



# ANDERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter  
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## Anderson School

This Week's News! – Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

### Summer Program Registration

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

Registration starts on MONDAY!



Anderson families! Did you know that a Richmond Continuing Education Summer Learning Program is **FREE (one free course)** for BC students who are Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents and students who have Refugee status?

Summer camps are also available at an additional cost.

**Summer Learning 2024 Registration Starts on Monday!  
Don't miss out!**

It is advised that parents create an account ahead of time for each of their children. Instructions on how to register can also be found on the website below:

**Elementary Enrichment and Elementary Camps** – Sign Up Starts Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> (at 7:00 pm) – Ends June 7<sup>th</sup> – Register Early to secure a spot!

**Please go to our website for more information.** [www.RichmondCE.ca](http://www.RichmondCE.ca)

### Breakfast Club – What a great way to start TODAY!

With the delicious aroma of pancakes, fresh fruit, cereal, and yogurt in the air, the gym was full of happy students enjoying a delicious meal together. In total, we had over 300 students attend! We would like to extend a tremendous thank you to our parent organizers Gail and C.C., our parent volunteers, our student volunteers, and our Anderson alumni volunteers for serving with generous hearts.

It was wonderful to see families enjoying a bite to eat to start the day! Thanks to everyone who participated!

### Run Club is Back!



Run Club is BACK! **Starting Monday, April 15**, meet Ms. Li and Ms. Wong by the school gardens at 8:20am for a morning run (or walk). Run Club will be every Monday (weather permitting - check school website for any cancellations). For every 5 laps, students will receive a collectable charm. Parents are welcome to join!

# TRACK ATTACK! For Grades 4-7

between 1:30 and 2:30 pm

Scheduled upcoming dates include: Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

Track Attack is an opportunity for all our intermediate students to try out the various track and field activities. Throughout these stations, students will be able to highlight their sportsmanship, determination, skill and enthusiasm for track and field. **A selection of students will be chosen to attend the Track and Field meet at Minoru Park on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.** Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate all our intermediate students at this Track Meet as we are permitted a limited number of entries. Students will be chosen to attend this meet based on a combination of skill and attitude demonstrated during our Track Attack stations.

We would like all our grade 4-7's to ready and dressed appropriately for Track and Field on our Track Attack days. Proper footwear, shorts or track pants and a water bottle are all essentials!

## Track and Field meet – Minoru – Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.



## 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:

1. school and course fees
2. school supplies and course materials
3. field trips
4. school-related extracurricular opportunities
5. clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities

Please reach out to Mr. Harrington, [sharrington@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:sharrington@sd38.bc.ca) 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.

## Report Cards on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>



Notice for families that report cards will be sent home by the end of the school day on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. We hope all our Anderson families take time to read over these reports and celebrate the effort and growth that has happened over the past term. Report cards also offer a great opportunity to revise and review school goals with your child(ren).

Congratulations to all the Anderson students for all your hard work and determination this past term.

## April 22 -30 - Pesach or Passover

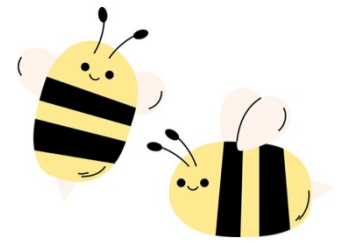
Holiday that commemorates the Jewish liberation and escape from Egypt. This year, **Jewish Passover** begins before sundown on Monday, April 22 and ends after nightfall on April 30. Many Jewish communities will hold seders (ceremonial meals) the first two nights of the springtime holiday.



## MunchaLunch Day

Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>  
Subway

Last Day to order Sunday, April 21st



## 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](mailto:childcare@richmond.ca).



# 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](https://richmondkids.ca/en/workshops/supporting-richmonds-children-2024)  
This event counts as 3.5 hours of professional development.

Organized by the City of Richmond  
Child Care Development Advisory Committee



## Upcoming Dates to Remember

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