

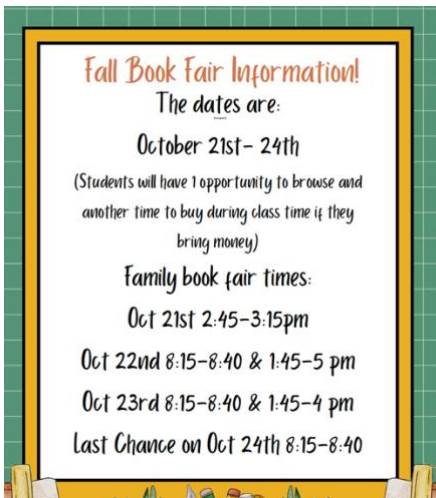


**Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG) for Families:
October 14th-18th, 2024
Highlights For Next Week Include:**

Monday	Thanksgiving No School
Tuesday	8:00-8:30 AM Band Practices Run Club @ Recess (9:55-10:10 AM) Dragon Band @ 12:10 in the Music/Band room
Wednesday	Immunizations in the Library (gr. 6/7)
Thursday	Stop, Drop and Hold On Drill Run Club @ Recess (9:55-10:10 AM) Noisy Club @ 12:10 in the Band/Music Room
Friday	

SCHOOL NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Fair-



The Book Fair is coming to DeBeck. Mark your calendars. Students will be given the opportunity to look and buy during school time. But you are also welcome to come as a family on the dates and times listed on the poster. All money raised goes right back to our school through books and resources.

School Spirit Wear-



DeBeck Spirit Wear is here! Please see the attached document to show what clothing is available for purchase and the prices. Samples have arrived and are available on a rolling rack near the front entrance. To purchase items, please log on to Cash Online. The store opens on Tuesday, October 15th and will close on Tuesday, November 5th.

Reporting Information-

This school year, all teachers will be using the same written format for communicating student learning. There will be five communication events: four Learning Updates (two written and two conferences) and one written Summary of Learning at the end of the year. We will have our first parent-teacher conferences mid-October and your child(ren)'s teacher will be sending home information on how to set a conference time shortly.

“Trick or Treat” Others with Respect-

Halloween should and needs to be fun; however, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for all. Halloween offers an



opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices. It is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other 'dress up' events.

Students are welcome to wear costumes if they wish and have started to plan. We are asking students not to bring any weapon accessories to school if they are part of their

costume. We also know that some costumes have full masks. We are asking students that they do not wear their mask while at school, both inside the class and while outside during recess and lunch. This not only prohibits vision for safety reasons but can scare our younger student population. Thank you for your understanding.

It's good to keep in mind that the following are NOT Costumes:

RACE (*black face/brown face*)

CULTURE (*Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks*)

RELIGIOUS FAITH (*religious figures/gods/saints/gurus*)

GENDER (*gender switching for humour or to mock*)

TRAUMA (*hangman's noose/weapons*)

DISTRICT NEWS

Early Learning Caregiver Information Sessions and Family Events 2024/25-

These are our *free* Early Learning virtual Caregiver Information Sessions and in-person Early Learning Family Events offered for the 2024/25 school year for families with children aged 0-5.

Caregiver Information Sessions: Join us for a series of virtual Caregiver Information Sessions designed specifically for parents and caregivers of children aged 0-5. These sessions aim to provide valuable insights, practical tips, and supportive resources to help you navigate the early years of parenting in the areas of supporting literacy, numeracy, the importance of play and in preparing for kindergarten.

Our District's Early Learning Program is committed to supporting you in creating nurturing and enriching environments for your child's growth and development. The first virtual session, Early Literacy at Home, is on October 17, 2024, at 6 p.m. *Registration is now open! See attachment for more information.*

Early Learning Family Events-



Mark your calendars! The district welcomes your family to the Early Learning for Families (ELFF) events. Join us for fun and engaging learning experiences and an exciting roster of performers all while meeting new friends and building home-to-school connections. It's also a great opportunity to ask questions all about Early

Learning. *No registration required. See attachment for more information.*

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Grade 5 Active Pass

The City of Richmond has launched the 2024/25 Grade 5 Active! Pass (<https://richmond.ca/parks-recreation/about/sports/grade5.htm>) that offers a pass for FREE admission to drop-in swimming, skating, pitch and putt golf and other community centre activities.

PAC CORNER



Pumpkin Patch Helpers

Our PAC is seeking volunteers to help with pumpkin distribution on the morning of Tuesday, October 29th, 2024. Please meet in the field at at 8:00 AM. If you have access to a wagon or a wheelbarrow, please bring it with you.

Upcoming PAC Changes

Our current Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Chair will be stepping down in June 2025,

and our treasurer will soon be “graduating” along with their child. We’re looking for parents who’d like to step up and volunteer for these roles starting in September 2025. If you’re interested or want to learn more, please reach out to us at debeckpack@gmail.com - it’s a great way to get involved and support our school community!

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 22 District Cross Country Run at Garry Point Park (3:30 PM)
- 22/23 Early Dismissal @ 1:45 pm for Parent Teacher Conferences
- 23 Individual Photo Day
- 25 Professional Development Day- No School for Students
- 29 DeBeck Pumpkin Patch (Thank you PAC)
- 31 Hallowe’en

NOVEMBER

- 8 Remembrance Day Assembly- Students will watch an online version
- 11 Remembrance Day- (No School)
- 13 Individual Photo Retakes
- 22 *TCO2 Presentation (Grade 4-7) More info to come*
- 25 Professional Development Day- No School for Students