



# DeBeck News

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## Howard DeBeck Elementary

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### School Schedule:

8:40 - Welcome Bell  
8:45 – Classes Begin  
9:55 - 10:10 Recess  
12:00 -12:50 Lunch  
2:45 - Dismissal

## Nov 21st - Nov 25th Week at a Glance

Monday	Hot Lunch - Pizza Scholastic Book Fair open 2:45 - 3:10
Tuesday	Scholastic Book Fair open: 8:30 - 8:50 Grade 6/7 volleyball home game vs. Garden City Grade 4/5 TCO2 Presentation
Wednesday	Grade 6/7 TCO2 Presentation Scholastic Book Fair open 2:45 - 3:10
Thursday	
Friday	Professional Learning Day - No School

Dear Families,

As mentioned in previous newsletters, how we communicate student learning will look different this year. The Richmond School District is moving towards all schools using the MyEducation Bc Parent Portal to publish the written learning updates in December, March and June. Families can also use the Parent Portal to view attendance and other student information. You should expect to receive an email with your login ID and temporary password in the next week or so. Please know that we understand that this is a change, so we will be sending home paper copies in envelopes on Wednesday, December 14th to ensure that all families are able to view their child's report card.

We are excited for the return of the Scholastic Book Fair next week! We are encouraging families to use the virtual book fair option (see the information below) when purchasing items. Students will have an opportunity to look for items during the times that they can visit with their class. In the past, we have had issues with lost or stolen money, so if you do need to send your child with money, so that your child has the experience of buying something (which is a part of the fun), please have a conversation with your child about keeping the money safe and to only buy items for themselves.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [kpantaleo@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:kpantaleo@sd38.bc.ca) or [coanderson@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:coanderson@sd38.bc.ca).

Wishing you all good health,

Kathy Pantaleo and Cori Anderson

## Important Dates!

Nov 21	Hot Lunch - Pizza
Nov 21 - 24	Scholastic Book Fair!
Nov 25	Professional Learning Day - School is Closed
Dec 14	Reports sent home to families for all classes
TBD	Winter Sing-a-long Concert with families



# Kindergarten Registration

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[www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten](http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten)

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR NOV 21ST - 24TH!

The book fair is back! Students will have class time to look and purchase items. Families can buy items using the link below to avoid the issue of lost or stolen money.

### In-Person Book Fair

Times:

Monday:

2:45pm-3:10pm

Tuesday:

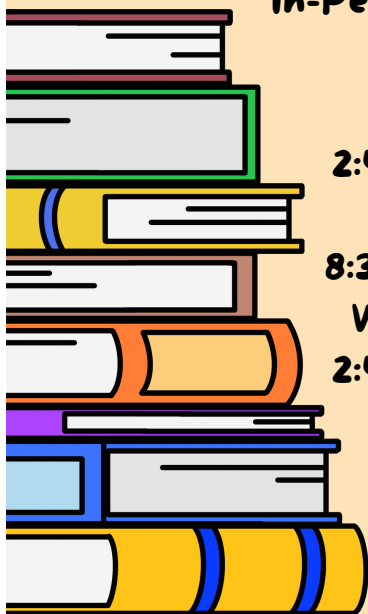
8:30am-8:50am

Wednesday:

2:45pm-3:10pm



<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5181278>



## DIGITAL SAFETY 4 KIDS

5 tips for parents & guardians to help students stay safe on their device

### KNOW THE APPS

Parents often do not know what apps or platforms their children are using to communicate and share. Be aware of age restrictions, inappropriate content, and who they are chatting / connecting with online. Talk with your kids about the pros/cons of these apps.

Did you know?

- Discord's age rating is 17+ for the iOS app while the online age rating is 13+
- 50% of teens admit to hiding their online behaviour from parents.
- 40% of kids in grades 4-8 have connected or chatted online with a stranger.

### DIGITAL HARASSMENT

Talk with your child about possible things to do if they are harassed or feel unsafe:

- let an adult know
- block / mute / unfriend that person
- take screenshots of the offensive or inappropriate content
- prevent an escalation of the situation (don't share with friends)
- in serious situations, contact the RCMP



### SCREEN TIME

Most social media apps are designed to keep users engaged with their content for as long as possible. The more screen time our kids have, the more influence this messaging and built in ads will have on them. Limit the amount of screen time by:



- NOT storing it overnight in their bedroom
- encouraging them to be active outside
- setting daily usage limits on the device
- having device free times
- modelling your own screen time limits

### LOCATION SERVICES

Our phones have a built-in GPS that records the location of where we are. Ensure that location services are turned off for the camera and for apps like Snapchat and Instagram. This prevents location stamping of photos and in some cases, where the kids are in real time.



### POSTS ARE PERMANENT

Remind students that text messages and photos posted on social media last forever. Talk with your children about this and the pitfalls of content that is deemed inappropriate. A good rule of thumb is to ask "Would I share this with a grandparent?"



On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, all students in Grades 4 - 7 will be a part of the 'Taking Care of Ourselves, Taking Care of Others' workshop presented by Children of the Street. In the workshops, facilitators empower youth to think critically by talking to them about current trends related to exploitation and human trafficking.

If you would like to learn more about the workshops, you can visit the website at:  
<https://www.childrenofthestreet.com/>