



Richmond Secondary News

Home of the Colts!

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PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009; 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 12, 2009; 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

School will be dismissed at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 and on Thursday, March 12, 2009 to accommodate the Parent-Teacher Interviews.

We will start booking appointments from **9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** beginning on March 2. Appointments can be made until 3:00 on March 10. **Please have the names of the teachers you wish to see available when you make the appointment.** You can email your request to: richmond@sd38.bc.ca ; **please provide your child's name, contact phone number, date and time preferred and all teacher names.**

Building a strong rapport with your child's teacher is one of the best ways to support your child's education. There are many ways to open the lines of communication. The parent-teacher conference is just one method and your attendance shows your child that the family and teacher are working together. Here are some ideas that you may like to consider:

Before the meeting:

- Tell your child that the purpose of the conference is to help, not to check up on him or her.
- Think about what you hope to learn.
- Think about what you expect to hear.
- Write down some information you want to take away from the conference.

- Speak to your child and discuss what they like about the class and anything they may be having difficulty understanding.
- Think of some questions you might like to ask.

During the meeting:

- Be prepared to start on time and leave at the appointed time.
- Begin with something positive.
- Stick to the subject; the child's learning and development.
- Remain objective.
- Talk about specifics, not generalities.
- Clarify and summarize the discussion.

After the meeting:

- Evaluate the conference. Do you know how to help your child?
- Was a good relationship and a measure of trust established?
- Talk to your child about the meeting. Be positive; focus on strengths and talk about areas for improvement. Talk about a plan for the future.
- Keep in touch with the teacher, checking on progress through phone calls or notes.

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DRY AFTER GRAD

SUPPORTING DRY GRAD

The Dry Grad Parent Committee has attached a letter looking for support from our school community for this year's Dry After Grad. Please take the time to review the letter and consider if you are able to support this initiative in some way. Please complete the attached General Donation Form and include it with your cheque.

CLOTHING DRIVE

From March 23rd – April 23rd, the **Dry After Grad Committee** will be holding a clothing drive at Richmond Secondary School. For approximately four weeks, Richmond Secondary students will be asked to bring bags of used clothing to the school to support the fundraising efforts of the Dry After Grad Committee. Here is a great opportunity to do your spring cleaning, get rid of your old clothes and to help the school all at the same time. Please save your old clothes for this worthwhile event.

COLTS TO PARAGUAY 2009!

The **Global Perspectives** 12 students are embarking on their journey after a year of fundraising, community outreach and study. In its 15th year as a programme, this year's destination is South America and the "Colts to Pargaguay" trip should not disappoint. Ms. Anthony, Ms. Thomsing, Mr. Furugori and Mr. Matheny are taking 27 students to a small village called Concepcion in Northern Paraguay to build a primary school. In this village there are currently 110 students using a school built for only 50 students. At the same time, the Steve Nash Foundation will be starting the construction of the first ever Cancer Clinic in the country. Global Perspectives was able to contribute \$10,000 to help with this project. Again the students will be keeping journals through the Global Perspectives website, which will hopefully be regularly updated throughout the trip. Feel free to follow along at www.globalperspectivescanada.com.

News from the Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

All parents in our community are welcome to attend PAC meetings.
Next Meeting: Wednesday March 4th at 6.30 in the Main Office

Topic: Events at RSS

LEARNING AND THE BRAIN CONFERENCE: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS

Saturday, April 18, 2009
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
MacNeill Secondary School
6611 No. 4 Road, Richmond, B.C.



This **FREE** conference is intended for Richmond parents, caregivers, and educators of children from preschool to adolescence. Following the keynote address "*Studying with the Brain in Mind*" by Terry Small, adults will participate in two additional adult workshops while their children will participate in two additional student workshops. In addition, a number of workshops will be presented in Mandarin, Cantonese, and Punjabi. Following the keynote presentation, conference delegates attend two of 20 additional excellent workshops presented by District Staff and Community Leaders.

Please note: Babysitting is NOT available.

For more information and to see a listing of sessions visit our Learning and the Brain website at www.sd38.bc.ca and www.successbc.ca/RCPA. Registration deadline is April 14th. Register on-line at: Learning-Brain@richmond.sd38.bc.ca.

SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

As part of the Ministry of Education's ongoing mandate to facilitate dialogue between all of the stakeholders in our educational community, parents of students in Grades 10 & 12 will be receiving instructions for the completion of a "School Satisfaction Survey". The survey information will be distributed to families either by email or by letter if we don't have your email address on file. Parents will complete the survey online by accessing the website:

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm.

Note there will be a **LOGON** code for the survey. The code will be provided with the instructions. This code will be needed to access the survey online. Translations for parents are available in 16 languages at:

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/translations.htm.

If you have students in both Grades 10 and 12, you will receive more than one survey. **You only need to complete one.**

Your assistance in completing this survey is appreciated.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS



POST SECONDARY CHOICES & OPTIONS

SEND YOUR MARKS TO THE POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS TO WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED by April 30, 2009. Visit <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student>

Language Proficiency Index Test (LPI) at McMath
– April 8, 2009 - visit <http://www.lpi.ubc.ca>.

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY - Apply by March 31, 2009 for Fall admission. Capilano University entrance requirements are based on successful completion of secondary school with a minimum of a 2.0 (60 %) GPA calculated on English 12 and three academic grade 12 courses. For a complete list of eligible courses visit: www.capilanou.ca/admission.

KWANTLEN'S 2009 REGIONAL SKILLS COMPETITION will be held on Saturday March 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Cloverdale Campus

KWANTLEN'S BACHELOR'S OF SCIENCE NURSING - Applications for January 2010 will be accepted during the week March 1-7, 2009. Applicants currently in high school must submit an official interim transcript by Friday, March 13, 2009 for January admission, indicating that the program's academic admission requirements will be completed by the end of June.

UBC SELF REPORTING OF GRADES FOR BC STUDENTS begins March 1, 2009. High school applicants who have their spring interim grades are encouraged to visit the Student Service Centre at <https://ssc.adm.ubc.ca/> to SELF report their grades.

UBC SAUDER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS- Broad based admission deadline for application is March 15, 2009.

UVIC - SECOND WINDOW FOR THE SELF-REPORTING GRADES runs from January 2, 2009 until March 31, 2009. Students must apply for admission online at www.uvic.ca and then visit www.uvic.ca/self-reporting by March 31 to self-report their marks. Students who self reported their final grade 11 marks in the fall of 2008 and have already received a conditional offer of admission **MUST** self-report again in Phase 2 if they wish to be considered for scholarships. Students interested in on-campus housing and entrance scholarships must submit separate applications for these. Housing applications are found at www.uvic.ca/housing and information about student awards, scholarships and financial aid is available at www.uvic.ca/safa.

UVIC - APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS by March 31, 2009

SFU ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS: For those students who have applied for SFU Scholarships - you must self report your grades on or before March 15, 2009.



COLT NOTES

Congratulations to Paige Zhang, winner of the Ingrid Frederickson Memorial Prize which is the **First Prize** in Class A of the Royal Commonwealth Essay Competition in BC. Her excellent contribution has been submitted to London, England where she will be eligible for the Commonwealth-wide prize. Paige will be presented with her award on May 2 at 2:00 p.m. at Richmond Secondary.

Japan Club is hosting a **Japanese Singing Contest** with preliminaries on **March 9th** and the finals on **March 24th**. Hope to see you there.

We had a busy athletics season this winter with 8 basketball teams, 2 table tennis teams, and cheerleading running for the past 3 months.

All of our basketball teams had great seasons with results ranging from 1st place in the consolation finals to 3rd place in the district. Here are some highlights!

- The **Juvenile Boys Basketball** team finished third in the district and will begin V & D championships on February 23rd.
- The **Senior Boys Basketball** team also finished third in the district and went on to participate in the Lower Mainland Championships on February 18th.

The **Senior Boys Table Tennis** completed a perfect season with a record of 7 wins against 0 losses. Almost as impressive, the **Senior Girls Table Tennis** finished second in their league with 5 wins and 1 loss. Both teams then went on to win the district Championships on Feb. 18th!

Congratulations to all and Good Luck to the Juvenile Boys. **GO COLTS, GO!!**

Richmond High's Japanese Grad Class is working hard to put together a great performance for you at Aberdeen Center on Feb 28 from 12:45 and 2:45. They will be singing and dancing to J-Pop songs of their choosing. Come out and cheer them on!



Spring Break Travel 2010 **Beijing and Taipei**

Parent Information Meeting
Thursday March 12, 2009
Room 108 @ 6:30pm.

Contact

Ms. Ho or Ms. Schuck for details

RSVP Theatre

Man starved women, rifle totin' fathers, lively busybodies combine to create a laughing and truly understanding what it's like Richmond Theatre Department is proud to March 4, 5, 6. Tickets are \$8.00 for students door or you can contact Ms. Deacon.



gub'mint officials, family feuds, love potions, and hysterical and outrageous play that will have you to have a bad case of **Hillbilly Hankerin'**! The present the play **Hillbilly Hankerin'** by Pat Cook on and \$10.00 for adults. You can purchase tickets at the

"Let's Connect: School, Community and You"

All Richmond parents are cordially invited to take part in a half-day event organized by Richmond Settlement Workers in Schools on **Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 9:15 am to 12:15 pm at Hugh Boyd Secondary School** (9200 No. 1 Road). There will be workshops on employment opportunities, affordable housing, health and dental care for students, raising children in Canada, adjustment to Canadian schools, English learning at home and in school, reading skills, the new math curriculum, how to enroll in fun and leisure activities for families, educational choices after graduation, continuing education opportunities; together with information display booths on various school and community activities, resources and services for families, sports and uniformed groups for children and youths.

School bus pick-up time: leaving Cook School at 8:30 /Currie 8:45/Brighthouse 9:00. Return trip: leaving Hugh Boyd at 12:15 pm. For enquiries, please call Kitty Tang at 778.835.1214.

Important Dates to Remember

March 4	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
March 4 – 6	RSVP Theatre - <i>Hillbilly Hankerin'</i> - 7:00 p.m.
March 5	Students Bring Home Second Term Report Cards
March 10 - 11	Colt Country Challenge – Elementary School Basketball Tournament
March 11	Parent Teacher Conferences: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
March 12	Parent Teacher Conferences: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.
March 13	Last Day of Classes Before Spring Break – Classes in Session
March 16 - 20	Schools Closed for Spring Break
March 23	Schools Reopen After Spring Break



Important Contacts

Early Warning:	24-hour message	(604) 247-COLT (2658)
PAC Chairperson:	Suzanne Lightfoot	e-mail: slightfoot@richmond.sd38.bc.ca
School Trustee:	Linda McPhail	604-277-6062

*Have you made any changes to your address, email 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!

