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TALMEY OFFICE REMINDER

IF YOUR CHILD(REN) WILL BE
AWAY FROM SCHOOL, PLEASE
EMAIL OR CALL THE OFFICE
TO ADVISE US OF THEIR
ABSENCE.

TALMEY PHONE:

604-668-6275 OPTION 1

TALMEY EMAIL:

TALMEY@SD38.BC.CA

APR-MAY CALENDAR

TUE, APR 30

Popcorn Day

TUE, MAY 1

Music in Schools Band
Evening Event at Gateway
Theatre

TUE, MAY 14

Class Photo Day

TUE, MAY 14

Welcome to
Kindergarten

FRI, MAY 17

Pro-D Day
(no school for students)

MON, MAY 20

Victoria Day (no school)

TUE, MAY 21

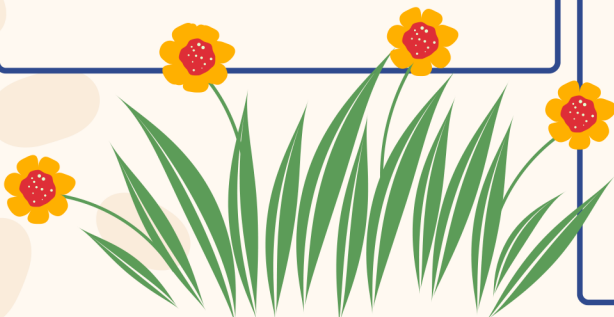
Track Meet Gr 4-7

WED, MAY 29

PAC Meeting

FRI, MAY 31

PAC Family Fun Night

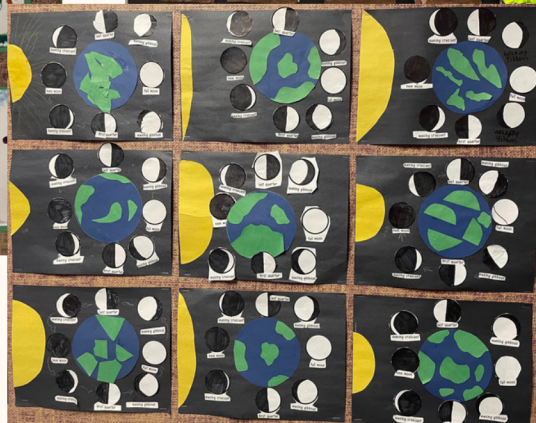


LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Family Teams Earth Day Activity



Choose to REUSE



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TALMEY

MARATHON RUN CLUB



Our students continue to impress us with their incredible running energy! Many students spend much of their recess & lunch time running laps around our field and tracking their progress. We had good participation at our first after-school run club session. We thank Mrs. Janzen for all her organizational support! A special thank you to our parent volunteers for assisting with our after-school sessions as well.



TRACK ATTACK PRACTICES!

TracOur Grade 4-7 students have been busy participating in Track Attack in preparation for our upcoming Zone meet.



Please help your child (Grades 4-7) be prepared for our Track Attack stations. Students practice every Tuesday and Friday afternoon. A reminder to have a water bottle, running shoes and athletic clothing ready for running, jumping and throwing events! Students in Grades 4-7 are excited to attend our [Zone Track Meet on May 21st](#) and have been practicing for different events.

We thank Ms. Feng and Mr. Snyder for helping to organize our in-school training program and plan for our meet!

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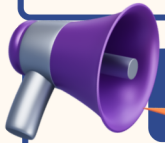
TERM 2 REPORT CARDS/LEARNING UPDATE #4

Term 2 written updates (report cards) were sent home this past Monday. Please take some time to talk with your child about their learning progress.

Families should have also received an email outlining how to access your child's report through the MyEd Parent Portal. Instructions are also posted to our website.

To view your child's report card through the MyEd Parent Portal. Parents can access to the MyEd Parent Portal using the following link:

<https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>



STUDENT AND FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND

The provincial government recently announced a renewal of one-time funds for the Student and Family Affordability Fund. This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in the following areas:

- school and course fees
- school supplies and course materials
- field trips
- school-related extracurricular opportunities
- clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities

Please reach out to our school principal, Ms. N. Hazon, if you are in need of assistance. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

GRADE 4 & 7 PARENT SURVEY REMINDER

TAKE SURVEY



Each year our Grade 4 & 7 students complete Student Learning Surveys. Our Grade 4 & 7 students will be completing these in early April. The Ministry of Education also invites parents and staff participation.

Please take a little time to visit http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey to share your thoughts and ideas. Your opinions will help guide the future of education in BC. The online survey will be available until May 3rd.



April is Sikh Heritage Month

April is Sikh Heritage Month. On April 30, 2019, the Sikh Heritage Month Act was formally recognized by the Government of Canada. This means that throughout Canada, in each and every year, April is to be known as “Sikh Heritage Month.”

Sikh Heritage Month was first recognized in the province of Ontario in 2013, and month-long celebrations started in 2015. Festivities in Brampton, Ontario now reach over 10,000 people each April.

Today it is celebrated in various provinces across Canada.



May is Jewish Heritage Month

It was officially recognized in 2018 by the Government of Canada in the Canadian Jewish Heritage Month Act.

This month was also given a City of Richmond formal proclamation by Mayor Malcolm Brodie. Canadian Jewish Heritage month recognizes the contributions that Jewish communities have made to Canada.

Major Kesur Singh is credited with being the first recorded Sikh in Canada. He arrived to Vancouver on board Empress of India in 1897. He is also known for attending Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee celebrations in London in 1897. He was awarded with multiple clasps and medals including the Indian Order of Merit.

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Dates in May

- 5.....Cinco-de-Mayo
- 5.....Dutch Heritage Day
- 5.....Red Dress Day
- 5-6.....Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
- 10.....Bear Witness Day
- 15.....Buddha’s Birthday
- 17.....International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia
- 19-25.....Anti-Racism Awareness Week
- 21.....World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue Development
- 23.....Anniversary of Komagata Maru
- 24.....Vesak/Wesak/Buddha Day/Visakha Puja

May is Asian Heritage Month

May is also Asian Heritage Month. This year’s theme, Recognition, Resilience, and Resolve, embodies pan-Asian diversity and the invaluable achievements of communities of Asian descent in all parts of Canadian society. It also acknowledges their resilience and perseverance in continuing to overcome adversity through Canada’s history.

Did you know that in December 2001, the Senate of Canada adopted a motion proposed by Senator Vivienne Poy to officially designate May as Asian Heritage Month in Canada. In May 2002, the Government of Canada signed an official declaration to designate May as Asian Heritage Month.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

TUESDAY, MAY 14

Welcome to Kindergarten is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th. Details will be sent to the families of our newest students in the coming weeks. We are excited to meet our new Kindergarten students!



♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

GR 7 TO GR. 8 STUDENT TRANSITIONS

Just as we welcome our new Kindergarten students to the school community, we are also assisting and planning for the transitions of our Grade 7 students to various secondary schools.

We are also in the process of planning for our final year end events to honour and recognize our Grade 7 students. More information will be coming as to the details of our year end events!



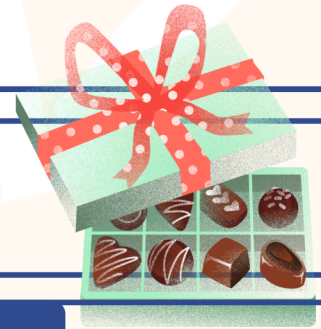
TALMEY PAC

TALMEY PAC MEETING – WED, MAY 29TH AT 6:00 PM



A reminder to all Talmey parents that every parent is invited and welcome to join these monthly meetings as another opportunity to support the school. The May 29th meeting is also the PAC AGM meeting. Families should have received a hard copy notice with AGM details this week.

The PAC chocolate sale fundraiser has now concluded. We thank families for supporting this fundraiser.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

CALL FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for parent volunteers for an upcoming Family Fun Night event planned for May 31st.

If you are interested in helping, please email TalmeyPAC@gmail.com

PAC REMINDERS

HOT LUNCH dates are **Friday May 3rd, 10th, 24th, and May 31st**. All orders must be submitted seven days before the lunch date on <https://munchalunch.com/schools/RCTalmey>.



Please contact Jana at rctalmeyhotlunch@gmail.com if you have any questions about hot lunch or volunteering. Should you have issues using the Munch-a-Lunch website please contact Melissa at mmchui@gmail.com.

We would greatly appreciate a few extra helpers on hot lunch days. Please contact Jana if you are available to volunteer on hot lunch dates.



The PAC also has small **snacks for sale** on hot lunch Fridays that cost between \$0.50 and \$1.50, parents can send small amounts of money with their child if they wish for them to be able to purchase these extra snacks. Please **DO NOT** send your child with large bills.

Tuesday, April 30th and May 14th are our next **popcorn days!** Popcorn is \$1 a bag and will be available for sale in the multi-purpose room at recess.



If you have any questions regarding PAC matters, please reach e-mail our Talmey PAC at: TalmeyPAC@gmail.com



BECOME HOMESTAY at the RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Be a host for an international student for a month, semester or year. Richmond International Education (RIE) Homestay Program is looking for local families to offer a welcoming home.

Contact us to find out more about this enriching opportunity.

study@sd38.bc.ca

604-668-6217



RICHMOND
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
ENRICHING GLOBAL MINDS



Supporting Richmond's Families

A Symposium Celebrating Child Care Month For Early Childhood Educators, Child Care Providers and Parents

Saturday, May 4, 2024
8:00am - 12:30pm
City Hall, 6911 No.3
Road, Richmond

- 8:00am ♦♦♦♦♦ Registration
- 8:30am ♦♦♦♦♦ Welcome and Keynote Presentation
- 9:30am ♦♦♦♦♦ Coffee
- Break and Child Care Strategy Update
- 10:00am ♦♦♦♦♦ Workshop 1, 2, or 3
- 11:30am ♦♦♦♦♦ Workshop 4 or 5
- 12:30pm ♦♦♦♦♦ Close

Keynote Presentation

Elder Shane Point: Supporting Families; A First Nations Perspective

Shane is a Proud member of the Point family, Coast Salish Nation and the Musqueam Indian band.

Shane has worked for the past 50 years in the service of the First Nations People of BC and others.

His motto is "Nutsamaht" (We are one)

Registration fee \$15 plus GST, please visit: richmondkids.ca/en/workshops/supporting-richmonds-children-2024 This event counts as 3.5 hours of professional development.

Workshop 1

Embrace and Empower: Enhancing Emotional Resilience in Early Childhood Education Environments

This workshop will take a deep dive into the foundation of emotional resilience in early childhood and will provide practical tools and strategies to support the mental health of children. You will discover activities and lessons that help children recognize, understand and express their emotion in healthy ways and help children develop coping mechanisms and resilience.

Dr. Sharon To is a Registered Psychologist in the Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Program at Vancouver Coastal Health. She is a Clinical Instructor and an Adjunct Professor at UBC. **Madelaine Ressel** and **Teija YliRenko** are practicum students in the ECMH Program. Madelaine is completing her PhD in clinical child psychology at Simon Fraser University and Teija is completing her PhD in School and Applied Child Psychology at UBC.

Workshop 2

Building Bridges with Newcomers and Chinese Immigrant Families in Child Care Centre's

This workshop is designed to empower participants with the knowledge, skills and empathy to effectively support and interact with newcomers and Chinese Immigrant Families. In this workshop participants will discuss challenges that Newcomers may face, including language barriers, changes in family structures and cultural misunderstandings relating to early childhood education.

Chris Yin Ren is a mother of two and an Early Childhood Educator. Chris has a Master of Education from Simon Fraser University and worked as a Chinese teacher in Vancouver for almost 10 years.

Workshop 3

Enriching Early Childhood Education with Cultural Kits

This workshop, led by the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society, will introduce participants to the BCACCS cultural kits that are available to borrow from their lending library, for use in early learning settings. This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of Indigenous perspectives and cultural protocols and discover how to use materials, stories, and activities in culturally respectful ways.

Kirsten Bevelander is a Co-Manager of the Aboriginal Child Care Resource and Referral Program at the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society.

Workshop 4

Cultural Practices in Caregiving

In this workshop Richmond Multicultural Community Services will share their experiences and knowledge of providing childcare with a multi-cultural lens. The workshop will explore childcare approaches and customs from different cultures and understand how this can inform and enhance your own caregiving practices.

Richmond Multicultural Community Services provides settlement services for newcomers and immigrants to Canada, they provide a wealth of programs and events to facilitate multi-culturalism, diversity and inclusiveness in Richmond.

Workshop 5

Diversity in Storytime

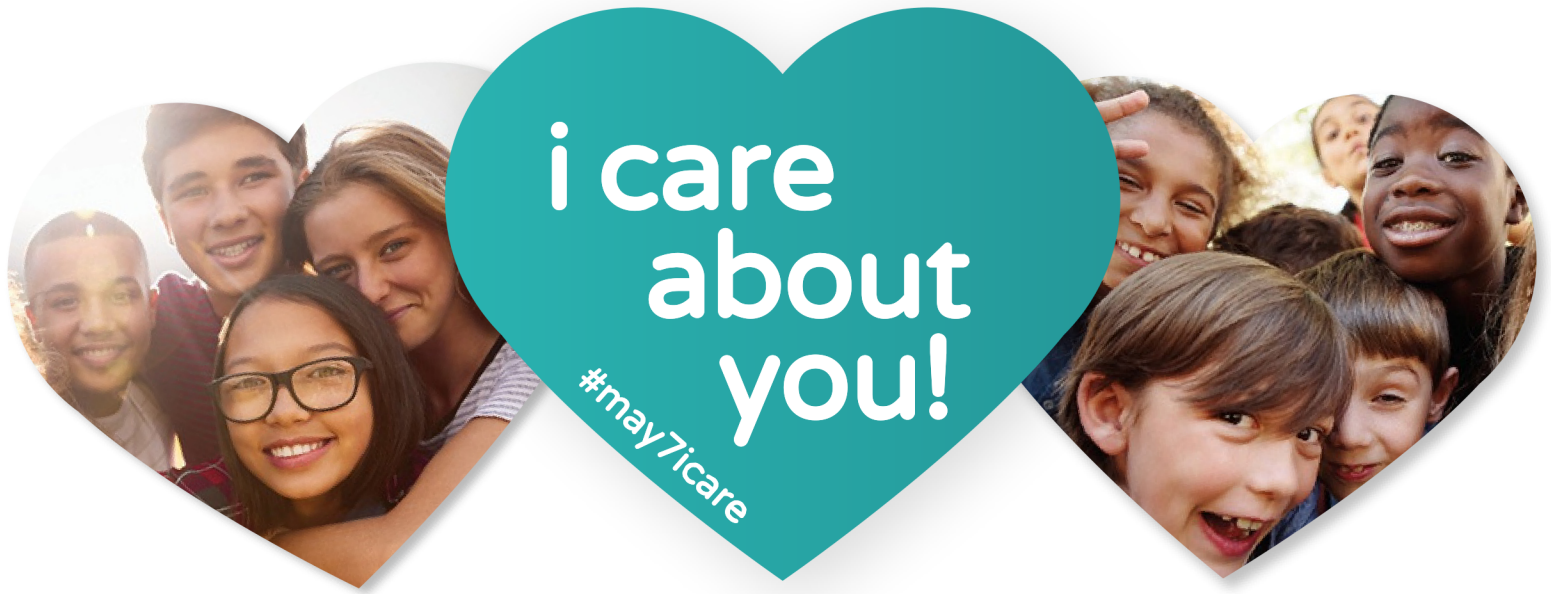
All children need to see themselves reflected in storytime adventures and see others who are different from them represented with equal importance. Children need to see the food they eat, the holidays they celebrate, and the skin colour of their family members represented. This workshop will provide ideas on how to facilitate storytimes so that they can be a safe place for children to learn about people, cultures, and abilities that are different from their own.

Linda Loeff is a Children and Family Services Librarian at the Richmond Public Library.

Children's Art Exhibition

The City of Richmond, the Child Care Development Advisory Committee and the Richmond Public Library will be hosting a Children's Art Exhibition to celebrate child care month.

The exhibition will be on display on the Community Art Wall of the Richmond Public Library (Brighthouse Branch) from May 3 to May 31, 2024. To obtain more information please email childcare@richmond.ca.



NATIONAL CHILD & YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Online Event for Parents and Caring Adults

with Kim Barthel

CONNECTING WITH KIDS: We know that having caring, connected conversations can significantly impact the mental health of children and youth. Join us to listen to Kim Barthel talk about having more self-compassion, self-awareness and knowledge about the art and science of relationships. Our kids mean so much to us, and yet disconnection, dissociation and even the potential for self-harm is very real. A holistic and engaging story-teller, Kim will introduce the basics of attunement, attachment theory, trauma-sensitive practice, sustainable self-care and above all the power of connection and inclusion.

Kim Barthel is a Canadian occupational therapist, speaker, multi-disciplinary teacher, mentor and best-selling author who is active in supporting people in many contexts globally. Kim is passionate about understanding mental health, complex behaviour, neurobiology, movement, trauma-sensitive practice, attachment, sensory processing and learning. KimBarthel.ca.

DATE Tuesday, May 7, 2024

TIME: 6:00pm - 8:00pm (PST)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: familysmart.ca/events

This event is part of FamilySmart's National Child & Youth Mental Health Day celebrations, for more info and resources go to: may7icare.ca



HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to provide all members of our school district community with a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment.

As we learn and work together, we will...

- 1 Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.**
- 2 Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.**
- 3 Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.**
- 4 Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.**
- 5 Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property.**
- 6 Respect the non smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.**



Our expectations for how we learn and work together shall apply to everyone in our schools and at school functions.

The complete code of conduct
is available online at:
sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct