

L. Schwartz - Principal  
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**Week at a Glance: Sept. 9th – 13<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**Monday-**

**Tuesday-**

**Wednesday-**

**Thursday-** First full day of Kindergarten

**Friday-**



*Welcome back! If you are new, we welcome you to this lovely community. We have 16 divisions with 385 students and a wonderful staff to support your children.*



Students moved into their classes after recess and starting getting to know each other and build community. This is a photo from Division 10- Ms. Lau's class. Each student shared a calm place where they like to go.

## Welcome to New, Returning Staff and Staff who Have Changed Assignments

Jake Loewen	Division 3- Grade 6/7
Anu Bhardwaj	Division 5- Grade 5/6
Brenda Lim-Fong	Division 6- Grade 4/5
Karishma Poonawala	Division 11- Grade 2/3
Jacqui Greenwell	Division 12- Grade 1 /2
Elaine Kuhnle	Division 14- Grade K/1
Taylor Sherwin	Division 15- Grade K/1
Lin Xie	Support Teacher
Sasha Wise	Support Teacher/Prep Teacher (Tue.-Fri.)
Christine Abrams	Band/Music/Support Teacher
Diana Dorantes	Educational Assistant

For a full list of Debeck staff, please [click here](#)

### 2024-2025 School Hours

8:40am	Welcome bell - Students welcomed into their classrooms
8:45am	Learning begins
9:55am - 10:10 am	Recess
10:10am	Learning resumes
11:50pm - 12:42	Lunch (Eat 11:50-12:10) (Play 12:10-12:42)
12:42pm - 2:45 pm	Learning Resumes
2:45pm	Dismissal

### Seismic Update-

Parking Lot- Our parking lot update is complete. Pick up and drop off has been relatively smooth this week with a lot less congestion.

Phase 1- First three classrooms- construction is still ongoing. Slated to be complete by the beginning of October.

Phase 2- Gym and Ms. Emily's classroom- construction ongoing. Slated to be completed by the end of December 2024.

### Student Affordability Fund-

This past spring, the provincial government announced a renewal of one-time funds for the Student and Family Affordability Fund. This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in the following areas:

- School and course fees
- School supplies and course materials
- Field trips
- School-related extracurricular opportunities
- Clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities

Please reach out to *Lisa Schwartz* [lschwartz@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:lschwartz@sd38.bc.ca) if you are in need of assistance. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

### **Student Absences-**

If your student is absent or late for school please inform the office directly by calling the early warning line as soon as possible at 604.668.6272.

### **West Coast Recess-**

As the weather begins to change, please be sure to send your child to school with appropriate clothing for all kinds of weather. As Fall approaches, we suggest boots and raincoats. Students are expected to be outside even if it's raining. For younger students, we encourage them to bring an extra set of clothes, pants, a shirt and socks in case they get wet during school hours.

### **Parking Lot Safety-**

Thank-you parents/guardians for remembering to stay in your car when pulling up to our drop off lane. Please do not park on the crosswalk where students will be crossing to get to the school. Our new parking lot area has more parking spots and parking is available should you wish to get out of your car. While the weather is nice, consider walking or biking to school.

### **Electronic Communication-**

Please ensure that we have your current email address so that we can keep you updated with our Week at a Glance (WAAG) emails. Mrs. Schwartz sends out a weekly memo each Friday (Thursdays when there is no school on Friday) digitally. Please take the time to read it so you know of upcoming events. You can also check out our school website, <https://debeck.sd38.bc.ca> for up-to-date calendar information and school news. Should you have any questions, please call the school office at 604-668-6281. Office hours are from 8:00am – 3:45pm.

### **Terry Fox Run and Toonies for Terry-**

Our Terry Fox Run will be on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 1:45 PM. Our school wide warm up will be led by some student leaders and will take place on our basketball court. Students will come around to classrooms next week to collect Toonies for Terry. You can also donate online by following [this link](#)

## **DISTRICT NEWS**

### **Acceptable Use of Student Personal Digital Devices-**

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has amended the Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct order to include language to address student use of personal digital devices at school.

In SD 38 Richmond, Students and staff partner groups have engaged in a process to provide input to the addition of policy language to comply with this ministerial order, as well as the development of new Guidelines for the Acceptable Use of Student Personal Digital Devices. Please find attached our District Code of Conduct as well as the Acceptable use of Student Persona Digital Devices.

## **CITY OF RICHMOND NEWS**

## City of Richmond – Public Works Open House



This annual family city event will take place on Saturday, September 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It's a free and fun-filled day that is for all ages and will feature:

- Real-sized heavy equipment such as dump trucks, graders and excavators
  - Lafarge Kidcrete hands-on cement display
  - Free kids food coupon and enter to win a grand prize by completing the Kids Passport – pick up a copy at the Greeting Station
- Lunch and snacks for purchase from one of the food trucks
  - Live music and entertainment
  - Richmond Fire-Rescue and other community partners onsite
  - ParticipACTION Community Challenge booth
  - Kidstruction zone
  - Kids play area and games
  - Lawn care display

### SEPTEMBER

- 17 Terry Fox Run @ 1:45 PM
- 19 Meet the Staff 5:00-5:45 PM (more information to come)
- 20 Professional Learning Day- Students do not attend
- 25-27 Outdoor Education- Grade 6/7 students at Camp Jubilee
- 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation- No School

### OCTOBER

- 1 DeBeck Orange Shirt Day