



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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EARLY WARNING  
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**Sick? Please Stay at Home**

It's cold and flu season. Proper handwashing is the best way to prevent the spread of a virus. Remember to use warm water and soap and scrub your hands for at least 30 seconds.

Some viruses are very contagious. **If your child has been vomiting, please keep them at home for 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped.** Drink plenty of liquids and contact your doctor if symptoms persist for more than a few days.

Thank you to families who have been keeping their children home when they are sick. This helps to keep other students and staff members healthy during this cold and flu season.

For more information, you can contact the Richmond Health Department at 604 233 3150.

**Early dismissal**

Early dismissal dates for Parent/Teacher Conferences are **Monday, October 17 and Wednesday, October 19. School will dismiss at 2:00 on both of those days.**

Please be sure to sign up for a parent/teacher conference with your child's teacher.



**FALL BACK**

**November 6, 2016**

Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK** on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>!



**Cross Country Running Club**

The cross country running club meets every Tuesday and Thursday after school on the MacNeill track. Thanks to parent volunteers Joanna Thackway and Emily for their help organizing the club and to staff members Mme McKechnie, Mme Borthwick, Mrs. Royea and Ms. Brautigam for sponsoring the club.



The District Cross Country Meet was held on Wednesday at Minoru Track. 29 of our runners showed amazing Anderson School spirit and represented our school well at the run. Way to go.



**ENGLISH BOOK FAIR – Volunteers Needed**

The week of November 28<sup>th</sup> will be our English Book Fair at Anderson. It will run after school from 3:00-4:00 pm in our front entrance.

Volunteers are need to help with this Book Fair. No experience is necessary! If you can help, please e-mail Catherine Ellens at [cellens@shaw.ca](mailto:cellens@shaw.ca)



**SNOW DAYS @ ANDERSON - WHAT TO EXPECT**



Snow days cause inconvenience for all of us. Closing schools is a difficult decision for the school district – trying to weigh the safety of all with the repercussions for working families. To help assist families, we would like to outline what you can expect from us on a snow day.

The following things will happen:

1) Schools will be OPEN unless conditions reach civic emergency proportions. Radio announcements will only announce those schools that are CLOSED. Most of these will be private schools. For information, please listen to radio CKNW 980AM, NEWS 1130AM, CBC 690AM, 1470AM, CHQM 103.5FM or watch on television CBC, BCTV, City TV and CTV.

2) Please do not phone the school. Staff will be too busy planning the day and ensuring students are safe and will not be able to answer the phone.

It will not be a regular school day as many students and teachers may be absent. We will ensure that the children are cared for and are safe. Many alternate activities may be planned so that students who are absent will not miss any work.

3. School will remain open until 3:00 p.m. (1:00 on Fridays) and in the event that we have to close early, students will not be sent home without contacting parents first.

As parents, you have some choices on snow days:

1) Students are not required to attend school on a snow day if you feel that their safety or your own safety may be at risk. You may keep them home.



2) Make plans in advance for what you and your family will do on a snow day.

3) You may send your child / children to school knowing that they may be participating in alternate activities for the day.

**Important Dates:**

- Monday, October 17
- Wednesday, October 19
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- Friday, October 21
- Wednesday, October 26
- Thursday, October 27
- Monday, October 31
- Wednesday, November 9
- Friday, November 18

- Early Dismissal @ 2:00 p
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- Mountain West PHOTO DAY
- Pro D Day - No School\*\*
- Pizza Day (no pre-orders)
- PAC MEETING @ 5:30 pm
- HAPPY HALLOWEEN
- Photo-Retake Day
- Pro D Day - No School\*\*



**Construction Update**

Thank you to the students and families of Divisions 12, 14 and 17 for your incredible patience while we waited for the portables to be ready this fall. They are all now fully repaired and the students are enjoying their new classroom space. This also means the library is now fully functional and the furniture that was being stored in the gym has now been removed.

The site preparations continue in the construction zone. There is lots of digging required to get to the clay layer. Once that happens the foundation will be poured.

Thank you to everyone who has been making an effort to walk to school, or to park nearby and walk in. Your efforts help to reduce traffic congestion in the parking lot and keeps the parking lot safer for everyone.

If you must drive, please only drop off and pick up your children against the curb closest to the school. Dropping your children off anywhere else and allowing them to walk through traffic could cause a terrible accident. Allow extra time for pick up and drop off so that you are not in a hurry.





**Hallowe'en at Anderson**

Hallowe'en is always a time for fun and costumes. Remember to keep costumes appropriate for school. That means they should not be too scary. Pretend weapons and face masks are NOT permitted at school.



**PICTURE DAY AT ANDERSON**

Picture Day at Anderson will be on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

For best photo results, please do not wear green coloured clothing.

If you miss October 19<sup>th</sup> or you require a re-take picture Mountain West will be back on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>



**NEXT PAC MEETING**

The next meeting of the Anderson PAC (Parent Advisory Council) will be at 5:30 on **October 27** in the school library. Representatives from City Centre Community Centre will also be in attendance to talk about community programs. Hope to see you there!



**PRO D DAY – NO SCHOOL**

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**



**Early Dismissal @ 2:00 pm October 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Extended Leave Form**

Please remember to fill out an **'EXTENDED LEAVE FORM'** if you will be absent from school for more than 24 hours (this does not include "due to illness")

Notifying the teacher is not sufficient notice.

Thank You!



**PIZZA DAY**

**Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
pizza \$2 per slice, chips \$1, drink \$1

