



Richmond Secondary News

Home of the Colts!

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Colt Country Challenge

As is our annual tradition, the Colt Country Challenge was held at Richmond Secondary just before spring break. The Grade 7 basketball tournament was a huge success, drawing participants from Ferris, Brighthouse and Blundell elementary schools. Both teams displayed a high level of sportsmanship and school spirit. The results are as follows:

Girls	1 st Place – Ferris Falcons (B)	2 nd Place - Ferris Falcons (A)
Boys	1 st Place – Ferris Falcons (B)	2 nd Place – Brighthouse

Hot Shot Winners:

Girls	1 st Place – Erin Cooke (Brighthouse)	2 nd Place – Anna Talmatchi (Brighthouse)
Boys	1 st Place – Tristan Ordonez (Ferris)	2 nd Place – Adiel Yefet (Brighthouse)

Spirit Award: Blundell - Girls

A huge thank you goes out to the P.E. 10 Leadership class for organizing the event. The tournament directors, Mrs. Forrest and Mrs. Kippan also deserve special recognition for a job well done. Also, a huge thank you goes out to Mr. Brown who stepped in during Mrs. Kippan's absence and to Mr. Stoddard who filled in for Mrs. Forrest. We could not have done it without you!

We are very proud of the leadership and good citizenship that our students modelled for our grade 7 visitors. This is the first event we hold to begin welcoming next year's new grade 8 students. Thank you to our incoming Grade 7's for your enthusiasm and good sportsmanship. We are looking forward to next year with you.

SPRING CONCERT

Come on out to this year's Spring 2010 and Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at \$6.00. This show will feature the best bands, choir, jazz, guitar and



Concert! There are two dates: Monday, April 12, 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room. Tickets are of Richmond Secondary's musical talent including drumming. Come out and support our musicians.

RICHMOND SECONDARY ALTERNATE HOURS PROPOSAL

The administration and staff of Richmond Secondary School are looking to implement an alternate hours calendar change beginning in **the 2010-2011** school year that would allow for a series of "late start days" to accommodate collaboration time for teachers.

We are looking to support a variety of projects in our school which we hope will have a profound, enriching effect on the quality of our students' educational experience. We believe that a block of collaborative planning time, in the morning, approximately eight times per year, would have a significant positive effect on our students' educational experience.

In order for parents to better understand our "late start/collaboration time" proposal, we have created some opportunities for you to become more informed about this initiative. We are planning to hold **Public Information Meetings on April 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. and on April 28, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in our Multi-Purpose Room** at which time we will provide a presentation about our proposal and answer your questions as we endeavour to gain your support for this initiative. We believe your concerns and questions are important and we are confident that as you interact with the staff at Richmond Secondary and learn more about this concept, already established in many other school districts, you will see how it benefits all of the students and teachers in our school. Please feel free to join us on either April 14th or April 28th.



EXAMINATION SCHEDULE/END OF YEAR

Below, please find some information about important dates to note as the school year ends in June. Final Examinations, both Provincial Examinations and school based final examinations are considered to be an integral part of assessing and evaluating student progress.

ALL STUDENTS NEED TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THE SCHEDULED EXAMINATION TIMES AND FAMILIES CANNOT EXPECT THAT TEACHERS WILL ARRANGE FOR ALTERNATIVE EXAMINATION SITTING TIMES. WE ARE PROVIDING THIS INFORMATION NOW SO THAT OUR FAMILIES CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY. PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE VACATION PLANS AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL EXAMINATIONS ARE OVER.

Last Day of Scheduled classes: All grades Wednesday, June 16, 2010

School Based Final Exams:

School based final and confirmatory examinations will be written on Thursday, June 17, 2010; Friday, June 18, 2010; and Monday, June 21, 2010. It is possible that students might be writing final exams in the following courses:

Mathematics 8 - 11	English 8 - 11	Science 8 - 10	Social Studies 8 - 11
Physics 11	Biology 11	Chemistry 11	
Modern Languages (French, Japanese, Spanish, Mandarin) 8 - 11			

Grade 10, 11 and 12 Provincial Exams:

Grade 10, 11 and 12 Provincial Examinations will be written from Monday, June 21, 2010 until Tuesday, June 29, 2010. The complete Provincial Examination schedule can be accessed at the Ministry of Education web site:

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/>

News from the Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

All parents in our community are welcome to attend PAC meetings.

Please note the following change:

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 6.30 in the Multi-purpose room.

There will be no meeting on April 7, 2010

If you have any questions please contact Suzanne Lightfoot, PAC chair at slightfoot@sd38.bc.ca



Dry After Grad events have become increasingly popular for high schools over the past few years. They are designed as safe, alcohol and drug free celebrations for all members of the graduating class. This year, Richmond will be hosting its fourth Dry After Grad. In order for this event to be successful, and to establish this tradition at Richmond High, we are asking all families to participate in this endeavour.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- 1) **CASH** – make a donation (tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more). Make cheques payable to Richmond School Board and drop them off with Mr. Bezzasso in the office.
- 2) **PRIZES**
 - a) For gift baskets (coffee items, gift cards & passes, sports & kitchen items)
 - b) For the grads (items that can be raffled off with “Casino Money” at the event, coupons, small gifts, etc., purchase an item with your credit card points and donate it)

All prizes and contributions can be dropped off at the school office. Please label DRY AFTER GRAD.

- 3) **TIME** – volunteers will be required for:
 - a) Decorating on June 25, 2010 (during day)
 - b) Clean-up on June 26, 2010 from 4:30 am – 6 am
 - c) Chaperones on June 26, 2010 from midnight to 5am. We would especially like to invite our current **Grade 11** parents to volunteer. Other Richmond schools have started this successful tradition of the Grade 11 parents chaperoning the current graduating class.



If you have enquiries or want to reserve your volunteer time, contact Anne Greig (parent volunteer and Richmond High Dry After Grad Committee Chair) at: agreig@shaw.ca
Subject: Dry After Grad

4) SUPPORTING OUR FUNDRAISERS

April Clothing Drive:

During the month of April, school staff will be instructing students which block they can bring in old clothes, shoes, linens, and towels. Do your Spring Cleaning early! Start sorting and bagging now!

Dry After Grad Pub Night:

Saturday May 8th 6:30 – 9:30 at JP Malone’s Pub (Blundell & Garden City Rd)

Get a group of your friends together in order to socialize and help raise funds for RSS Dry After Grad.

Tickets are \$15. For this price you get a meal of a Hamburger and Fries plus 1 drink – choice of a glass of red or white wine, beer, pop, coffee or tea. There will be a 50/50 draw and raffle prizes. For tickets and info contact agreig@shaw.ca subject: DAG Pub Night

CAREER CENTRE NEWS



CAREER CENTRE WEBSITE: <http://public.sd38.bc.ca/~ccnews> or <http://public.sd38.bc.ca/~careers/>

The Career Centre Website is applicable to Grade 10, 11 and 12 students. The site provides career and post secondary information such as programs, info sessions, entrance tests, campus tours, scholarships, exchange programs, apprenticeships and more. Please note that post secondary and scholarship information is constantly changing therefore we recommend that students check this website and post secondary institution websites on a regular basis.

CAREER CRUISING WEBSITE: <http://www.careercruising.com>

Career Cruising provides detailed information on a variety of occupations and will link these occupations to training or educational facilities in Canada and the USA.

EDUCATION PLANNER: www.educationplanner.bc.ca

Apply on-line to all BC colleges and Universities: www.pas.bc.ca

Students should send their marks to the Post secondary institutions to which they have applied by April 30, 2010. Students need to authorize the Ministry to transfer these marks and this is done by filling in the PSI choices form on-line at the Student Secure Website: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/welcome. Students can either create an account or log in to an existing account.

April 30/10 SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY(SFU) APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION DEADLINE DATE
You may still submit an application to SFU for September 2010 entry. The application for admission deadline date is April 30th. Apply on-line at: www.sfu.ca/prospectiveundergrads/ and click on "Apply Now".

Sat. April 10th (11am-2pm) - Kwantlen Open House at the Surrey Campus - There will be faculty, students, and alumni from all over the institution to talk with, campus tours to go on, a great lunch, and some fantastic prizes. See: www.kwantlen.ca/openhouse to register.



TRANSITION FAIR FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Richmond School District, Richmond Society for Community Living, Open Door, Community Living BC, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Ministry for Children and Family Development and Back-in-Motion Rehab are sponsoring a Transition Fair, for parents of students with Developmental Disabilities who are about to leave high school and are wondering what supports exist for their child after high school. Come out and find out what the community has to offer.

Date: April 17, 2010

Time: 10 am – 2 pm

Place: South Arm Community Hall, 9020 Williams Road (beige building by tennis courts at Garden City and Williams).

For further information contact Kathy Champion, Director of Instruction, Learning Services, phone 604-295-6412, or email kchampion@sd38.bc.ca

The Career Center at Richmond Secondary is open Mon. 8-3, Wed. 8-3 and Fri. mornings 8-11:30 to answer any questions or provide assistance regarding post secondary entry.



COLT NOTES

The **Green Team** has been working hard over the past few months to upgrade the composting infrastructure at Richmond Secondary. Starting after Spring Break, newly-acquired stainless steel buckets will be located throughout the school to collect compost from student snacks and lunches. Green Team members will be monitoring and emptying the buckets regularly into large composters outside the school. With the growing season fast approaching, the compost will be used to fertilize the school's garden. Big thanks go out to all members of the Green Team, who deserve to be recognized for all the work they do towards making Richmond Secondary a more sustainable school!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mrs. Kippan's Grade 10 PE Leadership class who organized and put on an extremely successful Cancer Awareness Campaign that raised \$3800 for Wigs for Kids. The big event on Thursday, March 4th saw more than 80 students and staff cutting their hair or shaving their heads for the cause.



George Lin and his partner who won a silver medal in boys doubles badminton at the BC Winter Games in Terrace.

Richmond Colts to Beijing & Taipei

Our enthusiastic group – **Monica Chen, Grace Gong, Galen Lai, Kayla Lee, Bonnie Li, Francis Tse, Jimmy Wu, Emma Wu, Austin Yu, Derek Zhang** and teachers headed to Taipei and Beijing for Spring Break. Led by **Ms. Schuck and Ms. Ho**, we began our adventure in the culturally diverse city of Taipei. We toured the mystical Lungshan Temple, ancient Snake Alley and Ximending Circle, as well as Taipei's "Old Town," where we experienced Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese and Western "pop culture." We visited the beautiful, historic port city of Danshuei to see its "old street," temples and scenic harbour. Known for its delicious seafood, we had dinner at a choice of small cafes and wandered through the night market. We traveled to Jiufen, a quaint gold mining village to experience tasty local cuisine, unique teahouses, stores and traditional Japanese and Taiwanese architecture. We stopped at Taipei 101, the second highest building in the world and snacked our way through the famous Shihlin Night Market.

After a hectic three days we flew to Beijing where we climbed the magnificent Great Wall, explored the awesome Forbidden City and wandered through the beautiful Summer Palace taking pictures of its classical gardens and graceful landscapes. Soaking up Beijing's culture, we walked along the ancient hutongs, ate delicacies with the locals and shopped at the Pearl and Silk Markets. Tired but eager to share our experiences with family and friends, we flew back to Richmond with excellent memories of our time together.

Athletics News

Our **Senior Girls' Table Tennis Team** defeated Burnett to win the Richmond School District Championships for the fourth consecutive year. Well done ladies!

Our Senior Boys' Table Tennis Team took home a Richmond Championship, defeating Steveston-London to capture the title for the second time. Congratulations!

Spring sports are up and running. Spring teams include Bantam and Juvenile Boys' Volleyball, Track and Field, Ultimate and Girls' Golf.

Any interested students are welcome to come and try Track and Field. There are three main groups of events: running, throwing and jumping. The first Track Meet is on May 5, 2010. If students are interested, they should see one of the coaches: Ms. Turner, Mr. Eastwood, Ms. Thomsing or Ms. Diakow.

Important Dates to Remember

April 2 **Good Friday - *Classes not in session***
April 5 **Easter Monday - *Classes not in session***
April 12/13 **Spring Concert at 7:00 p.m.**
April 15 **Dry After Grad Committee Meeting**
April 23 **Professional Development Day – *Classes not in session***
May 3–20 **IB Exams**
May 5 **PAC Meeting at 6:30 p.m.**
May 17/20 **Directing and Scriptwriting Festival**
May 21 **Professional Development Day – *Classes not in session***
May 24 **Victoria Day Holiday – *Classes not in session***



Important Contacts

Early Warning:	24-hour message	(604) 247-COLT (2658)	
PAC Chairperson:	Suzanne Lightfoot	e-mail: slightfoot@richmond.sd38.bc.ca	
Dry Grad Chairperson:	Anne Greig	e-mail: agreig@shaw.ca	subject: RSS Dry After Grad
School Trustee:	Linda McPhail	604-277-6062	

*Have you made any changes to your address, home phone number, work phone number or emergency contact number? **If so, please contact Mrs. Meloche in the office and she will make note of the changes.***

Once a Colt...Always a Colt!

