



The Lion's Roar



Friday, September 30, 2016

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy September start up this year and students are now settling into their new classrooms and school routines. As we begin another exciting school year, we want to share with you our focus on our Social Responsibility goal here at the school. Our new PAWS acronym (Problem Solve, Accept Others, We Not Me, Safety First) will be our guideline in creating a safe and supportive learning environment at the school. We are confident that our students will, once again, be leaders and role models for our young learners.

It was great to see so many families out at our recent Meet the Teacher evening! Special thanks to the PAC for organizing the delicious dinner which was a great time to connect with families and help build community here at the school. Reminder to families that we have Early Dismissal days coming up on Wednesday, October 5 and Thursday, October 6 at 2:00 for parent-teacher conferences.

K. Elcombe
Principal

S. Tse
Vice Principal

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD HAVE A SUCCESSFUL YEAR?

1. Sleep - Make sure your child gets enough sleep each night. According to the National Sleep Foundation, children age 6 to 13 need 9 – 11 hours a night. Five year olds need as many as 13 hours per night.
2. Organization - Pack lunches and backpacks with all homework & notices the night before. Involve your child in this process!

3. Punctuality - Be on time. It makes such a big difference to your child's day. If you deliver a lunch to your child, please have it here by noon.
4. Independence - Let your child do what he or she is capable of doing. Children learn confidence and competence by doing.
5. Active Play – Children need time to run around and engage in active play every day. Active play has been shown to increase academic focus and improve sleep.

Illness

Please keep your child home if they are not well. Children who are coughing, sneezing or have runny noses have difficulty learning and often infect others at school. If your child has vomited, please wait 24 hours before sending them to school. By resting, your child will recover quickly and others will be protected from germs. Thanks for your cooperation!

LUNCH DROP-OFF TABLE

Would you like to drop off a lunch for your child(ren)? Please use the Lunch Table beside the office rather than delivering the lunch directly to your child's classroom. This will limit the number of disruptions in the classroom. Please **ensure that your child's name and division are clearly marked on the bag** so that we may drop items off before lunch begins. Thank you!



PHOTO ORDER FORMS



To avoid extra charges, please hand in student photo order forms to your child's classroom teacher by the date indicated on the order form. Online ordering is also available. Please make cheques payable to "Mountain West Studios". Thank you!

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NUT ALLERGIES



We have several students at Walter Lee who have serious, life-threatening allergies to nuts and nut products.

As students share spaces such as the computer lab, the gym and the washrooms, it is very easy for traces of nuts to be left behind and picked up by one of our students with severe allergies. Washing hands after eating is essential so that common areas are not contaminated.

If your child is in a class with a student who has a nut allergy, please do not send nut products to school.

Here is a list of yummy nut-free snacks that you can send to school instead: Wheat Thins (original), Triscuits, Graham Crackers, Ritz Crackers (plain), Goldfish Crackers, Teddy Grahams, cheese-and-cracker snacks, fruit leather, fresh or canned fruit, raw vegetables, or pretzels.

We thank you for your co-operation in helping to keep all our students safe and healthy.

FLU IMMUNIZATIONS – A MESSAGE FROM VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH

Is there an immunization against the flu? Yes. Each year a flu vaccine is developed to protect against expected flu strains.

Who receives a FREE flu vaccine?

- All seniors over 65 years of age.
- Children and adults with chronic medical conditions
- People who live with seniors and/or adults and children with chronic medical conditions.

Where do I find more information?

- ❖ Your community health nurse @ 604-233-3150
- ❖ B.C. Health Guide on-line www.bchealthguide.org
- ❖ 24 hour B.C. Health Guide Nurse Line @ 604-215-4700

PAC MEETING

Monday, October 17th
at 7:00 pm in the Library

TERRY FOX RUN

We had a wonderful assembly last week for our Terry Fox run. Students shared the importance of the run and how, through donations, we can make a difference. Students also shared who they are running for as so many lives have been affected by cancer. Thank you to those parents that were able to join us and to Mrs. Baszo and Mrs. Zack for organizing the event. Once donations are in we will share our grand total raised by the Lee community.

"Anything's possible if you TRY" -- Terry Fox



PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS

Lunch containers, hoodies, t-shirts, spoons, books... we find them all on the playground! These items go into the Lost and Found but are often not claimed. If your child's name is clearly marked on their belongings with a label or a Sharpie marker, they are much more likely to make their way home.

"ANY DAY READY" REMINDER

As you know, we have asked all students at Lee to be "Any Day Ready" by bringing a waterproof jacket with hood, boots (or a change of shoes), and a change of clothes (extra pants & socks) to school on rainy days.

Please make sure to LABEL all of your child's clothing that is sent to school.

We know that having all the students outside each day for fresh air and a chance to enjoy the outdoors no matter what the weather will allow them to become re-energized and ready for learning when they return to their classrooms. With wetter and colder weather upon us, it is even more important for students to be prepared so that everyone can enjoy playing outside in our west coast weather.



Thank you in advance for your support with our rainy day plan!

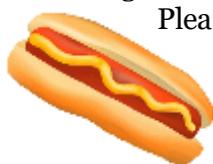
PAC CANTEN ON THURSDAYS



For families new or unfamiliar with our Canteen Lunch program, here are the basics of how it works.

At lunchtime on most Thursdays (see the school website for a schedule), students are provided the opportunity to purchase hot food items, beverages and snacks at school for lunch. All proceeds benefit the Walter Lee PAC that provides funding for many programs and resources for all our students.

The hot food items featured each week rotate between pizza (\$2 per slice), hot dogs (\$1 each) and special pre-ordered offerings (typically \$4 per item; notices will be sent home with students ahead of time). A variety of meat/vegetarian options are offered. In addition to hot items, a variety of snacks and beverages are also available for purchase.



Please be advised that although we may help direct students towards ordering suitable items and/or quantities, it is ultimately their decision on what to order. Please discuss with your child what items you expect them to purchase at Canteen, including whether or not you expect them to bring home change.

Please do not send large amounts of money to school for Canteen. Typically, on pizza or hot dog days, up to \$5 will suffice for a hot item, drink and snack. It can be unsafe for students to bring large amounts of cash to school, and we often do not have sufficient change for large denomination bills (\$5 bills maximum please!).

Let's Go GREEN! On pizza Canteen days, please send a reusable plate to school with your child for their pizza. Thank you for your support!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be on **October 4th, 5th, and 6th**, this year. The Book Fair will be open 8:25-8:40, 12:10-12:35, and until 3:30 after school (except Thurs., Oct 6th, we will stay open until 5:00 pm). Please come and check out the book fair – with purchases from students, our school receives credits from Scholastic to purchase materials/books for our school. New this year are “Classroom Wish Lists.” Teachers will have a wish list of books to add to their classroom libraries; families may choose to purchase a book for your child’s classroom at the book fair. Hope to see you then!



Call for parent volunteers

A library is a community space and it takes a community to keep it running smoothly. We are in need of parent volunteers to help out in the library! If you would like to volunteer in the library or at our Scholastic Book Fair, please contact our teacher-librarian, Ms. Chura.



Fun run



The school district will be hosting the annual Fun Run at Minoru Park on Wednesday, October 12 beginning at 3:30pm. This run is open to all students in grades 1-7. The run begins with the grade 1 students and moves through the grades finishing with the grade 7's. Parents will be required to transport your child to and from this event as bus transportation is not provided. *Parent drivers will need to fill out a driver form which can be picked up at the office. Families can arrange to have a parent drive other students to the event. Please inform the office of this arrangement.

Permission forms are available at the office if you would like your child to participate.

Looking for a new career in education?

Richmond Continuing Education is starting a Part Time Richmond Education Assistant Program (REAP) in January 2017.

REAP students will learn how to work with Kindergarten to Grade 12 students with physical, behavioural, sensory and learning needs in schools.

Students in the Part Time REAP will study two evenings per week and Saturdays from January 2017 through to December 2017. There will be no classes in July and August 2017.

Joining REAP will open the door to job opportunities in this challenging and fulfilling career field in education.

Application deadline for Part time REAP is Friday, September 30, 2016.

For more information, please visit:
www.RichmondCE.ca
 or phone 604-668-6123

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



- Tues. Oct 4 Book Fair in the Library (8:25 - 8:40, 12:10 - 12:35, 3:00 - 3:30)
- Wed. Oct 5 Parent-Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm**
- Book Fair in the Library (8:25 - 8:40, 12:10 - 12:35, 2:00 - 3:30)
- Thurs. Oct 6 Parent-Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm**
- Book Fair in the Library (8:25 - 8:40, 12:10 - 12:35, 2:00 - 5:00)
- Canteen Day at Lunch – Hot dogs \$1
- Mon. Oct 10 **Thanksgiving Holiday – School Not in Session**
- Thurs. Oct 13 Canteen Day – Pizza \$2
- Mon. Oct 17 PAC meeting at 7:00pm in the Library
- Thurs. Oct 20 Canteen Day – Japanese pre-order
- Fri. Oct. 21 Pro-D Day – School Not in Session**
- Mon. Oct. 31 Halloween Dress-Up Day

* **Parent Volunteers** are still needed on Canteen Days.

Please contact the office if you can help.

REMINDER: SIGN UP FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS!



Parents can now pay for school events and activities online. This will include payments for school supplies, field trips and other payables. No more cheques to sign or cash to send to school!

Please set up your online account as soon as possible. We hope that most families will choose to pay online, as it will be very convenient for all. Even if you are unable to pay online, please register for an account so that you will receive email reminders about due dates for fees. Once you set up your account, it will be valid for the entire time your child is here at Walter Lee.

Setting Up Your Online Account:

Step 1: Go to the website: <https://richmond38.schoolcashonline.com>

Step 2: Select "Get Started Now" and follow the steps.

Step 3: After an email confirmation is received, select "click here" and sign in.

Step 4: Add each of your children to your account. You will need your child's ID number to complete the registration. This number can be found on a label at the front of your child's agenda.

If you need help with registering, please contact the office.