



Hello Thompson families,
Term 3 is in full swing and promises to be a busy one with Track and Field, many Field Trips, Band concerts and year end activities. Please see the attachments for our **FAMILY DATE NIGHT PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER**, please purchase the admission tickets by logging into your SchoolCashOnline account: <https://richmondsd38.schoolcashonline.com/> or after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the ticket purchase table near the crosswalk.
In addition please see the attachments for an after school badminton program, and below for other important information.

COMMUNI"TEA"

Dear Parents and Caregivers

You are invited to attend an informal gathering with our SWIS (Settlement Worker in Schools), Ruby Wang, and our Principal, Sharon Hoffinger, for an afternoon of tea, refreshments and conversation. Come to meet other parents, Ruby and Sharon, and ask questions you may have about our school. Translation in Mandarin will be provided .

Date: Wednesday April 26th at 2 p.m. in the Multi- Purpose Room.

亲爱的家长们:

我们邀请您参加一次轻松的聚会，与我们学校的移民安顿辅导员**Ruby** Wang和校长Sharon Hoffinger一起共进下午茶，品尝点心，畅谈。您还可以结识其他家长。届时对您们提出的关于学校的各种事宜，我们会尽量作答。并将提供普通话翻译服务。

时间：4月26日星期三下午2点

地点：多功能室 (Multi- Purpose Room)

Track and Field

Our grade 3-7 students are excited to participate in a **District Track Meet on Thursday May 18th from 8:30- approximately 3:00 p.m.** Please let your child's teacher know if they will be absent that day. This has traditionally been a very successful and popular event for Thompson. Go Tigers! More information to come soon.

In addition, the BC Elementary Track and Field Championships take place **May 26th -28th** and is open to students in gr. 3-7. Parents sign up, pay for, transport and supervise their children. The registration link will be available soon on www.kajacks.com



Band and Choir

We have several musical events on our calendar in May.

On Friday, May 5th the Richmond Elementary Honour Band will perform at Thompson. One of our grade 7 students is in the band so we are very excited to have them come to perform on Friday May 5th at 11:00 a.m.

On Thursday May 11th our Thompson Senior Band will be performing in "Music in Our Schools" at the Gateway Theatre from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Richmond School District has vibrant and thriving music opportunities including choir, guitar, drumming, musical theatre, concert band and jazz band programs. We know that in addition to learning the vast knowledge and skills it takes to be a musician, music education helps our learners become persistent, confident and expressive individuals. Participating in an ensemble allows for lasting friendships and a sense of belonging that is essential to the overall wellness impacting all aspects of our learners' lives.

We encourage all families to come out and support our musicians! What is a concert without an audience? There is nothing like roaring applause to encourage and acknowledge all the efforts of each and every person who participates! Tickets cost \$12.00 each and are available to order through the Gateway Theatre at www.gatewaytheatre.com. We hope to see you at *Music in Our Schools 2023!*

On Monday May 29th our Div. 21 bands and the Thompson choir will perform in the gym at 11:00 a.m. and 6 p.m. Friends and family are welcome to attend, and band and choir students are expected to attend both performances.

Important Dates:

April 26th: Communi"tea" 2:00 p.m. in the Multi -Purpose Room

April 28th: Pre-ordered Hot Lunch

May 5th : Honour Band performs at Thompson 11:00 a.m.

May 10th: PAC Annual General Meeting 9:00 a.m.

May 11th: Music In Our Schools, at the Gateway Theatre, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

May 12th: Pre-ordered Hot Lunch

May 16th: Class Photo Day

May 18th: Regional Track Meet (gr. 3-7)

May 19th: Pro D Day- no school for students

May 22nd: Victoria Day Holiday

May 26th: Welcome to Kindergarten 10:30-11:45 a.m.

May 26th : Pre -ordered Hot Lunch

May 27th: Family Date Night Playground Fundraiser

May 29th: Band and Choir Concert 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

May 31st: Parent Appreciation (details to follow)

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call the school at 604-668-6420 or email me at shoffinger@sd38.bc.ca

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sharon Hoffinger

Principal, James Thompson Elementary School

Visit our webpage at <http://thompson.sd38.bc.ca>