



NEWSLETTER #16
May 10th, 2019



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

All incoming Kindergarten students and their caregivers

are invited to our Welcome to Kindergarten event on Wednesday, May 15th from 1:15 – 2:15 pm. We will be sharing information about the school and the organization for next year. As well, we will have some fun “preparing for Kindergarten” activities for families to try! Each family will receive a special bag of goodies to use in the months before Kindergarten to help prepare their child for their first school experience. If you know of any families with children born in 2014, please encourage them to register for Kindergarten for September.

EARLY DISMISSAL DAY

Tuesday, May 14th has been designated an early dismissal day by the district to allow time for the Richmond Teachers Association to hold their Annual General Meeting. Students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m.



VARIETY SHOW

This Year's Woodward Talent Show will be on Thursday, May 30th at approximately 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend and enjoy the talents of our fantastic Woodward students!



TRACK AND FIELD

Since we returned from Spring Break, students in grades 3 - 7 have been training for this year's Track Meet.

Our goal is to have as many children as possible participating in the events. Our Zone Track Meet is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21st and **we will be looking for parent drivers to transport students to and from the event. A notice was sent home Wednesday to sign up.**



Kallie George Visit – June 4

Parents are invited to join us for Kallie George's author talk on June 4th. She will be having a conversation with our primary classes from 9 – 10 a.m. and our intermediate divisions from 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Thank to Ms. Sato for organizing and our PAC for supporting this event.



SPORTS DAY: FRIDAY, JUNE 14th

Save the date! Sports Day will take place on Friday, June 14th. Parents are encouraged to join us for the day.



Spring Fair Finale

Thank you again to our PAC for organizing this wonderful and very successful event. We also want to thank all of our volunteers and staff for participating and helping run our fair. Thanks to all of the kindness of our PAC and community we were able to raise \$6147. Thanks!



PAC MEETING

Our final PAC meeting of the year is scheduled for

Monday, May 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. This meeting will also be our Annual General Meeting, where we will vote for our new PAC Executive for the 2019/2020 school year. Executive positions being voted on are: PAC Chair, PAC Co-Chair, and Treasurer. All parents are encouraged to attend and newcomers are always welcome!



PRO-D DAY

Just a reminder that our next Professional Development Day is on Friday, May 17th and students will not attend school on this day.

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| May 14 | Early Dismissal @ 2:00pm |
| May 15 | Welcome to K (1:15-2:15pm) |
| May 17 | Pro-D Day (school closed) |
| May 20 | Victoria Day (school closed) |
| May 21 | Track meet (Grades 3-7) |
| May 27 | PAC meeting |
| May 31 | Hot lunch (pizza day) |
| June 6 | Band concert |
| June 7 | Hot lunch |
| June 14 | Sports Day |
| June 25 | Grade 7 farewell assembly |
| June 26 | Year end/Farewell assembly |
| June 26 | Report cards home |
| June 26 | Last day of school |



PARENT APPRECIATION DAYS

Parent Appreciation Days are May 29th, 30th, and 31st. Join us in the parking lot on those mornings for treats from staff and students in the Parent Drive-Thru.



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Over the past several months, the Richmond School District has undertaken a significant consultation process with stakeholders, staff and parent advisory groups to develop a set of elementary schedules that is consistent across the District. As a result, the District will be making adjustments to the schedules of all elementary schools starting September 2019 and the bell schedule for our school will be modified.

The benefits of making these changes include, but are not limited to, the District's ability to provide sufficient time within the lunch break for physical activity and nutrition; increase the accessibility of student support services; provide equity for all members of our educational community; increase opportunities for the effective assignment of staff; increase the ability to support schools when assigned staff are away; and support community partners in their ability to provide daycare and after school programming.

The new bell schedule for Woodward Elementary effective September 2019 is copied below:

Elementary School Schedule: Effective September 2019:

Start Time:	8:45 AM	M - F
Recess:	To be determined at the school level	
Lunch:	12:00 - 12:52	M - F
Dismissal:	2:45 PM	M - F

Our school staff will be meeting to develop a recess schedule that meets the needs of our educational programming and scheduling requirements.

Thank you for your understanding as we implement these changes. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Mr. Brett Cameron
Woodward Elementary