
PAC Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2018

What's Happening?

Lots of important information for families. Keep reading!

Hot lunch dates

Feb 9 - Little Caesars
Feb 22 - (Thursday) Subway
March 9 - Little Caesars
April 6 - Izumiya
April 13 - Fuel Catering
April 27 - Fuel Catering
May 11 - Little Caesars
May 25 - Subway
June 8 - Little Caesars

Early Warning

If your child is going to be late or absent, it is imperative that you call the **Early Warning System 604-718-4094**. This system allows the school to ensure every student is accounted for.

PAC Calendar

Feb. 7: Valentines Bake Sale

Feb 15: Anxiety Workshop for parents at Byng Elementary (FREE) 6:30 - 8:30

Feb 22: PAC meeting in library 6:30 - 8:00

April 14: 3rd Annual Spring Fair and Craft Market 10:00 - 2:00

Playground Update: And the winners are.....

All Diefenbaker students had the opportunity to vote on 4 different components for the new playground. We are excited to announce the following components will be incorporated into the new playground: the **Squiggle climb, Nautilus gear panel, Spiral slide, and the double u-swing and Igloo**. Once everything is stamped and approved, we will send out a picture of the final design for all to see.

Valentines Bake Sale Wednesday February 7th

Attention *DiefenBAKERS*...our next PAC bake sale is coming up! We welcome anything NUT-FREE. Please drop off your delicious goodies at the multi purpose room in the morning. Sales will take place during recess, lunch, and after school. Please send your child with small change. Contact licastroud@gmail.com if you can help with sales.

Anxiety Workshop for Parents Thursday, February 15th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm @ Lord Byng Elementary

"Making Sense of Anxiety and Cultivating Resiliency" with Dr. Deborah MacNamara: Anxiety is one of the leading issues among children and teens today, and can take on many forms from worrying, obsessions, compulsions, phobias, and other perplexing behaviours. This presentation will focus on how parents play critical role when it comes to dealing with anxiety and cultivating resilience. This workshop is FREE (paid for by PAC) and is appropriate for ADULTS ONLY - please RSVP to diefenbakerpac@gmail.com by Feb. 8th.

Emergency Preparedness Workshop - various dates

The Richmond Resilient Communities Program (RRCP) is collaborating with the City of Richmond to host a series of FREE community-focused workshops geared towards preparing for emergencies of all sizes.

Attendees will work directly with facilitators to create personal emergency plans - everyone will go home with practical tools and skills they can use for their families. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. Parents can find more information and register on-line at www.richmond.ca/rrcp

Volunteers needed!

- Hot lunch distribution: 2 Fridays per month
- Fruit & Veggie distribution: 1 morning per month
- Flyer delivery (flexible): 1 -2 times per year
- Library: flexible during school hours
- Chess Club: 1 -2 times per month

DRIVE SAFE: Stop endangering our kids!

SLOW DOWN!!

30 km/hour is the school zone speed limit...don't drive fast just because you're in a hurry.

STOP AT CROSSWALKS!

Pedestrians have the right of way. Stop for people crossing the road, don't just drive by.

PARK IN PARKING ZONES ONLY!

Park in the parking lot if you must stop. Do not stop in a "NO PARKING" or "NO STOPPING" zone because you feel like it. If you can't find a parking spot then find one down the street...don't let your laziness endanger others.

GET OFF YOUR PHONE!

It's illegal.

PAC Hot Lunch - "Munchalunch"

Munchalunch service starts up Feb. 9th. We will always have some food for sale on the day of, however it will be *first come first serve*. If your child needs to purchase food please provide them with small bills or change; **we will not be able to break any bills over \$10.** If you do not plan to buy lunch you are responsible for sending food with your child as usual. If you have questions, or would like to volunteer to distribute lunch please contact us at diefenbakerhotlunch@gmail.com.

Parent Information Sessions @ Richmond Public Library

These sessions are presented by teacher consultants and administrators in the Richmond School District and are a great way for parents to gain an understanding of the changing curriculum and expectations. Sessions are FREE but registration is required www.yourlibrary.ca/events.

Chess Club: Thursdays after school in Computer Lab

This competitive chess environment is run by knowledgeable and enthusiastic parent, Frank Ju. Please contact diefenbakerchessclub@gmail.com for more information and to sign up. Chess Club meets every Thursday in the computer lab.

3rd Annual Spring Fair Saturday April 14th, 10:00-2:00

Our Spring Fair and Craft Market is fast becoming one of the more popular events in West Richmond, and it's easy to see why! Please help us by volunteering at the event, and spreading word to everyone you know how awesome this event is. We will have craft vendors, concessions, raffle, silent auction, games, and concessions. Tables are still available (\$25) if you are a crafter/artisan yourself! Right now we are looking for the following donations: **party favour toys (for prizes), lego sets, bottles of wine.** Please drop off your donations at the office labelled "PAC". Thank you in advance!

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