**, as this will be in place early in the new year. Thank you for your co-operation.



SNOW DAYS

Richmond Schools will remain open on snowy days unless there is a civic emergency. Parents and students should assume that schools will be open. Should it become necessary to close the schools, a decision will be made before 6:00 a.m. and will be announced via radio on the following stations:

CKNW AM 980, News AM 1130, CBU AM 690, Fairchild AM 1470, CHQM FM 103.5, and via television on CBC, BCTV, City TV and CTV BC. **Announcements will only be made if schools are closed. Please listen to the radio or watch the TV. Please do not phone the school.** The safest way to get to school on snowy days is to enjoy a walk in the snow. Please use caution, as the paths may be icy. If you must drive, please drop students at the front of the school. A path will be cleared from the road to the front door. Please do **not** pull into the parking lot. The bus schedule will be maintained if possible. Significant changes to the regular bus schedule as a result of weather conditions will be reported on the district web site (www.sd38.bc.ca).

On snowy days, please kindly ensure children are dressed appropriately. They will need warm, waterproof clothing (jacket, boots, gloves or mittens) and a hat.

YMCA Winter Break Camp

YMCA Day Camps will be in full swing during Winter Break. Join us for fun-filled days of arts and crafts, games, sports and an opportunity to make new friends. Each week includes an exciting out-trip, festive-themed programming and much more!

Daily registration available. Register now @ gv.ymca.ca/camps 604-939-9622 daycamp@gv.ymca.ca



IMPORTANT DATES

Tues, Dec. 13th

Wednesday, Dec. 14th

Thursday, Dec. 15th

Friday, Dec. 16th

PAC Meeting: 2:45 pm. - school library

Winter Concert: (see details above)

Brighthouse Sockeyes Night

Pyjama Day

Last day of classes for 2016! *Happy Holidays!*

Tuesday, Jan. 3rd

First day of school for 2017(Monday, Jan. 2nd is a holiday)

