



# The Lion's Roar



Thursday, November 19, 2015

## Rainy Day Ready?

As the weather becomes colder, wetter and windier, please ensure that your children come to school dressed to enjoy themselves outside. Please have hats, mitts and waterproof boots along with a



warm, waterproof jacket or layers that will ensure that your children can have fun playing outside.

We also recommend sending a change of pants, socks and shoes so that if these items become wet, children can change and be comfortable in class. Thanks so much for your support.

## Active Lifestyle and Our Parking Lot

Thanks so much to those of you who are choosing active ways to get to school - walking, cycling or skateboarding to school are all possible for most of our students. Some parents choose to park on neighbouring streets and walk in with their children - this is also a great option giving you and your children some fresh air and activity before the school day starts.



Many parents continue to use the parking lot to drop off their children in front of the school. If you choose this option, please remember to follow traffic rules and school regulations:

1. Please park in only designated parking spots.
2. Please leave staff parking for staff.
3. Please leave handicapped parking for families with a handicapped designation.
4. Think: When you break the rules, you are teaching your child that we only have to follow the rules when someone is watching.

## Winter Concert

We are excited to announce that our winter concert will be on Thursday December 17th. There will be two performances: one in the afternoon 1:15 - 2:15 and one in the evening from 6:30 - 7:30. The evening performance is usually quite busy, so please come in the afternoon if you are able.



Once again, we will be raffling off front row tickets and using the proceeds to spread some cheer to families in need in our community. Stay tuned for more information closer to the event.

## BC's Redesigned Curriculum

The BC Ministry of Education is in the process of redesigning the curriculum that states what students will learn in BC schools.

### What will stay the same?

- Rigorous learning standards in each area of learning
- A strong focus on the foundations of reading, writing and mathematics
- Subjects such as Math, Science, Language Arts, and Social Studies remain at the heart of every student's education

### What are the new directions?

- Increased flexibility and space for teacher innovation, student passions, and greater depth of study
- "Big Ideas" for each grade in each area of learning
- Explicit focus on competencies
- Support for inquiry, project-based, hands-on, and interdisciplinary approaches
- Aboriginal perspectives and content authentically integrated into all subjects
- A common framework for all areas of learning

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## Curriculum Implementation Days

The Ministry of Education has recently announced that teachers will receive two curriculum implementation days to support their learning about the redesigned curriculum. Therefore, students will not come to school on January 29 and May 2, 2016. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

## Library Helpers needed

Attention parents, grandparents and guardians: Do you have a few hours (or even 1 or 2) that you could spare each week to help in the library? Ms. Hufton, our teacher-librarian, would appreciate your help with some tasks such as re-shelving books. Please contact Ms. Hufton directly if you are able to help out. Thanks!



## Volleyball Season is Underway!

Thanks to Mr. Lew, Ms. Huang, and Mr. Chan for sponsoring our Grade 6 and 7 girls and boys volleyball teams. Practices and games have been underway and we are proud of the participation and good sportsmanship of our students. Come out and support our teams when we have home games – they are posted on our website and weekly on the whiteboard close to the main school entrance.



## Donation from TD Canada Trust

Thanks so much to our Simon Lam, local manager of TD Canada Trust for donating \$500 to our sports programs. We will be using this funding to purchase consumable gym and playground equipment such as volleyballs, basketballs, soccer balls and ultimate Frisbees. The donation is much appreciated!

## Parent Advisory Council

Thanks so much to our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for the hard work they do to raise funds for all the extras our students enjoy during the year. This year they have budgeted funds for classroom field trips, to support the library and resource programs, to fund the Hip Hop program later in the year, to install a water station to fill water bottles and to purchase technology that will be used in classrooms. The PAC is always looking

for new members to help with Canteen Days, to find donors for the Prowl-A-Thon and for other sponsored activities. Please contact the office if you would like to be a more active participant on the PAC.

## Lockdown Drills

As part of our emergency procedures in the district, each year, we schedule a lockdown drill at school to practice what to do in the case of the rare chance of an imminent threat either in the neighbouring areas near the school (Code Yellow – perimeter lockdown) or inside the school (Code Red – full lockdown). In the event of a necessary lockdown, the exterior doors will be locked and parents will not be allowed to enter the school. Signs will be posted on the doors and parents are asked to check the district website for updates on the situation. If you have any questions about the procedures for these drills, please contact the school for more information.

## Important Dates!

Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	Late French Immersion presentation to Grade 5s	
	Volleyball game at Richmond Jewish Day School	
Nov 26 <sup>th</sup>	Canteen – pizza Volleyball home game vs. Kidd	
Nov 30 <sup>th</sup>	Pro-D Day (Students do not attend)	
Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	Div 12 & 13 Field Trip to Museum	
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Canteen – hot dogs	
Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	Div 1, 2, 3 Field Trip to H.R. MacMillan Space Centre	
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	Canteen – pizza	
Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	Report cards go home	
Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Gr. 6 Immunization Clinic	
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	Band Concert 2:15 pm Parents are welcome to attend.	
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	1:15 pm Afternoon performance of Winter concert 6:30 pm Winter concert Parents are welcome to attend!	
Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of classes before the winter break	
Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>	First day of school after the break	