



ANDERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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Anderson School

This Week's News! – May 22nd – May 26th

Important Dates!

Enjoy the Long Weekend!



Monday, May 22nd Victoria Day
(Both Days, School is Not in Session)

Ander'SUN Day (Sports Day!)

We are thrilled to announce our school wide **Ander'SUN Day** will be on **Friday, June 9th** (weather permitting). Our Tropical themed day will include a fun day of stations, races and tug-o-war. Stay tuned for more information in the upcoming weeks! Anderson will have a 1:45 pm dismissal on Ander'SUN day.



Minoru Track Meet – Wednesday May 24th

We wish our staff and grade 4-7 students attending track good luck on Wednesday, May 24th. Attending the Track Meet is only possible with countless hours of volunteer help by staff. We would like to thank Mme Szeto and Ms. Grewal, Ms. Miller, Mr. Chan and Mr. Harrington for all the organizational help to make this happen. Also thanks to our students and Grade 7 student leaders who did such a great job at our track attack stations. For students attending the track meet, we strongly encourage our families to review the information that was sent home. **An important reminder that all students need to be picked up and signed out at Minoru by 2:30 pm on Wednesday.** If your child is being picked up by another person, please provide your child with a signed note on the day of the track meet so we understand that your consent has been granted.

We look forward to cheering on Anderson at Minoru, next week!

Understanding Combined Classes

It's the time of year when the Anderson staff begins to look at building classes for next year. Staff work very hard to ensure that all students are successful.

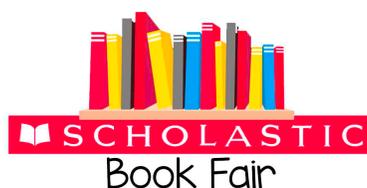
Often, the philosophy behind combined classes is misunderstood by parents. Children who are placed in the upper grade of a combined class are not placed there because they struggle in school. In a combined grade 4 and 5 class, we do our very best to ensure that for each grade, we have students who encompass a range of learning styles and abilities. **We do not place all of our strongest grade 5 learners into a grade 5/6 when a grade 4/5 classroom is also available.**

Teachers are trained to provide instruction to diverse classes of students, looking at children as individuals, and providing individual educational plans where warranted for students who are slower or faster to develop.

Combined classes offer enhanced opportunities for all students to demonstrate confidence, positive self-concept, and a strong sense of belonging. Combined classes can help students form broader and more varied friendships as older students provide role models for younger students. Sometimes the teacher/student relationship can be enhanced if the same teacher teaches a student for more than one year, leading to increased feelings of security for returning students and a smoother transition in September because the teacher already knows their learning styles and needs well. Teachers in combined classes, like those in straight grades, follow the curriculum requirements defined by the Ministry of Education.



Anderson Book Fair June 12 thru 16th – School Library



The Bookfair will be open AFTER school from 2:45 – 3:15 pm for families to shop together and during school hours (students only) for classes to visit with their teachers.

Explore the Book Fair with your child and support them in their reading choices
Enter your child into the Book Fair Family Night Draw for a chance to win
\$25 in free books, plus \$25 for their class.

Parent Input – Class Placements

Each year at this time, we begin to make school organization plans for September based upon the number of students we know are returning and new registrations that we have received. Before school ends in June, your child's current classroom teacher, resource teacher, educational assistants and administrators will work together to place students for the upcoming school year. These plans are tentative until the first week in September when final student numbers are known. In the first few days of September, all staff meets to confirm teaching assignments and review student placements.

In the organizational meetings, many factors are considered when placing students. These considerations include:

- learning styles and strengths
- work habits
- social/personal characteristics
- gender balance
- special needs
- friendship groups
- ELL levels
- contractual obligations
- age and physical maturity



If you would like the opportunity to provide the school with information about your child's placement for next year, you are welcome to complete a Parent Input form by **Friday, May 26th, 2023**. Please email Mr. Harrington at sharrington@sd38.bc.ca to request an input form – electronic copy. You are also able to pick up a paper version from the school office.

The information you provide should **not include a request for a specific teacher** but rather some important personal or educational information that will assist us in our decision. Students who work well together or recent/ongoing conflict with other children would be helpful in placing students.

With limited placement possibilities, **input can be considered but never guaranteed**. All information provided will be shared with the teacher(s) and taken into consideration. Please be aware the final decision regarding placement will be a school-based decision.

Accepting input after the Friday, May 26th is often problematic, as each child placed into a classroom is an important part of the structure that helps create a positive learning environment for all children placed. Like a house of cards, pulling one from the pile often impacts others and we would like to avoid this scenario.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

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| Monday, May 22 nd | Victoria Day – School not in session |
| Wednesday, May 24 th | Minoru Track Meet (For a selection of students in gr. 4-7) |
| Friday, May 26 th | Soccer 8:10 am Grades 3 to 5 |
| Friday, June 9 th | Ander'SUN day (1:45 dismissal) |
| Tuesday, June 13 th | 1:15 pm – Parent Appreciation Tea – more information coming! |





City Centre Community Centre – 604-204-8588

Children's Daycamps – (Born 2014-2017) – Anderson Elementary

July	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
#235870 9:00am – 4:00pm \$175.55	3 NO CAMP	4 Summer Kick-Off!	5 OUT-TRIP: Douglas Park	6 OUT-TRIP: Kitsilano Beach	7 Superhero Day
#238607 9:00am – 4:00pm \$219.45	10 City Centre Olympics	11 OUT-TRIP: Bear Creek Waterpark	12 Wet n Wild!	13 OUT-TRIP: King George Waterpark	14 Fear Factor
#235881 9:00am – 4:00pm \$219.45	17 Jurassic Park	18 OUT-TRIP: Hazelgrove Waterpark	19 Under the Sea	20 OUT-TRIP: Science World	21 Disney Day
#235880 9:00am – 4:00pm \$219.45	24 Jedi Training	25 OUT-TRIP: John Lawson Waterpark	26 Fort City	27 OUT-TRIP: H.R. Macmillan Space Centre	28 Rainbow Road



3 ways to register:

- www.richmond.ca/register
- 604-276-4300, Mon–Fri, 8:30am–5:00pm
- In person at any community facility

Campers to bring (if applicable): A nut-free and healthy non-microwavable lunch and/or snack, filled water bottle, sunscreen, hat, swimsuit, towel and weather- and activity-appropriate clothing and footwear.

Required: A completed **Informed Consent and Permission Form** and **recent photo of child** must be submitted one week prior to start of camp. Find forms at www.richmond.ca/camps.

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August	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
#235874 9:00am – 4:00pm \$175.55	31 Camp Hollywood	1 OUT-TRIP: Centennial Beach & Boundary Bay Park	2 The Amazing Race	3 OUT-TRIP: Edmonds Waterpark	4 City Centre's Got Talent!
#235882 9:00am – 4:00pm \$219.45	7 NO CAMP BC Day	8 Gotta Catch 'Em All!	9 OUT-TRIP: Fraser River Discovery Centre & Pier Park	10 OUT-TRIP: Confederation Park	11 Kids vs Leaders
#235883 9:00am – 4:00pm \$219.45	14 Witches and Wizards	15 OUT-TRIP: Queen's Park	16 Shark Tank	17 OUT-TRIP: Unwin Park	18 Neon Jungle
#235884 9:00am – 4:00pm \$219.45	21 Mad Scientist	22 OUT-TRIP: Maplewood Farm	23 Animal Planet	24 OUT-TRIP: Steveston Waterpark	25 City Centre Carnival
ADVENTURE CAMP* #235942 *Located at City Centre 9:00am – 4:00pm \$483.35	28 OUT-TRIP: Garden City Park	29 OUT-TRIP: Rocky Point Park	30 OUT-TRIP: Moodyville Park	31 OUT-TRIP: South Arm Pool & Park	1 OUT-TRIP: Vancouver Maritime Museum



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