



Hello Thompson families,

We were very happy to welcome students back to school today after two days of District closures due to weather. We hope you were able to get outside and enjoy the snow safely. We are so lucky to live and learn in a place that has beautiful views of the snowy mountains. As parking is a challenge on these snowy days, please walk to school whenever possible.

Please see below for some upcoming events and announcements.

[Grade 6/7 Band Concert for Divisions 1 and 2](#)

January 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at Burnett Secondary School

The students of Thompson, Blair, Quilchena, Spul'u'kwuks and Burnett will be presenting a collaborative Band Concert, featuring pieces that they have been learning together. Everyone is welcome to attend this concert. An email with the details was sent last week to Div. 1 and 2 students and their caregivers.

[Grade 7 Parent Information Night for students attending Burnett next year:](#)

Date : Wednesday January 24th at 7 p.m.

Location: Virtual- please see the attached poster for more information and the webinar link.

[Important Presentation for Parents- Safer Space: Wednesday Jan. 31st 7 p.m. in the library](#)

Safer Space for Adults is a 60-minute interactive workshop designed to help parents, care givers, and service providers to better understand how to help children stay safe online.

“安全空间”是一个六十分钟、面向成年人的互动工作坊，旨在帮助家长和看护孩童的人士更好地理解如何帮助孩子安全上网。

This presentation is split into three sections: “Online exploitation” – overview, “App Literacy” – learning how to safely navigate today’s most popular apps, “How to Talk About It”- how to have these difficult conversations with your children/clients and what to discuss.

讲座分为三个部分：“网上盘剥”：概览；“应用程序常识”：学习如何安全使用当下最受欢迎的应用程序；“如何开口谈论”：如何就难以启齿的话题和孩童或者是客户进行讨论。

Please join us for this presentation. **A brief PAC meeting will be held before the presentation, at 6:30 p.m. Babysitting will be provided.**

Basketball Season has begun!

Basketball **notices went home last week** with all intermediate students that have expressed an interest in joining the basketball team. Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. for boys and Tuesday and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. for girls. A games schedule will be provided in the next few days.

A big thank you to Mr. Twyford, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Ladouceur, and Ms. Bone who will be coaching this year.

“Pawsitive” Practices

As part of our school Focus this year we will be explicitly teaching some “Pawsitive Practices” to encourage friendly, kind behaviour that builds our sense of community and belonging. For the next two weeks (Jan. 22- Feb.2nd) our focus will be on

“Allowing others to go before you.”

Here are some examples of how to do this at school, home or out in the community. As always, any learning initiative will be more successful when modelled and supported at home. Thank you for encouraging your children to engage in these “Pawsitive Practise”. If you have further ideas or examples, please feel free to share them with Mrs. Hoffinger!

- When lining up to go outside or come inside, allow someone to take the spot in front of you, or offer to be at the back
- Open and hold the door for another
- When walking in the hallway or on a sidewalk move to the side, so that others may pass
- Encourage others to put their hand up
- Let someone ahead of you in line at a store
- Wait, so that someone else gets the first piece of pizza
- Offer to help someone with their learning assignment if you finished early
- Anticipate someone else’s need, like bringing a classmate their jacket, or leaving the sharp pencil for the next person
- Leave the last cookie for someone else
- When playing a game, try letting others go first if that is new to you
- In basketball, look to pass the ball to an open team mate so that they have the opportunity to score
- -in choir, encourage someone else to try a solo
- If you are always first on the swing or slide, let someone go before you

Get REDI

Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion with Richmond School District

A webinar series on Zoom for parents and caregivers to understand and support SD38 initiatives around inclusion and belonging.

This initial 60-minute session is designed to help you understand the district's commitment to reconciliation, equity, diversity and inclusion, and the values and language that inform our practices in schools. The facilitator, Destine Lord, will draw on the district's strategic plan to drive the conversation and make connections between the plan, the district's vision, and introductory concepts of anti-oppression.

By building the language, you can help support your learner as they move between home and school and back again. There will be opportunities with future sessions to further explore REDI concepts.

Registration - *please see the attached poster*

January 25, 2024 at 7 p.m.

January 30, 2024 at 11 a.m.

Important Dates:

Jan. 19th: Priority 1 Deadline for Kindergarten registration

Jan. 19th: Pre-ordered Hot Lunch

Jan. 23rd: Band Concert at Burnett (6:30)

Jan. 24th at 7 p.m.: Burnett Information night for Gr.7 parents (online)

Jan. 26th: Pro D Day, no school for students

Jan. 31st PAC meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Jan 31st "Safer Spaces" Presentation 7 p.m. in the library after the PAC meeting

Feb. 2nd: Pre ordered Hot Lunch

Feb. 6th : Camp Meeting for Grade 6 and 7 parents at 5 p.m. More Information to follow.

Feb. 9th: Pre-ordered Hot Lunch

February 14th and 15th: Early Dismissal at 1:45 for Learning Update Conferences

Feb. 16th: Pro D Day- no school for students

Feb. 19th: Family Day -school not in session

Feb. 23rd: Pre-Ordered Hot Lunch

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,

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