



April 28th, 2023

Hello Brighthouse Families,

It is hard to believe that the calendar turns to May on Monday, but there you go.

We thought we would mention that the school flag was flying at half mast today (April 28th) in honour of National Day of Recognition for Workers Killed or Injured on the Job.

Thank you to all of the Grade 4 and 7 Parents who were able to complete the Ministry Learning Survey, we appreciate your time and energy!

Many families may have noticed the ongoing work being done to prepare the two newest portables for the upcoming school year. The condition of one of the portables would particularly concerning to anyone who has been on the playground in the last few days. We received some key information from our Executive Director of Facilities Services, Frank Geyer, to help alleviate those concerns and things are already looking much better.

Please rest assured that the remedial work currently taking place is intended to restore the structural integrity and indoor air quality to that older unit. We are having to use older portables currently surplus to their host school's needs for accommodating students at growing schools, as there is a global shortage of refurbished and/or new portables in the province.

The work underway at the older portable formerly at Hamilton, now at Brighthouse includes:

- *Removing existing metal cladding to expose any water damaged floor joists and/or sheathing for replacement*
- *Reinstating and waterproofing the metal cladding, painted to match existing units*
- *New exterior doors*
- *new flooring and blinds (both portables)*
- *whiteboards/tackboards/coat hooks to match other portables (both portables)*
- *full interior repainting (both portables)*
- *mould testing to confirm suitable to occupy upon work completion*

We have undertaken this kind of work on portables numerous times over the past 20 years, and while things may look awful early on, in the end the building will look and feel as a new unit would.

Please find attached to this week's email information for the restart of our **Breakfast Club Program** on Friday mornings. We are grateful to Ms. Borden who is taking on this project and we would be happy to welcome parents interested in helping her out. If you are interested, please email the school brighthouse@sd38.bc.ca and we will pass on your information to Ms. Borden. Bringing back another Brighthouse Community Tradition is absolutely fantastic!

And lastly, Monday being the start of May also brings the start to our “Traffic Circle Experiment.” We have organized a small army of staff and students to provide welcoming and walking services for any and all primary students who arrive by car. The goal of this experiment is to see if we can create a safer and more effective drop-off and pick-up system for our school. We completely understand that this will mean a change for some families and in some cases be less convenient. The safety of children, parents and property are too important for us to not do something. We are hopeful that everyone entering the traffic circle will be responsive to the direction of school staff and make every effort to help make things as smooth as possible. Remember that it is everyone’s goal for children arrive safely, on time for school and arrive home safely, every day. Please consider how you can help in achieving that goal.

We hope you enjoy the weekend ahead.

Be safe, be active and get outside,

Mr. A. Ferguson
Principal

Ms. L. Scharf
Vice-Principal

Please note the following important information and upcoming dates:

May 1st to 5th

1. **Monday, May 1st: TRAFFIC EXPERIMENT BEGINS**
2. **Monday, May 1st: HUB Cycling and Fruit and Veggies**
3. **Tuesday, May 2nd: HUB Cycling and Young Actors (all week)**
4. **Friday, May 5th: Grade Seven Day at Richmond Secondary**

May 8th to 12th

Monday:	
Tuesday:	<i>Track and Field Meet @ Minoru Park (Gr 4-7)</i> <i>PAC Meeting</i>
Wednesday:	
Thursday:	<i>PIZZA HUT LUNCH</i>
Friday:	<i>Young Actors Project</i> <i>Grade 7 Richmond Secondary Day</i>