



May 1 – May 5, 2023

We want to acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmin̓ əml̓ language group, on whose traditional and unceded territory we teach, live and learn.

Monday May 1	Tuesday May 2	Wednesday May 3	Thursday May 4	Friday May 5
		Evacuation Drill 10:30am		
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As part of Mental Health Week (May 1st – 7th), Richmond SD 38 presents....

Information Session for Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers
 Tuesday, May 2, 2023 (on Zoom)
 6:30 – 8 pm
 Holding Onto Our Kids in a Digital World
 Dr. Deborah MacNamara

As if parenting wasn't hard enough in having to deal with screens, peer pressure on kids - and then we had to add a pandemic on top of it! How can we hold on to our kids so we can influence and guide them? What do kids really need from us so as to grow into socially and emotionally responsible beings? This presentation will discuss issues from technology to peer problems and how parents are the ultimate answer for what kids need most of all. Practical suggestions for (re)building strong relationships with kids from preschoolers to teenagers will be discussed along with managing challenging behaviour - including screen time!

BIO

Dr. Deborah MacNamara is the author of Rest, Play, Grow: Making Sense of Preschoolers (or anyone who acts like one), and her children's picture book, The Sorry Plane. She is on Faculty at the Neufeld Institute and Director of the counselling practice, Kid's Best Bet. Parents, guardians, and caregivers can [click here](#) to register or use the QR code in the attached flyer - please register by Friday, April 28, 2023.

Indigenous-focused Graduation Requirement Parent Brochure in Multiple Languages

As previously communicated, a [parent brochure](#) was created to support conversations with students, parents/caregivers, and staff regarding the new Indigenous-focused graduation requirement. This brochure has now been translated into six additional languages: [French](#), [Farsi](#), [Punjabi](#), [Simplified Chinese](#), [Traditional Chinese](#) and [Tagalog](#).

SD38 Career Programs

Attention: Grade 10 and 11 Parents/Guardians,

We have some news in SD38 Career Programs! Some of our programs **still have spots remaining for the 2023-2024 school year!** As such, we are pleased to say **we have extended application deadlines** for current grades 10/11 students still wishing to apply.

We are still taking applications for the following (applications found on the web pages provided):

Youth Train in Trades - (tuition covered + earn high school and industry/post-secondary credits)

- **Professional Cook Level 1** - Taught by "our" Red Seal VCC Chef Andy Hajek at Richmond Secondary (open to current grades 10/11's)
<https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/programs/ace-it/professional-cook-1>
- **Plumbing Foundation** - Taught by "our" Red Seal Plumbing instructor Raven Hillenbrand at Palmer Secondary (open to current grades 10/11's)
<https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/programs/ace-it/plumbing>
- **Other Trades programs** held full-time at our specified partner school (typically semester 2). Take a look at our brochure for our complete list. These are only open to current grade 11's. **Please note: ELECTRICAL is FULL**

<https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/sites/careerprograms/files/Career%20Programs%20brochure%202022-23.pdf>

Other Programs

- **Manufacturing & Engineering Co-op (MEC)** - Held second semester at Burnett Secondary (open to current grades 10/11's); students take Engineering 11, Skills Exploration 11/12, Work Experience 12 and have an option to take an industry certification with ManufacturingBC/Northwest Skills Institute.
<https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/programs/manufacturing-engineering-mec-co-op>
- **Early Childhood Education Assistant Program is FULL**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at careerprograms@sd38.bc.ca or by calling 604-668-6000 (ext 3766). Thank you.

AP Exams

The 2023 SLSS AP exam schedule is posted on the school website, and shared via email to SLSS students registered in AP classes this semester. Note that the exams begin on May 1st. It is also posted around the school and attached with this edition of the Parent WAAG. Students who are registered to write one or more AP exam(s) are asked to note the date(s), time(s) and location(s) of the exam(s) they are registered to write. Students who are writing exam(s) at another school site are responsible for getting to and from that location on their own. Students writing AP exams are also responsible for making sure they notify the teachers of the classes they will be missing for the exam(s), as well as for making up any missed course work. Parents of those students who will be missing the day's classes to write AP exams are asked to call the office and let us know. All the best on your AP exams, Sharks!

Car Wash Fundraiser

Get your car washed and support the 2023 SLSS After-Grad Party! The car wash takes place in the school parking lot (Williams entrance) on Saturday, May 13 from 10 am to 3 pm, rain or shine. We'll also have Krispy Kreme donuts for sale (\$20/dozen) and a bottle recycling drive. For more info, see the attached flier.

Future Dates to Remember

May 11	Grade 7 Fun Day
May 14	Mother's Day
May 16	Immunization Clinic
May 19	Common Pro-D Day (No School)
May 22	Victoria Day (School Closed)

May 11, 2023, Moose Hide Campaign.

Standing up against Violence towards Women and Children is on May 1.

May is Canadian Jewish Heritage Month

Canadian Jewish Heritage month recognizes the contributions that Jewish communities have made to Canada. In addition, CIJA's new resource website [unlearn Antisemitism](#) is a great resource hub for educators and parents to help us learn about, identify, and take action to address antisemitism. [Jewish Heritage Month Guide](#) is an excellent resource that provides learning that is accessible and adaptable to all grade levels.

May is Asian Heritage Month

An opportunity to honour and celebrate Asian heritage and the excellence and resilience of people of Asian descent in B.C.

Summer Learning 2023

Attention Richmond families! Did you know that many of Richmond Continuing Education Summer Learning Programs are **FREE** for BC students who are Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents and students who have Refugee status?

With an array of exciting and enriching courses and camps to choose from, your child is sure to have a memorable summer. Choose from Elementary Enrichment, Summer Exploration, Summer Fine Arts, Academic Full Credit, Academic Completion, Secondary Enrichment, and Secondary Enrichment Skill Building Courses. We also offer Summer Camps for both elementary and secondary students, with options for ages 6-16. Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow and learn in a fun and engaging way! Keep your child's learning journey going strong this summer and sign up now for Summer Learning 2023.

For more information go to our website at www.RichmondCE.ca

Education Week 2023

Join us on a journey through the rich and diverse learning environments of the Richmond School District as we celebrate Education Week from April 24 – April 28. Each day presents a unique theme, with a direct connection to the curriculum through the lens of the Richmond School District's Strategic Plan.

Education Week in Richmond is a time to celebrate and showcase excellence and inclusivity in our schools. We invite you to join us on this exciting journey of discovery by visiting <https://sd38.bc.ca/our-district/education-week-2023>.

Commencement 2023 Grad Write-Up

Grads have the opportunity to submit a personalized comment (max. 40 words) that will read aloud as they cross the stage at the commencement ceremony on June 17th, 2023. Grads, we are asking you to please submit your commencement write-ups using an online survey.

Submissions must be made using the online survey. The deadline for submissions is May 5th, 2023 at 3pm. Please note that all comments will be reviewed and, if necessary, edited for appropriateness. General comments will be read for those grads who do submit personalized submissions by the deadline. Please submit your commencement write-ups on the survey by clicking [here](#). Thank you.

Commencement Ticket Purchases

The commencement ticket purchase process has been underway for a few weeks. Please note that the deadline to purchase round 2 requested tickets is Tuesday, May 9th. Don't miss your opportunity to acquire tickets for this important event. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Campbell at SLSS (kacampbell@sd38.bc.ca).

Next DAG Meeting

Join us at our next DAG meeting on Wednesday, May 3 at 7 pm in the school library and help put on a memorable After-Grad Party for our 2023 graduates!

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