



September 2016 Newsletter

Please note that this newsletter is posted on our school website on the 15th of every month. In the online version the hyperlinks to web pages are live, saving you the time of re-typing the web links into your browser.

As we hit the mid September mark, we have settled nicely into a good routine. Students are working well in their classes and enjoying the outdoor play in the sunshine at recess and lunch. We are pleased to see so many students walking and riding their bikes to school. As the rainy and colder weather arrives, please remember that students should be dressed for the weather; we do go outside at recess and lunch in drizzly weather (but remain inside if it is pouring). The children need the activity breaks and return to class more focused.

Combined, Multiage, Split Classes

Whatever you like to call them, combined classes have been standard practice in Richmond for about 35 years. However, many parents and families still have questions about them.

The flexible learning environment afforded by the combined classroom is supported by the province's redesigned curriculum. "The focus on personalization and the flexible structure of the curriculum support the configuration of combined grade classrooms. Classes of students of more than one grade provide opportunities for teachers to develop a mindset that sees all the students as a group of learners with a range of needs and interests. Multi-grade programs should find a comfortable fit with the curriculum."

You may also be interested in reading this article from Today's Parent magazine <http://www.todaysparent.com/kids/school-age/split-grade-classes/>

Communication with your child's teacher is always the best method for fostering success for your child in school. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about their progress or their educational program.

B.C.'s Redesigned Curriculum

B.C.'s curriculum has changed. More information will be provided in upcoming newsletters and parent information sessions, but if you would like to know more right away, please visit curriculum.gov.bc.ca to learn more. This year teachers are fully implementing the redesigned curriculum into their teaching.

Terry Fox Run



OLYMPIAN EVAN DUNFEE visits Anderson for our Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 16th

Anderson PAC

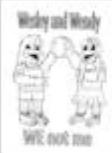
The first Anderson PAC meeting of the 2016-2017 school year will be Thursday, September 22 at 5:30pm in the library. All parents are welcome to attend.

Did you know that all parents are part of the Parent Advisory Committee? Our PAC is a vital part of our school and we would welcome your participation. The parent meetings are held once a month.

Social Responsibility at Anderson

Social Responsibility is a big focus for students at Anderson. Last week all of our Grades 4-7 students participated in a week full of leadership activities. Primary students also spent the week focusing on picture books with a social responsibility theme. Good manners and treating each other with kindness and respect are a big focus at Anderson school! You will often hear teachers and students referring to the acronym WE S.O.A.R. Which stands for;

Anderson Eagles

WE	WE not Me Helpful, kind and friendly		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We put ourselves in other people's shoes• We help whenever and wherever we can• We work together to keep our community safe and welcoming• We include others in our games and activities
S	Safe We make safe decisions and solve problems peacefully		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We problem solve• We use green behaviour in all settings• We seek adult help when we need it• We make safe choices in the playground and in the field• We use equipment safely and return it
O	Ownership We own our actions and we do our best		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As friends and learners, we do our best• We make good choices• We are honest and responsible• We apologize for our mistakes and thank others for their kindness• We take care of our own garbage, recycling and compost
A	Attitude We participate enthusiastically		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We celebrate everyone's success• We believe in ourselves and each other• We show Eagle Spirit wherever we are• We get involved
R	Respect We care for self, each other, and our environment		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We respect that our schoolmates learn in different ways• We respect personal choice• We respect our personal space, space of others and the space of our school• We use kind and polite words with each other

The Parking Lot!

Our parking lot is a very busy place for drive through and drop off only. Many families have been making the effort to walk to school and/or find parking nearby and walk in, especially during this busy construction year. Thank you! You are helping to keep our parking lot safe and congestion free. Please keep it up, even when the weather gets colder and wetter.

If you do need to drive:

- give yourself plenty of time, especially on rainy days
- DO NOT leave your car, pick up and drive through only
- check carefully for children who may be crossing through the parking lot
- be patient with student safety patrollers and staff members directing traffic. Their job is to keep everyone safe!

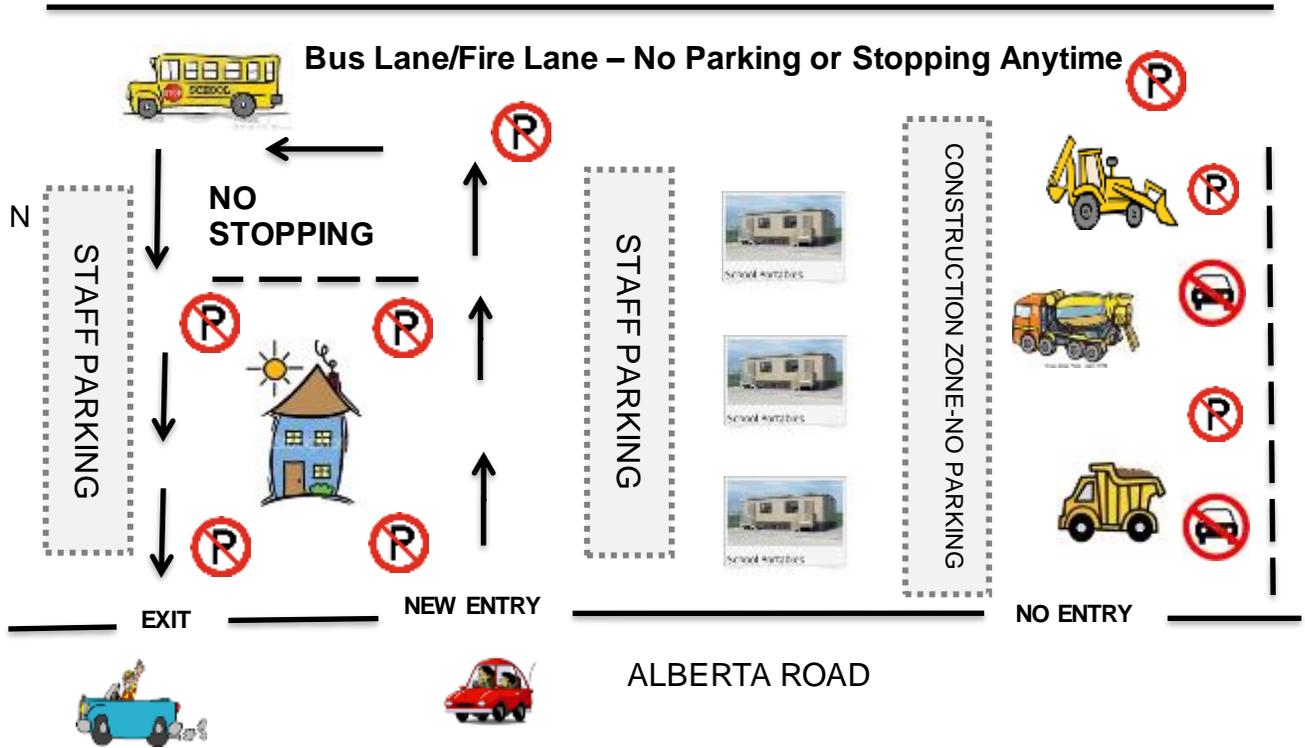
Thank you!



INFORMATION FORMS

By mid September, your child will bring home a package of forms including a Medical Verification Sheet, a Field Trip Approval Form, an Accident Insurance Form and a request for school fees (basic school supplies, agenda and a kindergarten cooking fee
Please have them completed and handed in by September 30th
Your patience is appreciated!

Anderson School



Parents are asked **not to use the parking lot during this construction period.** Please do not use the **Staff Parking Spaces** as these are limited and must be used by Staff
 It is strongly suggested that parents and students WALK to school or park at Garden City Park and WALK to school
 Thank you for your understanding during this time.



It is the season when staff and students start to have colds and the flu. Please do not send your child to school if they show signs of being ill, they will recover more quickly if they can rest at home!
Remember to call our Early Warning before 9:00 am at (604) 668-6358 if your child will be absent

BAND RENTAL EVENING
 @ ANDERSON
 Wednesday, September 21st
 6-8:00 pm
 Multi-Purpose Room

EARLY WARNING
 If your child is going to be absent for any reason – please call our early warning line at 604-668-6358

 Name, Division and reason for absence

 Please call before 9:00 am



Important Dates:

- Monday, September 19
- Wednesday, September 21
- Monday, September 26
- Wednesday, September 28
- Monday, October 17
- Wednesday, October 19
- Wednesday, October 19
- Friday, October 21

- Kindergarten Parent Meeting
- Band Rental Evening (6-8:00 pm)
- Pro D Day - No School
- Pizza Day (no pre-orders)
- Early Dismissal @ 2:00 pm
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- Mountain West PHOTO DAY
- Pro D Day - No School



Construction Update:

Our portables moved to the front of the school in late August. Two of those portables still require repair and we hope that work will be completed very soon. The site at the back of the school is currently being excavated in preparation for construction to begin. Watching the progress of the building is very exciting for many students.

During this school year, our field and playground space is limited. Each classroom has been provided with extra equipment to facilitate recess and lunch play. Students are using their imagination and creativity to make up games that use the existing space well and allow for lots of energy expenditure during play times!



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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

Noon Hour Supervisors

“Helping to make our schools a safe and welcoming environment.”

Our Focus is on the Learner

The Richmond School District is looking for **NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS** to work either on-call or five (5) days a week in an Elementary or Secondary school. Duties will involve supervising students in school buildings and grounds during the lunch break plus assisting in the office or school library.

The shifts for this part time casual position are 1.5 hours per day on those days that the students are in attendance. Incumbents are expected to follow the same vacation schedule as the school. In addition to excellent communication and interpersonal skills, applicants must have experience supervising groups of elementary school-aged children and be willing to work with adolescents.

First Aid and other related training, such as conflict resolution or non-violent crisis intervention, would be preferred. **The rate of pay for this part time casual position is \$21.53 per hour, which includes 4% holiday pay.**

Interested qualified applicants should forward their resume with supporting documents along with a cover letter to RSBsupport@sd38.bc.ca or www.makeafuture.ca quoting competition number, # NHS003-15 to:

**Human Resources Department
School District No 38 (Richmond)
7811 Granville Avenue
Richmond, BC V6Y 3E3**

If you have submitted an application within the past six months, you need not reapply. We appreciate the interest of all applicants but only those being considered for interviews will be contacted. For more information regarding the Richmond School District, please visit our website.



Monday, September 26th – Pro D Day