

Brighthouse Newsletter

Brighthouse Elementary

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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!

Feb 5	RHS Grade 7 Family Info Evening
Feb 10 - 13	Scholastic Book Fair
Feb 11	Spirit Day - Dress as Your Favourite Book Character!
Feb 13	Early Dismissal for Conferences @ 11:50 am
Feb 14	ProD Day - No School
Feb 17	Family Day - No School
Feb 26	Pink Shirt Day
March 14	Last day of school for Spring Break!
March 31	First Day back from Spring Break!

Feb 3rd - Feb 7th, 2025 Week at a Glance

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Grade 7 Boys Home Game vs. Spul'u'Kwuks Grade 6/7 Girls Away Game vs Spul'u'Kwuks
Thursday	Grade 7 Boys Away Game vs Ferris Grade 6 Boys Home Game vs Spul'u'Kwuks
Friday	

Dear Families,

Our basketball season has begun! Students in Grades 6 and 7 have the opportunity to play on either the Grade 6 boys, Grade 7 boys, or the Grade 6/7 Girls teams. A big thank you to Ms Yuan, Mr McCarthy, Mr Huang and Mr Pelletier for volunteering to coach the teams this year!

With this week being family literacy week, we thought we'd share some more tips from the Canadian Literacy Foundation. Did you know that children at Brighthouse speak 36 different languages at home? We have many families asking us how they can help their children with their Reading and Writing if they are learning English as well. We hope that you find this useful. You can go to this site [here](#) to read more as it is offered in many languages on the website.

All the best,

Ms Pantaleo and Ms Scharf

Tips for Families:

Raising Children to Speak More Than One Language

There are many ways to help a child learn more than one language. Always do what's best for your family!

Tips for Parents

Make sure kids hear their home language a lot, as early as possible.

Why? A child's brain is ready to learn languages at birth.

If you speak two languages at home, talk a lot in each language.

Why? It is best for language learning if a child hears both languages at the same time. Parents should try and spend at least 30% of time speaking the second language.

Make sure kids hear words in real life – don't depend on screens.

Why? The best way for young children to learn a language is by hearing people around them talk to them, and with each other. **Even better:** When parents or caregivers read and tell stories in their home language, children hear more and different types of words.

Practical ideas

One adult, one language: One adult in the family can speak one language while another adult speaks the other. This way the child hears both languages every day.

One adult, both languages: One adult in the family can speak a mix of both languages. **Tip:** It is better to mix languages between sentences (i.e., "Look over there, a dog! Un chien!") instead of within sentences ("Look over there, un chien! A dog!").

Try both ideas. Why? There are many ways to help a child learn more than one language. It's okay to use both ideas listed above.

Join activities where your child can hear their home language outside of the home. Speak with grandparents or other relatives. Go to local community events (such as free library programs, cultural festivals and so on). Interact with other people who speak the same language (for example, a babysitter who speaks Punjabi; piano lessons from a French teacher; a Mandarin-speaking soccer coach). **Why?** The more a child hears a language spoken by others, the more it helps them learn.

For more information on early literacy and language development, please visit the Canadian Children's Literacy Foundation at www.childrensliteracy.ca



Canadian Children's Literacy Foundation
Fondation pour l'alphabétisation des enfants canadiens

WELCOME RHS CLASS OF 2030

RICHMOND SECONDARY SCHOOL

GRADE 7 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Learn more about "grade 8 life", and the programs and opportunities available at RHS

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5 | 6:00pm - School Tour
6:45pm - Presentation

7171 MINORU BLVD RICHMOND, BC | <https://rhs.sd38.bc.ca>

GR 7 PARENT INFO NIGHT 2025.jpg

Need dental insurance?



If your children don't have dental insurance, they may be eligible for dental benefits.



Canadian Dental Care Plan

Eligibility:

- ✓ Do not have access to dental insurance
- ✓ Have an adjusted family net income of **less than \$90,000**
- ✓ Be a Canadian resident for tax purposes
- ✓ Have filed your tax return in the previous year
- ✓ Children must be **under 18 years old**

If your child has dental insurance through a provincial, territorial or federal government social program, **they can still qualify** for the Canadian Dental Care Plan



Scan here for more info and how to apply!

BC Healthy Kids Program

Eligibility:

- ✓ Must be eligible for Medical Services Plan (MSP) Supplementary Benefits
- ✓ Have an adjusted family net income of **\$42,000 or less**
- ✓ Children must be **under 19 years old**



Scan here for more info and how to apply!

Visit www.vch.ca/dentalhealth for dental health services and resources.

For more copies, go online at vch.eduhealth.ca or email phem@vch.ca and quote Catalogue No. FJ100.N55



SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION: MENTAL HEALTH & DECISION-MAKING

A **COMPLIMENTARY WEBINAR** FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS & CAREGIVERS

Join leading **adolescent Clinical Psychologist Dr. Hayley Watson** for an online event that aims to help parents, guardians and caregivers gain a **deeper understanding** of substance use prevention and learn **practical tools** for supporting youth mental health.



Key Takeaways:

- ✓ Learn the factors that contribute to youth mental health/substance use
- ✓ Understand the skills that youth need to overcome these needs
- ✓ Acquire practical tools for empowering your child and youth to make positive choices
- ✓ Increase your ability to support your own mental health

Time: 6-7:30pm PST
Date: 20th, 25th, 26th Feb 2025

Scan the QR Code to Register



REGISTER NOW

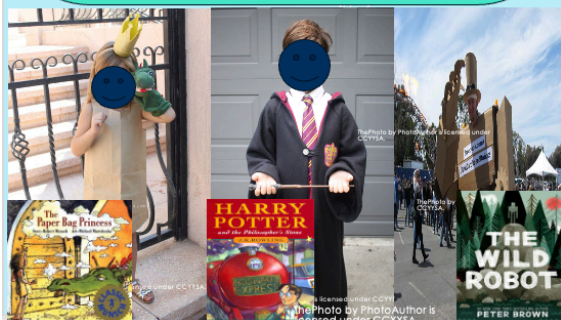
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Wear The Cat in The Hat's hat!

Wear a Dog Man costume!

DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER DAY!!!!!!!

WHAT: Dress As Your Favourite Book Character Day
WHERE: Samuel Brighthouse Elementary School
WHEN: Tuesday, February 11th, 2025
WHO: Anyone can participate
WHY: To build community!!!!



🚴 Exciting Fundraising Opportunity with Pedalheads! 🚴

Dear Families,

We're thrilled to share an exciting fundraising opportunity that supports Brighthouse Elementary while encouraging biking skills and physical activity for our kids!

Here's how it works, from now until June 30, 2025:

- 🌟 Pedalheads is offering an exclusive \$25 discount code for Brighthouse families.
- 🌟 For every registration using the code, Pedalheads will donate \$25 to our PAC fundraiser.

🌟 Discount Code: BHOUSE25

Benefits for our school community:

- ✓ Parents save \$25 on Pedalheads bike camps
- ✓ Funds raised directly benefit our school
- ✓ Kids develop essential biking skills in a fun, active environment

This is a fantastic way to support our school while giving kids a great outdoor experience! Check the flyer below for details and register today!

Thank you for your support,

EXPLORE PEDALHEADS
CAMP OFFERINGS IN
YOUR AREA!

BIKE + TRAIL CAMPS
FOR KIDS AGES 2-12

EXPLORE OUR PROGRAMS
pedalheads.com
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**SPRING + SUMMER
REGISTRATION**
Camps & lessons for kids aged 2-12

- JAN 21** SPRING BREAK
Bike, Swim, Soccer, Trail
- FEB 11** SPRING
Swim and Soccer
- APR 8** SUMMER
Bike, Swim, Soccer, Trail



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