



Week-At-A-Glance for Families:
Nov. 25th- Nov.29th, 2024
Highlights For Next Week Include

Monday	Pro D. Day- No School for Students
Tuesday	8:00-8:30 AM Band Practices Run Club/KM Club @ Recess Student Leadership @ Lunch for Grade 5-7 students
Wednesday	Dragon Band Auditions/Rehearsals at Lunch
Thursday	Run Club/KM Club @ Recess
Friday	School Spirit Day: Jersey Day/DeBeck Wear Quiet Club @ Recess

SCHOOL NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Lunch Drop Off



Lunch drop off continues to be permitted. Lunches should be left on the tables organized by division. We can no longer have parents/caregivers wait inside the school to see their child. Space is at a premium and it is becoming a health and safety issue as more and more parents are gathering in the hallway. Thank you for your understanding.

Seismic Update

- Phase one classrooms ready at the end of this month. Next move should happen the week of December 2nd. Classes moving will be notified in a separate notice/email.
- Delays with gym, Ms. Emily’s classroom and staffroom. Scheduled to be complete after Spring Break.
- Grade 6/7Basketball season will go ahead with practices at a nearby elementary school gym. More details to come.
- Our Dance unit will be postponed until April.



DeBeck Richmond Sockeyes Night- December 12th, 2024 @ Minoru Arena at 7:00 PM

- Last year we hosted a successful Richmond Sockeyes Night.
- An opportunity to come together and cheer on the Richmond Sockeyes.
- Student admission will be FREE and parents/guardians/relatives will pay \$12.00.
- Children 6 and under are free.
- We ask that all DeBeck students be accompanied by an adult.
- Any child wearing a jersey from the Richmond Minor Sports Teams (ex: Jets, Ravens, ringette) get his/her admission for FREE as well.
- There will be BBQ style food available for purchase that night.
- It's the Teddy Bear Toss night so bring a new stuffed animal to throw onto the ice after the first Sockeye goal!

Term 1 Learning Update (Report Cards)

Term 1 Learning Updates will be posted to MyEd on December 19th.

Spirit Wear/DeBeck Clothing

Debeck Spirit Wear order has been submitted and should arrive at the beginning of December.

Upcoming School Spirit Days

Our Student Leadership Group has planned some School Spirit Days. School Spirit days are a great community building event and a time for us to have fun together.

Nov. 29th- Jersey Day/DeBeck Wear

Dec. 6th-Monocromatic/Rainbow Day

Dec. 13th-Twin/Triplet/Duplicate Day

Dec. 20th- PJ Day

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 neighborhood (such as

a broken gas line) or within our school (such as an intruder). These situations would lead us to “lockdown” the school. 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 November 27th to simulate effective responses to potential safety threats. 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.

Student Leadership/Connection Crew (Grade 5/6/7)

Last week, we started our Leadership/Connection Crew. We had a wonderful turn-out of students in Grades 5-7. We did a team building challenge and surveyed the students on what leadership means to them, what they hope to get out of leadership this year, and what needs our attention at DeBeck. As a leadership group, we will be planning things such as Spirit Days, assemblies, and other initiatives, but we will also be working with the Spirals of Inquiry framework to listen to student voice about an issue they feel needs our attention at school. This is the same framework we use for our School Story work and we want to support our leadership students to be directly related to fostering change at our school.

DISTRICT NEWS

Kindergarten 2025/2026 School Year



Kindergarten registration is ongoing until mid-January for children born in 2020. Visit our WEBSITE for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs. Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available [HERE](#). Thank you and please share this

information with your friends and family who have Kindergarten aged children!

Parent Education Session: District Program Options for Kindergarten

The district will be hosting a virtual Parent Education Session for District Program Options for Kindergarten on November 26th at 6:00 pm. Please see the attached poster for more information about the event.

Needing Support: The provincial government has renewed the *Student and Family Affordability Fund*. This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school supplies, fees or other school-related costs. We are requesting that families reach out to Lisa Schwartz (lschwartz@sd38.bc.ca). 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 to be successful at school.

PAC CORNER

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 volunteer for these roles starting in September 2025. Committee roles can be shared by two people. 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!



Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser

Our Purdys fundraiser is now open for the holiday season! Purchase a sweet treat for yourself, friends and family while supporting students at DeBeck. All funds raised will help additional resources and learning opportunities for students.

Order online

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1370205-121461>

Please order by Sunday November 24th. Pick up will be at DeBeck on Thursday December 5th at 2:30pm. Thank you for your support!

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 2 Seismic Upgrade: Classroom Move Day
- 6 School Spirit Day: Monochromatic/Rainbow Day
- 12 Richmond Sockeyes- DeBeck Night @ 7:00 PM Minoru Arena
- 13 School Spirit Day: Twin/Triplet/Duplicate Day
- 19 Term 1 Report Cards (Learning Updates) posted to MyEd.
- 20 School Spirit Day: PJ/Stuffie Day
- 20 Last day before Winter Break.