

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

April 14th - April 18th, 2025 Week at a Glance

Monday	PAC Meeting @ 3:15 pm in the Library
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Running Club @ 8:00 am Grade 6/7 Outdoor Ed Fundraiser - Donut Sale after school!
Thursday	
Friday	No School - Good Friday

Dear Families,

At our staff meeting this past Monday, we discussed strategies on how to address racist comments that some students are continuing to use. Racism and acts of harm are something that we take very seriously at our school. Today a District Consultant met with staff about lessons to use in class, so that we have a collective approach towards building a safer and more welcoming school. It was also brought to our attention that younger students are using racist language and slurs. I am including an article below that families can use to talk with their children as well about the importance of being kind to all people in our community. The link to the article below is a quick read about the importance of having conversations about race. Click [HERE](#) to read the article. [HERE](#) is a set of videos on YouTube that you might find useful. They are created by Parents Together and offers plain language to speak to children about social awareness and justice that aligns with language we use as a District. The videos include everything from how to talk about the n-word to SOGI inclusive language.

Also, we are noticing that since the return to school from Spring Break, more students are arriving late to school. The welcome bell in the morning is at 8:40 am, and school begins at 8:45 am. Students who arrive after 8:45 am disrupt the learning that has already begun in classes. We know that there can be heavy traffic in the morning, so planning ahead by leaving earlier in the morning can also help.

All the best,

Kathy Pantaleo and Leah Scharf

Important Dates!

April 12 - 20	Pesach or Passover
April 14	PAC Meeting @ 3:15pm
April 17	Hot Lunch - Chinese and Japanese Food
April 18	Good Friday - No School
April 21	Easter Monday - No School
April 22	HUB Cycling program begins for Div 1 - 8
April 22	Earth Day - Wear Blue or Green
April 29	Written Learning Updates Published in MyEd

They're not too young to talk about race!



At birth, babies look equally at faces of all races. At 3 months, babies look more at faces that match the race of their caregivers. (Kelly et al. 2005)

Children as young as two years use race to reason about people's behaviors. (Hirschfeld, 2008)

By 30 months, most children use race to choose playmates. (Katz & Kofkin, 1997)

Expressions of racial prejudice often peak at ages 4 and 5. (Aboud, 2008)

By five, Black and Latinx children in research settings show no preference toward their own groups compared to Whites; White children at this age remain strongly biased in favor of whiteness. (Dunham et al, 2008)

By kindergarten, children show many of the same racial attitudes that adults in our culture hold—they have already learned to associate some groups with higher status than others. (Kinzler, 2016)

Explicit conversations with 5–7 year olds about interracial friendship can dramatically improve their racial attitudes in as little as a single week. (Bronson & Merryman, 2009)

Young children notice and think about race. Adults often worry that talking about race will encourage racial bias in children, but the opposite is true. **Silence about race reinforces racism** by letting children draw their own conclusions based on what they see. Teachers and families can play a powerful role in helping children of all ages develop positive attitudes about race and diversity and skills to promote a more just future—but only if we talk about it!

Do some learning of your own to get ready for conversations with children. Here are some good places to seek *information* and *training*:

- Teaching Tolerance — tolerance.org
- Raising Race Conscious Children — raceconscious.org
- Embrace Race — embracerace.org
- Teaching for Change — teachingforchange.org
- AORTA Cooperative — aorta.coop
- Fortify Community Health (CA) — fortifycommunityhealth@gmail.com
- Delaware Valley Assoc. for the Education of Young Children (PA) — dvaeyc.org



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APRIL 16 & APRIL 23
(after school)



In front of the Main Building



**Thank you for
your support!**



Run Club is Back!

Starting Wednesday April 9.
Everyone is welcome.
Students, families, staff.

Wednesdays 8:00 - 8:30
Fridays 8:00 - 8:30

Come join us for a fun morning run / walk
around the field.

Summer Learning 2025 Registration



Interested in signing your child(ren) for a Summer Learning Course?

Registration for Elementary students starts Monday April 21 @ 7PM!

Did you know that Richmond Continuing Education Summer Learning Program is **FREE** (one free course) for BC students who are Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents, who have refugee status and whose parents are living in BC with a valid work permit?

(Note: students entering grade 8 can register for up to three Secondary Enrichment courses.)

Summer camps for Elementary age students are also available at an additional cost.

Summer Learning 2025 Registration starts Monday April 21 at 7pm.

Don't miss out!

Check out all the exciting Summer Courses we are planning on offering this Summer Learning 2025! (Click on link below)

[Summer 2025 Flyer](#)

The City of Richmond is seeking your feedback!

The City of Richmond is developing a comprehensive wayfinding strategy for Minoru Park, and we invite your input. As a key stakeholder, your participation in this survey will help shape, inform and improve the overall experience for residents, user groups and visitors.

Minoru Park is bordered by Minoru Boulevard to the east, Granville Avenue to the south, Gilbert Road to the west, and Westminster Highway to the north. The survey aims to address wayfinding needed within these boundaries.

To ensure that the strategy meets community needs, please complete the survey online by clicking here <https://www.letstalkrichmond.ca/minoru-park-wayfinding-public-2025>. It will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and will be available online until 11:59pm, April 13, 2025. For those who prefer a printed copy, surveys and drop boxes will be available at:

- Minoru Centre for Active Living (7191 Granville – Senior Centre reception desk)
- Brighthouse Library (7700 Minoru Gate)

