

Brighthouse Newsletter

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Elementary

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Kathy Pantaleo

Principal

Leah Scharf

Vice Principal

School Schedule:

8:40 - Welcome Bell
8:45 – Classes Begin
10:10 -10:25 - Recess
11:50 - 12:42 - Lunch
2:45 - Dismissal

Important Dates!

Nov 30	Last day to order Purdy's Chocolates
Dec 9	PAC Meeting @ 3:15 in the Library
Dec 12	Band Assemblies
Dec 13	Hot Lunch: Opa of Greece
Dec 13	Movie Night!
Dec 16	Winter Assemblies
Dec 18	Learning Updates Published
Dec 20	Last Day of School for Winter Break

Nov 25th - 29th, 2024 Week at a Glance

Monday	Professional Learning Day - No School on this Day
Tuesday	Grade 6 and 7 Volleyball Tournament at Richmond Secondary TC02 presentation for students in Grades 4 and 5
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

Dear Families,

While we are happy to have our new playground, it has come with it's challenges with most of our students continuing to play there. Having large numbers of children play in one area has meant that there have been times when students have been bumped, pushed, or hit while playing. While Ms Scharf and Ms Pantaleo have been working on addressing those incidents on an individual basis, moving forward we have come up with a plan to help ensure that all children are safe while playing outside. Our plan includes talking with students about safe play, developing safe play posters for our school, as well as developing a rotation system for students so that fewer children are able to use the playground at a time. Families, we hope that you can also help by talking with your children at home about making safe choices while on the playground. School staff do not supervise outside of school hours. Parents and caregivers are responsible for supervising their children after 2:45pm.

Also, your thoughts and feedback are important to us. Anytime you have a concern, we would like for you to contact us directly at: kpantaleo@sd38.bc.ca and lscharf@sd38.bc.ca so that we can help you in addressing the concern. We have created a quick survey that we hope families can complete. Your feedback will help us in our work together in building a safe and caring community at our school. Please use the link [HERE](#) to complete the survey.

All the best,



Fruit and Veggie Program at Brighthouse

This year the fruit and veggie program is being organized by the Richmond District. Twice a month, students will be offered small containers of milk, as well as assorted fruit and vegetables. So far this year, students have been offered apples, pears, cucumbers, and bell peppers.



Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities

The Ministry of Education and Childcare is offering free online information sessions to families. The sessions are recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. Click [HERE](#) to register.



TCO2 Workshops For Intermediate Students

Each year intermediate students across the Richmond School District learn from presenters in a workshop called 'Taking Care of Ourselves , Taking Care of Others. This unique workshop is designed and delivered by youth, for youth about preventing sexual exploitation. Using monologues, role-plays and engaging activities, two young adult facilitators involve participants in a meaningful and interactive discussion of what sexual exploitation is, who is involved, and how to prevent it from happening. Following each workshop, TCO² provides a safe space for youth to ask questions and come forward with disclosures about any concerns they have.

The workshops are age appropriate and divided into a Grade 4/5 presentation, and then a Grade 6/7 presentation. The Grade 4/5 one is happening this week on Tuesday. For more information on this, click [HERE](#). Parents with children in Grades 4 and 5 will receive an email with more details about the content of the workshop.