



WEEK AT A GLANCE

DeBeck Elementary

RICHMOND
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

May 5- May 9, 2025

Mon. May 5	PAC Hot Lunch-Sushi Music Monday
Tue. May 6	 Run Club @ Recess Student Leadership Team @ Lunch
Wed. May 7	 Dragon Band @ Lunch Walk to School Wednesday
Thu. May 8	Run Club @ Recess
Fri. May 9	Games Club @ Lunch in the Music Room

Student Placements

(Organizing Classes for 2025-2026)

In the spring of each year schools begin their planning for the next school year. We have preliminary staffing meetings with board office personnel and review possible scenarios for organization in the Fall. The school population can fluctuate as students continue to move into the area, and some students transfer out. The final school organization and class placements occur in September, during the first week of school.

During this time, the professional staff at DeBeck begin to gather and share information in preparation for student placement in September. We are restricted by grades that are assigned to divisions (based on student numbers), and at times there are few options. We do however devote time, care, and effort in determining September placement. We include information about student strengths and needs, their social relationships (we try to ensure they have at least one friend), their interests, their learning styles, and previous placements.

Parental Input for Student Placement 2025-2026

Students are placed into classes in consultation with classroom teachers, learning resource teachers and principal/vice principal. Should parents/guardians wish to describe the learning situation and environment they feel best suits their children, or other factors which might influence placement, we ask that a letter be directed to Ms. Schwartz (lschwartz@sd38.bc.ca) by May 30th, 2025 to describe the learning situation and environment you feel best suits your child(ren). Please direct your email to Ms. Schwartz lschwartz@sd38.bc.ca. The information you provide **should not** include a request for a specific teacher, but rather some important personal or educational information that will assist us in our decision. All letters regarding placement are shared with teaching staff.

After School Hours and the Playground

School staff do not provide after school hours supervision of the playground. We know that staying after school to play is a great way to connect with friends and get exercise. We know that when children are supervised, they are better equipped to navigate conflicts appropriately. If your children wish to stay and play on the playground or other areas etc., please supervise them to support them through any potential disagreements with others. Thank you for your partnership in helping our students learn how to navigate conflict appropriately!

May 2nd

Day of Remembrance and Mourning

The Province of British Columbia has declared Friday, May 2, 2025, an official day of remembrance and mourning for the victims of the tragedy at the Lapu Lapu Day Festival in Vancouver on April 26, 2025.

Eleven people were killed and dozens more injured while celebrating Filipino culture and history in a senseless attack at the Lapu Lapu Day Festival in Vancouver. As people learn more about the victims, they are also learning that the victims' loss is felt deeply across the province.

We mourn their passing, and we honour their memory.

The people we lost were more than victims. They were contributors, volunteers, artists, caretakers, and dreamers. They brought life, colour, and meaning to their communities and to our province. Their absence is felt deeply today, and it will be felt for many days to come.

To our Filipino students, staff, and families: we stand with you.

In honour of those we lost, the province has marked today as an official day of remembrance and mourning. Let this be a moment not only of sadness but also of solidarity. Let us remember the joy these individuals brought into the world. Let us commit to carrying forward their legacy — by being kind, by helping one another, and by embracing the rich diversity that makes our communities so special.



MUSIC MONDAY

Our concert will be at 10:30 am on Monday morning. All students will gather outside around 10:20am. Once everyone is outside, lined up by division in the field, we will sing O Canada and then the Music Monday anthem, “Hold On.” All families are invited to



City of Richmond - Public Works Open House (May 10)

You are invited to join the Public Works Open House showcasing the variety of services in maintaining our infrastructure. At this fun-filled event, families and especially kids can participate in activities and visit booths about:

Water Services, Flood Protection, Sanitary Sewers
Engineering, Roads and Construction Services
Environmental Programs, Parks, Recreation and Culture
Fleet Operations and Emergency Services

Enjoy live music and entertainment, The “Kidstruction” child-friendly play area, meet Richmond Fire-Rescue and other community partners on-site, and much more! Plus, lunch and snacks are available for purchase from food trucks. Come meet the people who keep Richmond one of Canada's safest and most livable communities!

Date: Saturday, May 10

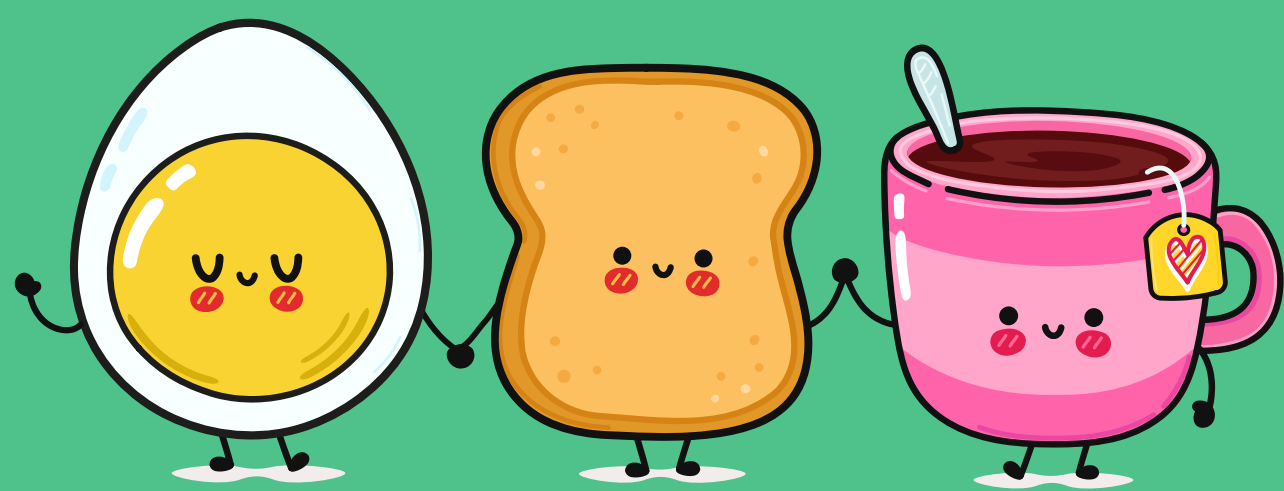
Time: 11 am - 3 pm

Breakfast Club is coming back!

We will have a few Breakfast Clubs before the end of the school year.

Our first Breakfast Club of the year will be Friday, May 23rd from 7:45-8:25 AM.

The purpose of our Breakfast Club program is to not only offer healthy breakfast choices for students, but to also have time for DeBeck staff, students, and families to connect. Breakfast club will be a cell phone free zone. Adults joining us, we ask that you do not take calls or scroll during this time. We are asking everyone in the gym to unplug from devices and connect face-to-face.



Save the Date

UPCOMING DATES

MAY

12 PAC Hot Lunch- Pizza

14 Walk to School Wednesday

14 Welcome to Kindergarten @ 1:00 PM

15 PAC Meeting @ 6:30 PM in the Library

16 Professional Development Day- No School

19 Victoria Day- No School

20 Band Concert 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM

21 Zone Track Meet @ Minoru Grade 4-7

23 Breakfast Club- 7:45 AM-8:25 AM

30 PAC Community Event- Breakfast Club

JUNE

9-12 Ultimate Lessons Gr. K-7

13 DeBeck Fun Day

18 PAC Meeting @ 6:30 PM

20 Grade 7 Farewell Assembly

26 Last day of school for students

26 Term 3 Reports posted to MyEd

PAC

PAC Meeting Date Change

Please note that our next PAC meeting has been rescheduled to **Thursday, May 15th at 6:30pm** in the school library. We'd love to see you there!

Popcorn Day Rescheduled – Now on May 20th

Due to the upcoming track meet, Popcorn Day has been rescheduled to Monday, May 20th. If you placed an order, please make a note of the new date!

PAC Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, June 11

It's hard to believe the school year is nearly over! As we look ahead, we invite all parents and caregivers to join us in person for our PAC Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, June 11 at 6:30pm in the school library.

This is a meaningful opportunity to get involved—we'll be holding elections for next year's PAC executive team and reviewing the budget plans for the year ahead. Whether you're a returning parent or new to the school, your participation helps strengthen our school community and support our children's learning journey.

All PAC executive positions are open for nomination, including Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and District PAC Representative. If you're interested in putting your name forward or learning more, please email us at debeckpac@gmail.com.



Significant Dates in Our Community

Asian Heritage Month A month dedicated to honour and recognize the many contributions of people of Asian ethnicity to B.C. and Canada's rich cultural society.

Canadian Jewish Heritage Month: A month to celebrate the richness of Jewish culture, heritage, and history in Canada.



AROUND THE SCHOOL- Division 1 Problem Solving Strategies

Division 1 is learning about all of the different problem solving strategies for math. They used a pomegranate problem to make these strategies visible.

