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DeBeck School Newsletter – November 22, 2018



HALLOWEEN

Thank you to everyone that donated their extra Halloween Candy to the Good Shepard who volunteer to provide homeless people with candy bags, food, hope, and encouragement.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

On Friday, November 9th, we took the time to pause, remember and honour the people who have made it possible for us to live in freedom in Canada.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2014, turning 5 in 2019, are now being accepted at the school (for parents who are Canadian Citizens) and at the Registration Counter at the School Board Office. These children will begin kindergarten in September, 2019. Please visit the District website for more information.

<http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten>



Families are encouraged to register any time during the Priority 1 registration period (November – January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 8, 2019. Evening registration at the Board Office until 7:00 pm is available on November 22, 2018.

VOLLEYBALL

The Richmond City Centre Tournament for Grade 7 students took place on Wednesday, November 14 at McNeill Secondary.

FAMILY TEAM ACTIVITY

This week, the students were introduced to their Family Teams by making collaborative posters with miniature self-portraits.

MISSING SNACKS/LUNCHES AND CUTLERY REQUEST

When a child has forgotten a snack or lunch at home, the office staff will attempt to call parents to have them bring a snack or lunch to school for their child. Please help your child establish a 'ready for school' checklist each morning to help avoid being without a lunch. Cutlery! If you send a lunch to school that requires a fork or spoon, please include that in your child's lunch kit. There are Environmentally Friendly options (metal) from the dollar store. Thank you.

OFFICE PHONE

A friendly reminder that the office phone is for emergency purposes. Please schedule social activities or pick up locations in the morning, prior to arriving at school. Please wait to communicate with your child when they return home.

"Munch-A-Lunch" FOOD DAY ON-LINE / PAYMENTS



As in the past, DeBeck Food Day orders will be conducted on-line through Munch-A-Lunch.com, a company that has been providing this service for many schools in Richmond and throughout the province for a number of years.

The next Hot Lunch will be on Friday, December 14th. Cut off to order will be Tuesday, December 4th.

PAC MOVIE NIGHT

This Thursday, Nov. 22nd, DeBeck PAC is hosting a Family Movie Night showing Incredibles 2. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Pizza will be available on a "first come - first served" basis. Snacks will be available throughout the entire movie. All sales are CASH only. Movie starts at 6:00 PM with a 5 - 8 minute intermission one hour into the movie. Students are invited to wear their PJ's - to be comfortable.

PRO-D ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

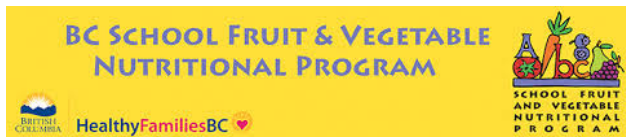
Our staff will be exploring innovative teaching strategies and developing a shared vision for teaching and learning at DeBeck this year. We are in Year 3 of our 3 year plan – a shared vision for teaching and learning

- Outdoor Learning/Gardening
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Differentiated Learning
- First People's Principles
- Using Technology to Enhance Learning
- Loose Parts
- Playful Storytelling

In summary, our Professional Development Days for 2018 – 2019 will be on the following dates:

1. Friday, November 23rd
2. Friday, February 15th
3. Friday, May 17th
4. Thursday June 27th

FRUIT AND VEGGIE DAYS



Thanks to Brenna Intavixay and her team of volunteers, the highly successful Fruit and Veggie program is back at DeBeck. Our participation in the BC School Fruit & Vegetable Nutritional Program is funded by BC Ministry of Health. This program is meant to increase the consumption of local fruits and vegetables and raise awareness in children as to the health benefits of fruits and vegetables. Every two weeks a different fruit or vegetable is delivered to the school for students to sample. As the coordinator of the program, Brenna is always looking for parent volunteers to help with the program. If you are interested in helping out this year, please contact her at: brenna.inthavixay@gmail.com.

SNIFFLES & SNEEZES

...and coughs and wheezes – it is the season for all sorts of illnesses. Please help in minimizing the number of children and staff ill in the DeBeck community by keeping your child home when they are not feeling well. We know how hard it is to find daycare for children on short notice, but when children come to school feeling sick, they do not learn well and pass along their germs to others. The general rule is to have your child stay home for 24 hours after having a fever and 48 hours after the last occurrence of vomiting.

At recess and lunch, all children are expected to go outside unless the weather is inclement. We are not able to have children in the building unsupervised during these break periods. If children are well enough to come to school, they will be outside with their peers at recess and lunch.

Thank you so much for helping us keep everyone as healthy as possible during the winter months.

EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

When your child is late or away for the day, please leave a message on our early warning phone line, 604-668-6281. It is important for you to call us if your child is away so we do not have to call home for children who are not accounted for. When leaving messages, please give your child's last name (spelling helps), your child's first name and the division number and/or teacher's name along with a reason. When your child is late, please have them sign into the office and when they have to leave the school for any reason (illness, appointment, family emergency, etc.) please make sure your child signs out as well. Thank you for your cooperation in making our school run as smoothly as possible!

FALL MEANS RAIN IS COMING WEATHER READY

Wet weather is coming! As we head into fall, we can expect to have some rainy days at DeBeck. Research tells us how important fresh air and time spent outside is to student health, well-being and learning. At DeBeck, we plan for "West Coast Weather" and we will be outside for recess or lunch in rain or shine. Please help us by sending your child in weather appropriate clothing such as jackets and boots. Students may also benefit from having a change of

clothing and shoes at school. For some of our younger students, please help your child practice putting their jackets and boots on and off! In the case of extremely inclement weather, we will have inside days. However, we will be outside in most weather conditions throughout the fall and winter!

CASH ONLINE

Cash Online is a fee payment system that will allow parents to pay online for student school supplies, fieldtrips and other school related items. For safety and efficiency reasons, the school district is implementing this service to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into our schools. You can now use credit cards to pay!

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BOOKFAIR NOV. 26-30th

Everyone is welcome to the DeBeck School Library Scholastic Book Fair. The Library is open every day at lunch as well as after school. Monday from 2:00 - 2:45 PM and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 - 3:45 PM. This is a great way to pick up birthday and Christmas presents. Profits go to the DeBeck Library.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be sent home on Friday, December 7th for all divisions except for Divisions 5, 6, 10 and 13 who will be using alternate reporting this year.

RICHMOND FOOD BANK

DeBeck School will be collecting non-perishable canned and dry food items for the Richmond Food Bank from Dec 3rd to Dec 14th. Bins will be set up in the front foyer for food collection. Please help support those Richmond families in need at this time of year.

BAND WINTER CELEBRATION

The Band Winter Celebration will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 19th at 9:35am. Please join us for this event!

WINTER WONDERLAND SKATE NIGHT

This PAC sponsored event will be at Minoru Arenas on Wednesday, Dec 19th, from 4:45pm- 6:15pm. There will be a cash concession to purchase snacks and hot chocolate. This is a free event for all families at DeBeck. Please note that all children must be wearing an ice skating helmet on the ice. Bring your own if you have one. If you have questions, email debeckpac@gmail.com.

WINTER SING-A-LONG

Please join us for the Winter Sing-a-long on Friday, December 21st. The time is to be determined.

DEBECK'S OVERALL LEARNING GOAL FOR 2018 – 2019

"Building a Healthy Learning Community"

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