



DeBeck News

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Howard DeBeck

Elementary

8600 Ash Street

Richmond, BC

V6Y 2S3

Mrs. Kathy Pantaleo

Principal

Mr. Trevor Shuto

Vice Principal

School Schedule:

8:45 – Classes Begin

9:55 - 10:10 Group A Recess

10:20 - 10:35 Group B Recess

11:30 -12:22 Group A Lunch

12:00 -12:52 Group B - Lunch

2:45 - Dismissal

Oct 18th - 22nd Week at a Glance

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

- Early Dismissal for Conferences @ 1:45 pm

Thursday

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Friday

- Professional Learning Day - No School on this Day

Dear DeBeck Families,

With conferences happening next week, we thought it would be helpful to provide an update on how staff will be communicating student learning this school year. This year while all students will be continuing to use e-Portfolios, there will be some variety with how classroom teachers will be updating families on student progress. Some classes will be using Proficiency Scale Language and e-Portfolios as their primary form of communication of student learning, while other classes will be using a blend of e-Portfolios and traditional report cards.

Most classroom teachers are in the early stages of getting the e-Portfolios up and running at this point in time, but know that you should soon expect or already have received a form of communication from your classroom teacher letting you know how they will be communicating student learning in their class this school year. If you have any questions about this, please contact Kathy Pantaleo or Trevor Shuto.

Wishing you all good health,

Kathy Pantaleo and Trevor Shuto

Important Dates!

Oct 20 Early Dismissal @ 1:45 pm for Conferences

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Oct 22 Professional Learning Day - No School

Oct 26 Playground Proposal to Families @ 6:00 pm

Oct 28 DeBeck Pumpkin Patch

Oct 29 Dress up in our Halloween Costumes!

Reminder



On October 20th
and 21st we will
dismiss at 1:45 pm
for Conferences

DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)

For the next few weeks, Cst. Kandola will be teaching students in Divisions 3, 4, 5, and 6. This program provided by the RCMP focuses on providing accurate information about the harmful effects of drug use and drug abuse, while also teaching skills for recognizing and resisting pressure to experiment with drugs. This year we are choosing to teach the lessons to all the students in the class for health and safety reasons. This may mean that your child will be participating in this program more than once. We will ensure that students will have an opportunity to learn about new topics or areas of interest if this is the case for your child. Please reach out to Kathy Pantaleo or Trevor Shuto if you have any questions.

Drop off Zone Reminder

As the weather is becoming cold and wet, we are seeing more cars again parking in the drop off zone. Please know that it is making traffic unsafe for families and our students when cars are left in the drop off zone. Starting next week we will be placing reminder signs on the windshields of cars that are parked in the drop off zone as a friendly reminder. If you need to park your car, please park along Dayton, Ash, or in the lot by Ashby Place. Please contact Trevor Shuto or Kathy Pantaleo if you have any questions.



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All proceeds will go toward our PAC initiatives for the year. Special thanks to one of our PAC members who has graciously offered their time and expertise for this fundraiser. Please visit the PAC Facebook page for more info: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/debeckpac/>

Mask lanyard
DEBECK ELEMENTARY

PERSONALIZATION
Up to 10 characters on each side including numbers + symbols

LENGTH
Kids - 20 inches including breakaway clasp
Adult - 26 inches including breakaway clasp

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White + Rainbow
Black + Rainbow
Silver + Black

STRING COLOUR
Neon Rainbow
Black

PACKAGE
\$10 for 1
\$18 for 2 identical lanyards

Our School Story

When we surveyed our students last year, one of the questions asked was if they felt that there are staff at DeBeck who they could go to when they had questions or concerns. We had some students who shared that they did not feel that they had a staff member who they could turn to. We also had students who asked for staff to use gender neutral terms when talking to their class. Since that survey, we have connected with Ellen Hsu who is a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Teacher Consultant with the Richmond School District. Ellen led our Professional Learning Day on September 22nd about acceptance with a focus on SOGI and what we can do to help all students feel welcome at school. If using gender neutral terms is something that you're thinking about as well, you can use some examples in the graphic below.



Halloween Plans

This year, on October 29th, we will be encouraging all staff and students to come to school dressed in Halloween costumes! Please ensure that any weapons that may come with costumes stay at home.

This year we will also be accepting candy donations from families up to Monday, October 25th. **Please drop off all candy in the bin outside the front door of the school.** Staff will let the candy rest for two days, and then put together treat bags for all students to take home on Friday. Please ensure that all candy donated is store bought, individually packaged, and nut free. Thank you in advance for your support!



Playground Update!

We are excited to share that on Tuesday, October 26th at 6:00 pm we will have an opportunity to hear playground proposals from companies. Your voice is important in helping us build a new playground at DeBeck! Zoom link and password will be shared closer to the date.

If you would like to make a donation to our playground fundraising efforts, you can use the link provided below, choose DeBeck Elementary, and indicate that it's for the playground. Donations usually take about a month to process.

<https://sd38.bc.ca/our-district/donations>