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### **ALMOST AT THE FINISH LINE...!**

There are only a few days of instruction left in this school year and we would like to acknowledge our school and parent/guardian community for the enormous effort that everyone put in to helping our students finish the school year. It was a term none of us could have predicted when the school year started! Thank you for coming together with us to support our learners!

### **PICK UP OF PERSONAL ITEMS**

If you missed your pick up day and would like to collect your child's items (including shoes), please call the office to let us know in advance when you would like to come so we can have the items ready for you. Any belongings not picked up will be donated or recycled. Pick up days and times were emailed to you. The last day to pick up items is Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **GRADE 7 FAREWELL**

We are looking forward to our socially distanced, drive-by Farewell happening on Wednesday! If you are a Gr. 7 parent/guardian, please check your email for instructions and your assigned time to arrive. Thank you all the parents who have donated to the Farewell to make it a special day for our Gr. 7 students!!!

### **SEPTEMBER RETURN**

You will have received a separate notice about the first day and week back in September. Although we do not know if students will return full-time, we have provided you with our regular schedule. Should we need to adjust the schedule based on the announcement from the Ministry of Education while we are on holidays, you will receive a new schedule once the office reopens.

### **SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER**

If you have not yet registered a younger sibling for school or if you know someone who wants to register their child in the District, please see the attached notice.



## **NOTICE OF LATE RETURN**

Every year, students must be in attendance by a certain date in September in order to remain registered in the District. If your child will not be in attendance on the first day of school, you must complete a Notice of Late Return and send it to the school to let us know when your child will attend. The form was emailed to all families, and can be found on our school website. This year, students must be in attendance before the end of the school day on Wednesday, September 16th.

## **STAFFING CHANGES**

We know that over time, we must say goodbye to staff members, although we are never ready when it happens! There are a number of staffing changes to tell you about:

Mrs. Long is retiring! We would like to thank her for her many years of service to Richmond students and families.



Ms. Keung, one of our Educational Assistants, is also retiring! Thank you for dedicating your career to helping students grow and be part of their classroom communities.

We also have three teachers on temporary contracts that end next week. Thank you to Ms. Poon (Div. 16) and Ms. Lam (Div. 5) for their willingness to step into roles to help us finish the year. We are very grateful!

Some of our staff are leaving to take on new challenges in different roles. Ms. Wood (Resource Teacher), Ms. Colby (EA) and Mrs. Arjune Kaied (EA) are all going to work with high school students in the Aspen program. Mrs. Rangi (Div. 5) is returning to Thompson school as a Resource Teacher. Ms. Wiltse is also leaving the District to teach in a district closer to her family.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Mrs. Kusch will be starting at Cook Elementary School in September.

A huge thank you to all of you... We wish you the best in your new roles! We will certainly miss you!

We will introduce our new staff to you in September!

**To all of our families, thank you again for adapting to the challenges of the term and have a safe and happy holiday! See you in September!**

