



Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG) for Families:
Nov. 20- Nov. 24 , 2023
Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday	PAC Hot Lunch- Pizza and Booster Juice TCO2 Workshops (grade 4/5s @ 9:00 AM and grade 6/7s @ 10:45 AM)
Tuesday	Volleyball Practice @ 7:45 AM
Wednesday	Hold and Secure Drill
Thursday	
Friday	Breakfast Club 7:45-8:30 AM Volleyball Practice at Lunch

Staffing Updates

Today is Ms. Soo's last day. We want to wish Ms. Soo a big congratulations as she starts her maternity leave and a warm welcome to a familiar face, Tara Johnson, who will be teaching Ms. Soo's class until Winter Break.

Grade 7 Parent/Guardian Meeting

We will be having an in-person grade 7 parent/guardian meeting on Monday, November 27th at 6:00 PM. At the meeting, we will discuss potential year-end activities, budget and a call for volunteers.

TCO2 Presentations for Grade 4/5 students and Grade 6/7 Students

On Monday, there will be "Taking Care of Self and Others" workshops for students in Grades 4-7 to be held in person, at DeBeck.

The workshops for Elementary students called "Safer Spaces" address sexual exploitation and are designed to help students better understand how to stay safe when using apps and social media.

Some of the topics covered in the workshops include healthy and unhealthy relationships, digital citizenship, footprint and permanency; location and privacy settings on apps and social media platforms.



Student Leadership (grade 6/7s)

This week we started our Leadership program at DeBeck. Mrs. Anderson, Ms. Borthwick and Mrs. Schwartz will be meeting with grade 6/7 leaders on Tuesdays at lunch. Sessions will involve learning and practicing leadership qualities as well as helping plan events and organize events at DeBeck. Our session began with a [cup stacking challenge](#) that inspired a conversation about team work and being a leader.

Health and Safety: Hold and Secure Drill

DeBeck Elementary school, along with the rest of the Richmond School District, is committed to promoting safe schools for all students and staff. Part of that commitment is ensuring staff and students are trained and prepared to respond to any threat, minor or serious, to our school population.

Just as we practice safe procedures in case of earthquake or fire, we will now prepare for other situations that might happen in our neighbourhood (such as a broken gas line) or within our school (such as an intruder). For the broken gas line example, we would follow Hold & Secure (Yellow) procedures – a perimeter lockdown. For an intruder, we would follow Code Red procedures - a full lockdown. These procedures have been developed with the support of law enforcement agencies and are consistent through all metro school districts.

We will have our first “hold and secure” drill on Wednesday, November 22nd to simulate effective responses to potential safety threats. We will have Lockdown drill at a later date. You know your child best and if you feel your child would benefit from some reassurance, please have a brief conversation with him or her before the drill.

School Messenger

On November, 15th you likely received an email with the *Subject: SD38: Parent Communication - Action Required*. This is not Spam. The Richmond School District is implementing a new communication tool that will enable both the district and our school to send you text messages. This is being implemented to improve the ability to deliver time-sensitive information to you, including emergency

notifications. Given the significance of this communication tool, we strongly encourage you to opt-in for this service.

You can choose to opt-in by sending a text message to 978338 with the comment 'Yes'. Please complete this action before November 30, 2023. More information is attached.

Book Fair

We are excited to share that the Fall Book fair is coming to DeBeck. Students will be given an opportunity to browse and an opportunity to buy during class time. There will also be Family book fair times before and after school on November 28th, 29th and 30th.

Save the Date- Friday, December 8th

We have secured a location for our Hip Hop Presentation. We will be performing at 5:30 PM on Friday, December 8th at McRoberts Secondary in the big gym. More information will come closer to the date.

PAC CORNER

Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser

The festive season is just around the corner, and what's more delightful than celebrating it with Purdys chocolates? 🍫🎁

We have an exciting opportunity for you to make a difference while satisfying your sweet tooth! All funds raised will go towards supporting technology and additional resources for our amazing students in the classroom.

Conveniently order your Purdys chocolates online at <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1370205-109684>. But, don't wait too long, because the last day to order is November 26th.

So, let's spread joy, help our school, and indulge in delicious chocolates together. Thank you for your support, and let's make this fundraiser a fabulous success! 🍫📚🙌

Hot Lunch – Log on to <https://www.munchalunch.com/schools/debeck/> to place your order for the remaining dates for 2023. The PAC has several vendors lined up with delicious options!

If your child is away on a Hot Lunch day, you are welcome to come and pick up the lunch for your child.

December 4 – Pasta

December 11 – HiFive Chicken

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 27 Grade 7 Parent Meeting at 6:00 PM
- 28-30 Fall Book Fair
- 28 Grade 6/7 Volleyball (Home game VS Whiteside)
- 29 Grade 7 Tournament Volleyball at Richmond High

DECEMBER

- 1 Professional Learning Day- Students do not attend
- 4 PAC Hot Food Day- Pasta
- 7 PAC Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- 4-8 Hip Hop Dance Lessons with a performance on Friday
- 8 Breakfast Club
- 8 Hip Hop Performance @ 5:30 PM at McRoberts in the big gym
- 11 PAC Hot Food Day- HiFive Chicken
- 15 Breakfast Club
- 21 Term 1 Learning Updates posted to MyEd (Report Cards)
- 22 Breakfast Club
- 22 Last day before Winter Vacation