



RICHMOND
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38



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Newsletter – June 14, 2016

**Staff Appreciation Pot Luck
Luncheon Tomorrow
(Wednesday June 15th)**

We are looking forward to a delicious luncheon. The gesture from our parents is greatly appreciated by our staff.

**PAC Treat Sale
Wednesday June 15th @ Recess**
Snacks and Treats are priced from \$1.00 to \$2.50

**Band and Hip Hop
Dance Club Concert
Friday June 17th @ 2:10 pm**
Friends and family are welcome to join us

**Richmond Public Library
Visits DeBeck
Monday June 20th
9:00 – 10:25 am**
Children will learn about some exciting summer programs happening at our Public Library.

**Breakfast with Blaze
Appreciation Breakfast
Tuesday June 21st
8:00 - 8:45 am**
Please join us for a community breakfast – an opportunity for our staff's to say thank you to our students and parents for helping to make this school year at DeBeck such a success.

**Class of 2016 Grade 7 Farewell
Friday June 24th
Assembly – 9:00 am
Pictures/Tea in the Library – 10:15 am**
Friends and families of Grade 7s are encouraged to attend the Farewell Assembly and Tea
**Centennial Beach Day/Luncheon
– 11:00 am – 2:30 pm**
Grade 7 students, teachers and parent drivers

**Year-End Recognition Assembly
Tuesday June 28th
1:30 pm in the gym**

We hope you can join us for this very special assembly.

Words of Farewell To Mr. Kripps
Mr. Gerry Kripps has been at DeBeck for over 10 years, and has touched all of us with his kindness, positive enthusiasm, generosity, and caring ways. Mr. Kripps is beloved by the students, staff and families of DeBeck – and his legacy of giving to others will impact our community for many many years. All the best to Mr. Kripps.

**Also - Farewell to those DeBeck families who
are leaving us next year...**

“Once a Dragon... Always a Dragon”
In addition to the grade 7s who are leaving us, some DeBeck families are moving to different cities and different schools next year. We will miss them greatly but wish them all the best at their new school. We hope you will remember to stay in touch and know that DeBeck will always be your home.

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Tuesday June 28th
Dismissal 3:00 pm**
*Congratulations on an excellent year at DeBeck!
All the best to you and your loved ones over the summer break. We wish you a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you again in September!*

**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT DAY
Wednesday June 29th**
Staff will be exploring plans for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year, including an exploration of our school's Learning Goal for 2016-2017:

“Building a Healthy Learning Community”.
Stay tuned for more information on this next year

SUMMER ADOPT-A-GARDEN PROGRAM

*Families Needed To Help Maintain
One of Our Beautiful Garden Beds*



We at DeBeck are in need of students and their families to help water and maintain one of our five school garden beds at DeBeck over the summer. Families that adopt a garden would be encouraged to water the garden regularly and in return, would be welcome to harvest the produce and enjoy the fresh vegetables within their adopted bed. While the sprinklers are running, children can play ball on the pavement, read a book with parents under the trees, or check out the bugs in the soil!

Families interested in adopting a garden please contact Mrs. Johnson or Mrs. Vasquez through the school office.

First Week Back September 6 – 9, 2016

Tuesday, September 6th

9:00 – 10:00 am

Students who were in Primary (Divisions 6 – 12) this year - please report to last year's teacher.

New students in Grades 1 – 3 - please report to the Library.

10:30 – 11:30 am

All new Kindergarten students, please reports to room 111 (Mrs. Lindsay's room) - *as per the Gradual Entry Schedule for Kindergarten which will be sent home to all K families this summer.*

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Students who were in Divisions 1 – 5 this year - please report to last year's teacher. *New students in grades 4 – 7 please report to the Library.*

Wed. Sept 7th / Thurs Sept. 8th

First Full Days - 8:45 – 3:00 pm

Grades 1 – 7 Students:

Students will be grouped in previous year's classes and participate in a variety of ROARS-themed learning activities for these two days. *New students in grades 1 – 7 will be placed in one of these classes with same grade peers.*

Friday, Sept. 9th

We hope to have all Grades 1 - 7 students placed in their new class for the year by the end of today.

2016 - 2017

Professional Development Days

Friday September 23, 2016

School-based Pro-D

Friday October 21, 2016

Province-wide Pro-D

Friday November 18, 2016

Curriculum Implementation Day – All schools

Monday December 5, 2016

District-wide Pro-D

Friday February 24, 2017

District-wide Pro-D Day

Monday May 1, 2017

District-wide Pro-D Day

June 29, 2017

School-based Pro-D

2016 – 2017

Holiday and Break Schedule

Thanksgiving Day:

Monday, October 10, 2016

Remembrance Day:

Friday November 11, 2016

Winter Break:

December 19, 2016 to Jan 2, 2017

BC Family Day

Monday February 13, 2017

Spring Break Holidays

March 13 – 24, 2017

Good Friday / Easter Break Holidays

Friday April 14 to Monday April 17, 2017

Victoria Day

Monday May 22, 2017

Summer Break

June 30 to September 4, 2017

2016 - 2017 School Hours

Mondays Only:

8:45 am

Classes Begin

10:25 – 10:40 am

Recess Break

12:20 – 1:10 pm

Lunch Break

2:00 pm

Dismissal

Tuesdays Through Fridays:

8:45 am

Classes Begin

10:25 – 10:40 am

Recess Break

12:20 – 1:16 pm

Lunch Break

3:00 pm

Dismissal

Arrivals:

It is recommended that students arrive approximately 5 to 10 minutes before classes begin each day.

Dismissals:

We are responsible for your child's safety until they are dismissed. Please arrive promptly at dismissal time.



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