



**R.M. Grauer Elementary School**  
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January, 2024



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
 Welcome Back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had an enjoyable break. The next few months promise to be very busy and full of events, and we

look forward to some great learning this term.



**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025**

We are excited to welcome kindergarten

registration applications for children born in 2019, turning 5 in 2024. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2024. Online registration began November 1, 2023.

Families are encouraged to register any time during the Priority 1 registration period (November – January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications completed any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions via emails from the school by February 2, 2024.

Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available on our District website, providing new parents with guidance on the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori). These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at [www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten](http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten).

**PAC MEETINGS**

The Grauer Parent Advisory Council has our next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

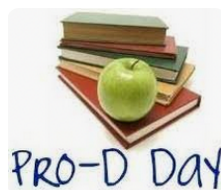
This will be an **online meeting**. A link will be sent out closer to the date. Please come and join us!



**DONATE TO OUR MUD KITCHEN**

If you have any old kitchen utensils, baking ware, pots, or pans that you don't need, please

feel free to donate them to the school for use in our mud kitchen in the outdoor learning space. Any items can be dropped off in the school office.



**PRO-D DAYS**

Looking ahead, this is just a reminder that Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> are our next 2 Professional Development Days and students will not attend school on these days.

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**. Please note that this day is an Early Dismissal Day with a **11:47 dismissal time** to accommodate the conferences.



**BASKETBALL SEASON**

January means basketball season is upon us once again! Coach Bawa will be working with the grade 6/7 girls and the grade 6/7 boys team will be coached by Coach Shoub. The teams have already begun practicing in preparation for the upcoming season. More information to follow once the season schedules are set.

**SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS SESSIONS**

Safer Schools Together, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, is offering “Social Media Awareness” family sessions. These sessions are designed to support families and caregivers navigate the digital world. Dates, times, and information to register can be found in the link below.

<https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>



- Jan. 25      Hugh Boyd Gr. 7 Parent Information Night (6:30)
- Jan. 26      Hot Lunch Day (Sushi)
- Jan. 29      Pro-D Day (School Closed)
- Jan. 31      Culture Day
- Feb. 13      Parent/Teacher Conferences  
**11:47 Dismissal**
- Feb. 14      Valentine's Day
- Feb. 16      Pro-D Day (School Closed)
- Feb. 19      Family Day (School Closed)
- Feb. 28      Pink Shirt Day



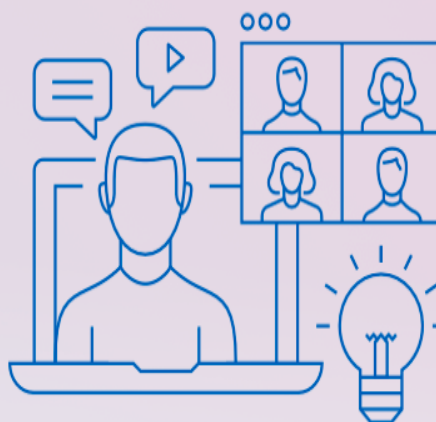
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# Get REDI

## 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.



Destine Lord (she/her) is a consultant and facilitator actively working towards the elimination of racism in Canada. For the last 15 years, she has worked in both the private and public sectors, facilitating workshops and training sessions related to anti-racism, change management, and reconciliation. As a Black Canadian, Destine can draw on her lived experiences to inform conversations about racism. She is excited to be supporting the Richmond School District and our work to build equity and inclusion and a sense belonging for all students and staff.

### Registration

These repeated webinar sessions are intended for Richmond School District parents and caregivers only. **As space is limited, please register in advance for one session using one of the QR codes below.**

January 25, 2024  
at 7 p.m.

January 30, 2024  
at 11 a.m.





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## **BECOME HOMESTAY at the RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Be a host for an international student for a month, semester or year. Richmond International Education (RIE) Homestay Program is looking for local families to offer a welcoming home.

**Contact us to find out more about this enriching opportunity.**

**[study@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:study@sd38.bc.ca)**

**604-668-6217**



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