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## DeBeck School Newsletter – October 31, 2018

### CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT START TO THE 2018 - 2019 SCHOOL YEAR



R.O.A.R.S at DeBeck Our social responsibility focus at DeBeck is based on the acronym ROARS which stands for: R-Respectful O-Own our choices A-Active R-Responsible S-Safe Throughout the year we reinforce these behaviour expectations during class activities and lessons, in assemblies and in our conversations with students.

### 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.

### PHOTO RETAKES FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16th

If your child missed photo day, please go to the library when called down on photo retake day and give the photographer your name. OR if you require a retake, please bring the envelope with the original proofs to the photographer when called down on photo retake day.

### "FALL BACK"

With the days getting shorter, November 6th is the day we move our clocks back one hour so that we get more sunlight in our day.

### 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 Orders / 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.

### PAC MOVIE NIGHT

There will be a movie night on Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. More details to follow.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

DeBeck School will be holding its Remembrance Day Ceremony on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:20pm. All parents and families are invited to join the ceremony. Students in Cubs, Brownies, Guides or Scouts are invited to wear their uniforms. We will be collecting for poppy fund all of next week.

### *Pro-D on Friday, November 2nd - 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 2nd
2. Friday, November 23rd
3. Friday, February 15th
4. Friday, May 17th
5. Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup>

### Fruit and Veggie Days Are Back!



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](mailto:brenna.inthavixay@gmail.com).

### RECENT OUTDOOR EVENTS

Debeck participated in two successful activities – the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope on September 28th and the Cross Country Fun Run on October 17th.

## **VOLLEYBALL**

We have had a very successful volleyball season with one game left to go – Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at Errington Elementary. The Richmond City Centre Tournament for Grade 7 students will take place on Wednesday, November 14 at McNeill Secondary.

## **HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS**

We hope everyone has a very fun time trick or treating on October 31st. Below are some safety tips to keep in mind for a successful Halloween night!

- Keep costumes both creative and safe by decorating with reflective tape/stickers or light colours
- Choose face paint over masks which can obstruct a child's vision
- Have kids carry flashlights or glow sticks
- Choose costumes that are the right size to prevent trips and falls
- Practice walking safely while crossing the road by looking left, right, and left again. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them
- If you drive, turn your lights on early and take extra time in anticipation of heavy pedestrian traffic.

## **PAC MEETING**

**Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

Our second PAC meeting of the year is Thursday, November 8th at 9:15 am. Location TBD. We welcome and encourage returning and new parents to come out to the meetings this year.

***You are all PAC - Please join us!***

## **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 Homma 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!

## **PUMPKIN PATCH**

A great BIG thank you to the Schuette Family for donating their time and effort in arranging for the Great DeBeck Pumpkin Patch. The students (and pre-school students) loved being able to go out to the back field to select their Halloween pumpkin. What a wonderful way to celebrate a "Spooktacular" day.

## **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!

**[richmondsd38.schoolcashonline.com](http://richmondsd38.schoolcashonline.com)**

## **BOOKFAIR NOV. 26-30th**

The BookFair will be taking place on Nov. 26th-Nov. 30th during lunch and after school. If any parents are able to volunteer, please email Ms. Borthwick ([kborthwick@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:kborthwick@sd38.bc.ca)).

## **DeBeck's Overall Learning Goal For 2018 – 2019**

***"Building a Healthy Learning Community"***

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