



Brighthouse School News

“Where Everyone Counts”

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Social Responsibility

Our social responsibility focus for the month of November is respect, courtesy and fostering student leadership. As part of our ongoing commitment towards social responsibility and academic excellence, we at Samuel Brighthouse School strongly believe in instilling in our students critical leadership and lifelong learning skills. We believe that students are further able to engage as learners when they are given the unique opportunity to be mentors, leaders and peer helpers themselves. Moreover, when students are given the responsibility to ‘give back’ and further contribute to the school community, there seems to be an innate sense of satisfaction and positive affirmation of one’s ability that becomes immediately evident. In this regard, we continue to offer several leadership opportunities for students at our school, such as being office and lunch monitors, crossing guards, morning announcers, Me to We Club members, breakfast club helpers, assembly leaders and environmental monitors.

Thank you to Mrs. Teichman for organizing the Scholastic Book Fair! We were able to raise a considerable amount of money to go towards resources for our library.

Remembrance Day Assembly

This year, as Remembrance day approaches (Saturday, November 11th), take some time to reflect on how extremely fortunate we are to live in a peaceful society that values diversity. We will be holding a Remembrance Day Assembly in the gym on Friday, November 10th at 9:30 am. Parents and families are cordially invited to attend. We will be asking for a small donation in payment of receiving a poppy. All monies collected will be donated to the Poppy Fund. Please remember: **schools will be CLOSED Monday, November 13th.**



Parking, Drop-off and School Access

Whenever possible, we ask that you and your children walk to school. It is a healthier and greener alternative to driving. When that is not possible, parents are now able to drop off their children in our Drop-Off Circle, which is entered just north of the staff parking entrance, off Azure Road. If you need to leave your car and enter the school, please kindly park on one of the neighbouring side streets. **Please do not use the staff parking lot at any time.** Once the building opens at 8:30 am each day, students may enter the school through our main entrance at the east end of the school, or through the north doors adjacent to the elevator.



Brighthouse Bottle Drive

We are excited to announce our Brighthouse Bottle Drive continues. We are getting closer to our goal of \$3500 in support of our two new, magnificent murals painted in our gymnasium over the summer by Mr. Erwin Apilado. Members of our Brighthouse community have been busy collecting and returning bottles and juice boxes over the past year. There are several ways more Brighthouse families can participate. You can bring your empty bottles and juice boxes to either of the following locations where accounts have been set up:

- Blundell Return It Centre – 8180 No. 2 Rd #130
- OK Bottle Depot – 7960 River Rd

* Please request that the funds be added to the Samuel Brighthouse School account *

You can also drop off your returnables at 6731 Azure Road (Ivy Degrano).

Thank you for your support and participation in this community building project!

School Goal 2017 - 2018

One of our school goals this year is to encourage and instill a growth mindset in all our learners. In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view

creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for personal achievement and continual growth. Virtually all great people have had these qualities.

The PAC

Brighthouse PAC is a group of people working together to support the Brighthouse School community. The PAC provides a forum for community building and information sharing on issues impacting the education of our kids. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. There are many ways to be involved from pizza days to guest speakers. If you have any suggestions, please share your ideas and help make them a reality. Stay in touch - talk in person, call or email. We all share in making Brighthouse the best place possible for our kids and community! The next **PAC Meeting** is **November 8th** at **3pm**.



If your child is absent from school

Please call (604) 668-6522 and press 1 to leave a message. Please kindly leave a clear message, stating your child's first and last name, division, grade and a reason for absence. Thank you.

Register NOW for School Cash Online Payments!

A reminder to please sign up for School Cash Online if you have not done so already. With an account, you will be able to make online payments for school supplies, field trips and other payables. No more cheques to sign or cash to lose!

To register for an online account, please go to <https://richmondsd38.schoolcashonline.com> (You can find this link easily by **going to our school website and clicking on the "School Cash Online" image** on the left sidebar. We hope that most families will choose to pay online, as it will be very convenient for all. Once you set up your account, it will be valid for the entire time your child is here at Brighthouse Elementary. Individual student pupil numbers have been sent home on the inside front page of your child's agenda for easy access. If you require help with setting up your online account, please contact the office and we would be glad to help you!

Kindergarten Registrations:

Children AND parent(s) with Canadian Birth Certificate or Canadian Citizenship Card or Canadian Passport:

Please register your child at your English catchment school from Nov. 1 - 30. Come to the Brighthouse office between 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Please note that registrations will not be taken on Nov. 10 (Office will be closed during the Remembrance Day Assembly), Nov. 13 (Remembrance Day Holiday), and Nov. 24 (Curriculum Implementation Day). **Starting on Dec. 1st, ALL Kindergarten registrations will be at Central Registration at the Board Office.**

Children AND/OR parents who are not Canadian citizens, but with valid Permanent Resident Card or Record of Landing with Passport or Letter of Acceptance

- Please go to the Board Office and register at Central Registration starting on **Nov. 1st**.



What's Happening at Brighthouse!

November

- 3 Friday..... Pizza Day
- 8 Wednesday PAC Meeting (3:00 p.m.) in the Music Room
- 10 Friday Remembrance Day Assembly (9:30 a.m.) Parents welcome!
- 13 Monday..... Remembrance Day Holiday - **students DO NOT attend school**
- 15 Wednesday..... Volleyball tournament
- 16 Thursday..... PAC Community Potluck (5:30 p.m.)
- 17 Friday School-Wide Read
- 24 Friday Curriculum Implementation Day - **students DO NOT attend school**

December

- 01 Friday Pizza Day
- 04 Friday Fine Arts Performance Assembly (1:15 p.m.)
- 06 Wednesday..... PAC Meeting (3:00 p.m.) in the Music Room
- 20 Wednesday..... Winter Concert
- 22 Friday Last Day of School before Winter Break, Reports Sent Home