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Week-At-A-Glance
MAY 6th to MAY 10th, 2024
Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ PAC Hot Lunch- Pizza and Smoothies○ Track Attack for Grade 4-7 students (@ 1:45PM)○ Grade 2 Swimming Lessons- Div. 9, 10, 11 (10:00-10:45) and Division 12 and 12 (10:45-11:30)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Grade 2 Swimming Lessons- Div. 9, 10, 11 (10:00-10:45) and Division 12 and 12 (10:45-11:30)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Walk to School Wednesday○ Grade 2 Swimming Lessons- Div. 9, 10, 11 (10:00-10:45) and Division 12 and 12 (10:45-11:30)○ Intermediate Band @ Lunch○ Welcome to Kindergarten 1:00 – 2:00 PM○ PAC Meeting- in-person meeting @ 6:30 PM (library)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Grade 2 Swimming Lessons- Div. 9, 10, 11 (10:00-10:45) and Division 12 and 12 (10:45-11:30)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Professional Development Day- No School for Students

SCHOOL NEWS

Music in our Schools

Our Division 1-4 band students participated in Music in our Schools last night. They Did a wonderful job of representing DeBeck. Thank you to Ms. Green and Mr. Smith for all their hard work preparing the students for these performances. A big thank you to Mrs. Anderson and all the parents who acted as chaperones at Gateway.

Notice of Late Return

At this time, we are asking families who will not be returning to DeBeck by Wednesday, September 4th, 2024, to submit the Notice of Late Return for 2024-2025 (see attachment).

Please note that the reason for a late return should only be for extremely extenuating circumstances. Not returning in time for the beginning of the school

year will affect student learning, and the important opportunity to make connections for the school year.

DeBeck is a full school and therefore if a student is not returning on or before September 11, 2024, we cannot guarantee a spot at DeBeck. Students will be required to re-register and there may be a need for placement at another school upon the student's late return.

Student Placements (Organizing Classes for 2024-2025)

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 fluctuates as students continue to move into the area, and some students transfer out through to the end of the year. 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

Students are placed into classes in consultation with classroom teachers, learning resource teachers and principal/vice principal. Should parents 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 Mrs. Schwartz (lschwartz@sd38.bc.ca) by Monday, May 31st, 2024. 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.

SEISMIC UPGRADE

Phase 1: Classrooms in phase 1 continue to be worked on to make sure they are seismically safe and strong.

Phase 2: Next week, the gym and staffroom will be closed. Ms. Greenwell who teaches primary gym has spent this week teaching the routines and expectations of outdoor gym. Thank you, Ms. Greenwell.

PAC CORNER

Call for nominations for PAC positions:

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2024-2025 PAC team. All positions are open for nomination: Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, District PAC Representative. These positions are essential and must be filled to keep our PAC active and to receive our gaming grant from the provincial government. Each term is for one year beginning July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Voting will take place at our annual general meeting

tentatively set for June 13th. Please email debeckpac@gmail.com to submit nominations.

Hot lunch coordinator needed:

We need a new hot lunch coordinator for next year. This role involves setting up hot lunch dates and coordinating with vendors. We currently do not have a volunteer for next year. This role is critical to keep our hot lunch program running. Please email debeckpac@gmail.com if you are available to help.

May PAC Meeting:

May PAC Meeting will be in-person. We hope you will join us on Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30 PM.

DISTRICT NEWS

AI Supports for Parents and Caregivers

New resources are available for the education sector to support local considerations and decision-making regarding the use of AI tools in K-12 schools in BC. The [Digital literacy and the use of AI in education: supports for British Columbia schools web page](#) now includes three student posters and a two-page informational sheet for parents and caregivers.

Starting Kindergarten: A Virtual Session for Caregivers

Families with a child entering kindergarten in September 2024 will be emailed an invitation to attend a **virtual session on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 1 p.m.** Caregivers will join Megan Zeni (Early Learning Teacher Consultant), Jindy Uppal and Tara Pipke (Strong Start Educators) along with our Early Learning Administrators, Catherine Jule and April Pikkarainen as we talk about all the things caregivers would benefit from knowing before their child(ren) start kindergarten at the Richmond School District.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 20 Victoria Day- No School
- 21-24 Grade 2 Swimming Lessons at Minoru
- 22 PAC Snack- Kernels Popcorn
- 22 Division 1 and 2- Britannia Shipyard Field Trip
- 22 Virtual Author Visit- Joanna Ho
- 23 Virtual Author Visit- Jack Wong
- 24 Division 15- 4 Cats Art Studio Field Trip
- 27 Zone Track Meet at Minoru for Grade 4-7 Students
- 29 Division 3 and 4- Britannia Shipyard Field Trip
- 30 Camp Jubilee Information Session 6:30 PM on Zoom
- 31 Division 14- 4 Cars Art Studio Field Trip

JUNE

- 3 PAC Hot Lunch Day- Sushi

- 10 PAC Hot Lunch- Pizza and Booster Juice
- 13 PAC Annual General Meeting
- 18 Grade 7 Farewell/Graduation Ceremony @ Palmer
- 21 South Arm Swimming Field Trip (Div. 1-13)
- 27 Last day of school for students