



Reminder:

Join us for the Band Concert tomorrow afternoon (1:30pm) and evening (6:30pm)

Walking in a Winter Wonderland Concert – December 20th 1:15pm and 6:00pm

We are very excited about the “Walking in a Winter Wonderland” Concert we’re hosting on December 20th. Regardless of whether you celebrate Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Eid, Christmas, or the Winter Solstice in December, it is a time for us to come together as a community and enjoy each other’s company.

This is the first time in many years that we are offering this event in the evening as well as during the day. The day time event will have both students and parents in the audience while the evening performance will be just for parents. We added the evening performance so that family members who work during the day are able to attend. We will have over 400 chairs for parents. We’re expecting a full house.

To that end, all of our classes are performing a variety of seasonal songs so we can celebrate the coming together of our community during this festive and joyous time of year. In addition, to the festive songs, we will be hosting random draws for various gift certificates and prizes donated by some of our parents. Some of the prizes include Movie tickets, White Spot certificates, front row seating at the concert and preferential parking. We will also be hosting a 50/50 draw.

Tickets will be on sale at school next week, as well as on December 20th. More details to follow.



Student Council Update - Non-perishable food items for the Food Bank.

Tis the season to give. Members of the Senior Student Council have been busy elves creating a fun contest to see if we can max out on our ability to get as much food as possible for the Richmond Food Bank. Already we collected at the Staff vs Students volleyball game, and we’ll be collecting at the Band Concert tomorrow. We’ll also be collecting up to and including the December 20th evening concert. Our school-wide goal is to line the entire main hallway with food. We will have fun prizes for the classes that bring in the most non-perishable food.



Prize Donations wanted for Walking in a Winter Wonderland Concert draw

If you have a prize you or your company are able to donate for the concert, please contact the school so we can advertise that item on our list of prizes.

Thompson Basketball

Although our season will officially start in January, we are hosting player meetings for the grade 6 and 7 players this week and next week to discuss the program and to get a sense of the level of interest. All interested students, regardless of their abilities, will be on the team. It is possible that we may have two teams if the interest level is high. Once the grade 6/7 program is organized, we will send home a notice to parents with more details. In the meantime, we will host some casual drop-in practice sessions for both the boys and girls in December, and will start formal practices and games in January. To prevent injuries, players are expected to wear proper footwear. It might be a good idea for the players to put that item on their wish list for Santa if they've outgrown their old basketball shoes. Mrs. McCaskill will coach the Girls' team, while Mr. Badyal and Mr. Juhasz will coach the Boys' team. Grade 5 players, stay tuned for a program we're planning for you as well in the Spring.

A Message from our PAC Executive:

Dear Parents and Guardians,
 The Thompson PAC would like to send out a big "thank you" to the 37 families who have donated \$4,125.00 to our fundraising efforts so far this year. Please keep in mind that donations need to be submitted to the school office by **Friday, December 15** in order to receive a tax receipt for 2017. The PAC graciously accepts donations all year. If you have questions or need more information, please contact:



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Staffing Update:

It is time for us to say thank you and farewell to Mrs. Sonia Tamana who has been teaching PE and Technology with us this year on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Because Mrs. Tamana is also a trained Resource Teacher, her skills are in high demand in our District, and as such, she has accepted a full-time position at McNeely School as a Resource Teacher. In her place, we are excited to welcome Mr. Don Taylor who brings a full career's worth of PE and leadership experience to Thompson. We are very fortunate to have him.



Book Fair

A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Fong and all of her helpers at the Book Fair. Not only did the kids get to buy some new books to read (and random gadgets...ahem!), it also raised over \$1200 for our library. We couldn't have done without awesome parent volunteers: Mimi Wolf, Hallie Ouyang, Lily The, Yvonne, Rosa Maria, Kathy Tsakumis, Harjeet Manhas and Liz Ritchie. Thank you.

My “Tween and Me” Parent Meetings: This coming Friday at 9:00am

Our Tween and Me meetings, hosted by Ping Chu, our awesome Settlement Worker, have been happening every Friday in Room 20. There are just two more sessions left. Next Friday’s session at 9:00am will be about Social Media. This is so popular, that parents from other schools have learned about it and are joining in as well. Mr. Juhasz also joins in and answers questions. Mandarin

Translation will be available.
Hope to see you there.

Friday, Dec. 15, 2017 星期五, 2017 年 12 月 8 日	Social Media 社交媒体对孩子们的影响
Friday, Dec. 22, 2017 星期五, 2017 年 12 月 15 日	Building A Support Network 建立社区支助的网络

Please connect with Ping if you have questions. 778-835-1250

Important Dates:

- December 12 Band Concert – 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.
- December 13 D.A.R.E. Grad (Grade 5 students) – 1:15 p.m.
- December 15 Pizza Day and Term 1 Report Cards Go Home
- December 20 Winter concert – 1:15 and 6:00 p.m.
- December 22 Pajama Day
- December 25 to January 7 Winter Break (no school for students)**

- January 8 School Re-opens
- January 17 PAC Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- January 19 Hot lunch day
- January 24 Ready Set Learn for pre-schoolers 1:00pm (see details below)
- January 26 Professional Development Day (no school for students)



Ready Set Learn 2018



MORNING EVENTS
9:30 -11:00

WILL PERFORMS ON:

- January 17**
BRIGHOUSE
6800 Azure Rd.
- January 24**
WOODWARD
10300
Seacote Rd.
- January 31**
ERRINGTON
9831 Herbert Rd.
- February 7**
GRAUER
4440 Blundell Rd.
- March 7**
BLUNDELL
6480 Blundell Rd.
- March 14**
BYNG
3711 Georgia St.



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AFTERNOON EVENTS
1:00 -2:30

WILL PERFORMS ON:

- January 17**
McKINNEY
10451 Lassam Rd.
- January 24**
THOMPSON
6211 Forsyth Cr.
- January 31**
WHITESIDE
9282 Williams Rd.
- February 7**
COOK
8600 Cook Rd.
- March 7**
DIXON
9331 Diamond Rd.
- March 14**
MITCHELL
12091 Cambie Rd.

Ready Set Learn 2018

COME TO A FREE CONCERT WITH WILL STROET AND JOIN US FOR SOME FUN ACTIVITIES!

You and your pre-school aged child are invited.
Events take place January-March and are free!

WE HAVE ACTIVITY STATIONS PLANNED!

This year we will highlight Aboriginal culture.

We look forward to seeing you!

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