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A HUGE THANK YOU!

We would like to say thank you to our parent community for the awesome job you have been doing during drop-off in the morning! We appreciate that you are not parking in the drop-off lane or leaving your vehicles. It is making the process so much smoother!



FORMS

You should have received a variety of paperwork and forms. We ask that you read the information carefully, return what is required, and pay for the school charges approved by the District using [CashOnline](#). Directions for families new to [CashOnline](#) were sent home to parents who did not have an account.

ACTION REQUIRED

BASIC SCHOOL SUPPLIES

For families new to our school and District, the Richmond School District provides basic school supplies to all students for a standard charge (\$33). This means that parents do not have to go shopping to find the materials their children need for school and that all children have access to the same materials. Some grades will also have an Agenda charge and others a Craft and Cooking Charge. If your family has financial challenges, please contact Mrs. Stapleton.



STUDENT ILLNESS



We are moving into our typical cold and flu season, and we can expect that there will be some illness in our community. We noticed over the last few years that with all the additional handwashing and staying home when unwell, the incidence of illness was lower, and we aim to keep it up again this year. Please ensure that your contact numbers are up to date with the office and that we can reach you to come pick up your child if necessary. It is a good idea to have a back-up-plan in case your child is ill! Please monitor your child for symptoms of illness daily. If your child does not feel well, please do not send them to school, as we will need to call you to come back and get them and we risk other students and staff becoming ill.

OUTSIDE PLAY EVERY DAY

Our students go outside to play every day at recess and lunch, even if it's raining. Please ensure that your child arrives with everything needed...boots, jacket with a hood or waterproof poncho (dollar store!) that can go over clothing, umbrella, inside shoes, full change of clothing. These items can be left at school so that you don't need to worry about them daily. Going outside in the rain isn't a problem with the right clothing!



CODE OF CONDUCT

HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER

Attached is the School District's Code of Conduct, which applies to everyone at all our facilities, including schools. Behaviour expectations for adults (staff, parents, visitors) and students are outlined. We hope that all people treat each other respectfully, so that we have a safe and caring community!

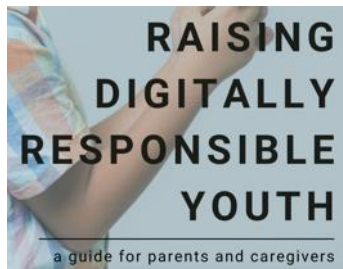
SCHOOL DISTRICT'S DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION CALENDAR



It was brought to our attention that [Janmashtami](#), an annual [Hindu](#) festival that celebrates the birth of [Krishna](#), falls on Sept 6 (and/or Sept 7), 2023, was missed in our [DEI calendar](#). This is an important day of celebration for those of the Hindu faith. Our apologies for this omission.

BC DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY TO ADDRESS SYSTEMIC RACISM

Everyone deserves equitable access to public services. Have you taken the #BCDemographicSurvey? Everyone in B.C. is encouraged to complete the [B.C. demographic survey](#) by October 15, 2023, to help address systemic racism and improve public services. Help us create a more inclusive BC. You can also visit the [Addressing Systemic Racism in B.C. website](#)



ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S ONLINE PRESENCE?

Safer Schools Together has published a [parent guide](#) for Raising Digitally Responsible Youth. The guide was designed to help introduce parents and caregivers to leading social media platforms, video games, and relevant trends that are either being used already or have the potential to be used by their children, and includes tips, how-to's and definitions. We recommend that all parents read this guide!

TERRY FOX RUN 2023

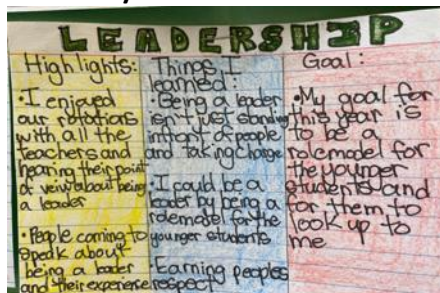


Terry wanted to set an example that would never be forgotten. Now it's our turn. We all know that cancer can affect anyone, and we need to find a cure.

Spul'u'kwuks Elementary is proud to be participating in the Terry Fox School Run! In the lead-up to our event next Wednesday, we have had students sharing messages about Terry's journey and collecting donations from the classrooms. We are also offering online donations for your convenience. It's fast, easy, and tax receipts are emailed immediately to donors.

Please join us and continue the legacy of one of our greatest Canadian heroes. Donate at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/SpulukwuksElementary> Click "Donate" (to this school) and the Terry Fox Foundation will send you a tax receipt for your donation over \$25. Thank you for joining us in the fight against cancer!

GRADE 6/7 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



For two days during the first week of school, our Gr. 6/7 students participated in a series of activities focused on developing leadership skills. There were speakers, teambuilding activities, school service sign-ups, workshops, and a group dance. Save-On-Foods generously provided healthy snacks for the two days. Thank you! Also, thanks to the teachers involved in planning the event: Mrs. Shackles, Mrs. Paige, Ms. Rakhra, Mrs. Luick, Mr. West, and Ms. Hwu.

DON'T FORGET: MEET THE STAFF!

Our meet the staff will be held on **Wednesday, September 20th from 5:15-6:30pm**. Families are invited to visit their children's classrooms from 5:15-5:45, and then we will head outside for a BBQ and you can chat with your children's teacher and classmate's families. For those families that ordered meals, your order forms will be in your child's classroom when you arrive for the event. If you didn't order food, please feel free to bring a picnic dinner and join us outdoors.

WATER CONSERVATION

B.C. is currently experiencing severe drought conditions, and small reductions to our water consumption can have a big positive impact. All of us need to come together to make sure that we have enough water. Posters with water-saving tips are attached to this newsletter.



TOUCHSTONE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

The CAP-C Program is a free program for Richmond families with children from 0-6 years old. The purpose is for parents to expand their social support networks, share experiences, and learn more about community resources. Parents will participate in group discussion around parenting, child development, family relationships and self-discovery, etc. At the same time, children will have interactive play in a safe and fun environment. Please see the attached flyers for more information.

NEIGHBOURHOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY THIS WEEKEND



This family-friendly activity is for all ages and focuses on facilitating connections between people, trying and learning new things, exploring local greenspaces, and feeling part of a community, all while having a positive environmental impact. Letters confirming volunteer hours at this activity will be written upon request.

We will be removing invasive blackberry from Terra Nova Rural Park to rescue trees being overtaken by this aggressive plant, help increase biodiversity and make the area more resilient, functional for birds/wildlife, and beautiful!

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! ALL AGES, backgrounds and abilities are invited. Gloves, tools, snacks, educational instruction and a small thank you gift will be provided. This is a great family-friendly activity with small tools and litter picking also available. Come for as long or as little as you're able to!

Date: Saturday September 16, 2023

Time: 9:45am-1pm

Location: Terra Nova Rural Park (beside the Farm Centre)

What: Invasive blackberry removal

MORE INFO: <https://www.meetup.com/the-lower-mainland-green-team/events/295492620/>

SIGN UP: Email me at ashton@greenteamsCanada.ca or [sign up on Meetup](#)

Want to read about and see photos from similar activities? Check out summaries of our activities at this location earlier this year on [April 15](#) and [22](#)!

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

September 20	Terry Fox Run
September 20	Meet The Staff 5:15pm
September 21	PAC Meeting 9:30am
September 22	Non-Instructional Day (No school for students)
October 2	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)