



# Brighthouse School News

*"Where Everyone Counts"*

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*Happy Chinese New Year!*  
*Year of the Rooster*

## **Brighthouse STARR Behaviour.**

Brighthouse School continues to place a high emphasis on the social responsibility of all our students, staff and parents. This school year we are continuing to stress socially responsible behaviours for all members of our school community. We are striving to all act as "**Brighthouse Blazing Stars**". A "star" at Brighthouse is someone who acts considerately and compassionately toward others and toward the environment. We are using the acronym "STARR" to guide our thinking and our actions. Parents are encouraged to learn more by asking your child's teacher or through conversations with your children. We'll also provided more information through our newsletters, PAC meetings, etc.

**S** Safe  
**T** Thoughtful  
**A** Accepting  
**R** Respectful  
**R** Responsible



## **DANCE ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY**

Brighthouse students have been having a great time learning Zumba this past week from a professional dance instructor, Ms. Miranda. On Friday, January 27 at 1:10 p.m., we will hold a special assembly to showcase what we have learned.



Our goal is not to put on polished performances, but rather to share our moves and grooves. We invite all families to come and enjoy the fun.

## **Richmond Secondary School Grade 7 Parent Info Night on February 8**

All parents and guardians of Grade 7

students who live in the Richmond catchment area and those who may apply to attend the school next year are invited to attend an information session on **Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 pm** in the school theatre. This will be a great opportunity to visit the school, meet the principal and some other staff, learn more about Richmond Secondary School and ask any questions you may have. Parents can find out more by calling Richmond at 604-668-6400 or checking out their school website at:

<http://rhs.sd38.bc.ca/>

## **What is Personalized Learning?**

Personalized learning recognizes that no two students learn the same way or at the same pace. It also recognizes that for students to succeed in school –and to succeed after graduation –they must be engaged and invested in their learning. This means learning that is focused on the needs, strengths and aspirations of each individual young person. In a school system that values personalized learning, students play an increasingly active role in designing their own education path as they develop and mature –while being held increasingly accountable for their own learning success.



## What Students Will Learn

Personalized learning combines the “how” and “what” of learning. A personalized approach recognizes that there are still core requirements and expectations. A strong focus must remain on foundational skills –reading, writing, oral language and numeracy –and there will still be a required body of knowledge in various subjects or disciplines. However, with personalized learning there will be increased emphasis on competencies. By applying their skills and knowledge in new, often interdisciplinary situations, learners will develop competencies such as:

- Critical thinking and problem-solving
- Collaboration and leadership
- Communication and digital literacy
- Personal and social responsibility
- Creativity and innovation

## YMCA of Greater Vancouver

Over spring break, the YMCA offers day camps! Join us for fun-filled days of arts and nearest YMCA day camp location to Brighthouse School is at the Anderson YMCA Kids Club. Check out everything we have to offer online at [gv.ymca.ca/camps](http://gv.ymca.ca/camps) (604-939-9622). [daycamp@gv.ymca.ca](mailto:daycamp@gv.ymca.ca)



## POTLUCK (everyone welcome!) ALL BRIGHOUSE FAMILIES

to a **FREE POTLUCK DINNER** on **Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm** in the school gym. Please bring your favourite dish to the potluck (with serving utensils if needed). Please put a note with the dish, listing the ingredients. The idea is everyone brings enough for their family and then everyone shares. Please bring your **own plates**. Thanks.

\*\*\*\* **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** The Richmond School District has launched **School Cash Online**, an online fee payment system that will allow parents to pay online for student school supplies, fieldtrips and other school related items. For safety and efficiency reasons, the Richmond 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 was sent home with your child(ren) before the winter break. Each child must be signed up and parents will be advised via e-mail submitted to School Cash Online when an item is available for payment. Please take a few minutes to sign onto the School Cash Online

**Mrs. Thornley is Retiring!** After completing her Education Degree in her home country of New Zealand and teaching there for 3 years, Mrs. Thornley moved to Canada. She worked as an Educational Assistant in Richmond since January of 1998 at Blundell School and came to Brighthouse in 2011. The staff teams, both at Blundell and Brighthouse, have appreciated and loved her caring and professional manner in which she has always worked. The students with whom she has cared for and worked with over the years have benefitted immensely as well. She begins this new chapter of her life with a hiking trip to Patagonia for a month. Following that, she will continue hiking in our local mountains, curl with friends and pursue her love of gardening. But most of all, she will enjoy spending more time with Ed, her husband, 2 grown children and 3 grandchildren. We will miss her terribly, but wish her well in her busy retirement.

## Important Dates

### January

- 26 - Lunar New Year Community Potluck at 5:30
- 27 - Assembly at 1:10 (Families are invited)

### February

- 10 - Pizza Day!
- 13 - Family Day **No School**
- 16 - PAC Meeting @ 3:00 – library
- 20-23 - Book Fair in the Library!
- 22 - Pink Shirt Day (Anti-bullying)
- 22 - Parent/Teacher conferences (early dismissal @ 1:38)
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- 24 - Pro D – **No School**



**Come join Parents' Choir!**  
**All grown ups welcome**  
**Mondays, 3:00**  
**Music Room**