



## ANDERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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# Anderson School

**This Week's News! – October 16 to October 20**

## **Provincial Professional Development Day Friday – October 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Just a reminder that this Friday is a Pro-D day and school is not in session.**

### **Hold and Secure drill- Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>**

On Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be conducting a short ten-minute Hold and Secure drill at Anderson School. The purpose of a Hold and Secure drill, also known as a code yellow, is to practice what to do in the event where there is a perceived threat outside (For example, a coyote, an argument, etc.).



Each year, schools practice this drill in addition to other drills such as fire and earthquake drills. The Hold and Secure drill begins with the school bell ringing three times, followed by a brief announcement over the PA system. The drill concludes with the school bell ringing three times. During a Hold and Secure drill, students will be asked to continue their regular school day, but remain inside the school with outside doors closed. For most students, this drill in addition to other drills will be a routine learning opportunity. For some students, a reminder discussion at home may be helpful.

## **We Scare Hunger Campaign!**

It is once again October and Division 1 and 2 is eager to begin our We Scare campaign of gathering food and toiletry donations for the Richmond Food Bank. Anderson has been a yearly donor to the RFB, happy to make a positive impact in our community's lives.

Division 1 and 2 have been distributing donation trays with the corresponding divisions around the school. We are asking for donations of: **non-expired non-perishable foods** like canned meals and pastas **unopened toiletries** like toothpaste and toothbrushes.

We are asking families to not donate junk food, perishable food, or items without expiry dates or proper packaging.

Best of luck to all the classes and please bring in a donation to make a difference for Richmond and show that – Anderson Scares Hunger.



## **Parent Teacher Conferences Coming Soon! 11:50 Dismissal on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>!**

Just a reminder that we have **Early Dismissal (11:50 pm)** scheduled for Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Most families should have received a notice regarding conferences from their classroom teacher.

**Individual Picture Day at Anderson – Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Re-Take Day – Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**



## Grade 6/7 Volleyball

"Volleyball practices for grades 6/7 have begun, and we will continue to have practices Tuesday at lunch, Wednesdays after school between 3 -4 pm and Thursdays before school between 8 and 8:40 am. Please note that practices will be **cancelled Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, due to early dismissal at noon.**" Special thanks to the following staff members who are helping coach this year: Mr. Reed, Ms. Lou, Mr. Lai, Mr. Chang, Mr. Chan and Mr. Harrington



## PAC Meeting – Tuesday!

**Anderson Elementary PAC Meeting** - Tuesday, Oct. 17th  
from 6:45pm to 7:45pm, in the Multipurpose Room.

### CHILDMINDING IS AVAILABLE

We will have as our guest School Board Trustee, David Yang. And we will be discussing and voting for our PAC Budget for this school year.  
Please RSVP to [andersonpacgeneral@gmail.com](mailto:andersonpacgeneral@gmail.com)

June 2023 financial statements are available on the PAC website and will be used in our discussions at the October PAC meeting for the current year budget. On the PAC website you will also find attachments to the meeting agenda and past meeting minutes.  
<https://anderson.sd38.bc.ca/parents/anderson-pac>

## Feeding Futures

Recently, the provincial government announced a new Feeding Futures School Program Fund, designed to assist schools in the development and enhancement of school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students.

If you would like to request support for your child at school, please reach out to **Sean Harrington**, [sharrington@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:sharrington@sd38.bc.ca) We are gathering information and look to provide ongoing support wherever possible. Implementation plans are underway, and we want to ensure families are aware, and as always, able to reach out if they require support. All requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with families to ensure that your children have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

## Lost and Found



Are you missing that new rain jacket or umbrella? We have many items that have been placed in the lost and found, located outside the gym. Please ask your child to stop and have a look if they are missing any clothing items.

## Parent Volunteers Needed



We are looking for parent volunteers who will be willing to dedicate one hour of their time in the mornings once or twice a month from 8:45 am to 9:45 am at school for the fruits and veggies program where we will be distributing the produce of the day to all classes.

If anyone has completed the food safety course, we would love to see you out. If you are interested, please contact [AndersonPACgeneral@gmail.com](mailto:AndersonPACgeneral@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

Tuesday, October 17	Individual Photo Day – Say Cheese! <b>Re-take Photo Day – Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup></b>
Tuesday, October 17	October PAC Meeting, on Tuesday, Oct. 17th, from 6:45pm to 7:45pm, in the Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, October 18	<b>11:50 am dismissal</b> for Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, October 20	Provincial Professional Development Day – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Wednesday, October 25	Hot Lunch Day

