



THE DIEFENBAKER REPORT



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February-March 2018

Have a safe and happy Spring Break! See you back on Tuesday, April 3rd.

Pink Shirt Day

On Wednesday, February 28th, students and staff at Diefenbaker participated in Pink Shirt Day. Many of us wore pink to indicate that we want to make our community a better place by working to be kind and inclusive. Our Student Leadership team was busy in preparation for the day by presenting information at our Bulldog Team gathering and running a “Random Acts of Kindness” campaign to encourage staff and students to give thanks to those who have gone out of their way to help them. You can continue this discussion at home by asking your child what random acts of kindness he or she has completed. Random Acts of Kindness can be encouraged at home, as well. You can model positive behaviour for your children and do your part to make our community a great place to be. Thank you to our teacher sponsors of the leadership team for all the lunch hours they have spent with our students: Ms. S. Anderson, Ms. C. Anderson, and Ms. Yager.



Report Cards



You should have received your child’s report card yesterday. Please look for information that indicates the effort that your child is putting into his or her learning. While performance scales and letter grades help to inform you of your child’s progress, the effort that your child makes is extremely important, and should be the basis for your discussions with your child. Encourage and celebrate your child’s efforts this term! Please return the brown report card envelope to the school, as it will be used to send home the final report card in June.

Basketball



Our boys and girls have wrapped up the basketball season with two tournaments at Hugh Boyd and McMath High Schools. All our students played with spirit and sportsmanship, making us proud to be Bulldogs! A huge thank you to our coaches, Ms. Yager, Ms. Blaschuk, Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. Harowitz for all the time they dedicated to making the season possible for our students.

Wigs for Kids

Don’t get your child’s spring haircut just yet! One of our students is growing her hair to donate to Wigs for Kids, an organization that provides wigs to children who have lost their hair due to medical conditions. She has shared her story with the school at a recent assembly and we watched a short video about a boy on Vancouver Island who grew his hair to donate. We are hoping that more students may come forward and wish to do the same. If you are interested in having your child participate, please contact the office. There is also a sign-up sheet on the office counter. We are planning to have the cuts done at an assembly in May (by hairdressers!) to show how kids can make a difference.

Ride or Walk to School

As you know, drop off and pick up times are particularly busy times at school. How about avoiding the congestion and having your kids ride or walk to school? If they can’t come or go all the way, drop them off nearby or have them meet you somewhere in the neighbourhood that is easier for pick up. You can also park further from the school and walk to meet your kids. The walk back is a great time to talk about their day at school. Not only is it good for traffic, it is good for the environment and your child’s health.



Remember to have your child wear a helmet that is the correct size and that is fitted properly if your child rides to school.

Daily Schedule

8:30	Doors open
8:40	First Bell
8:45	Classes begin
10:30-10:45	Recess
12:25-1:10	Lunch
2:38	Dismissal

Be sure to read your newsletters to keep up-to-date, and refer to our school website, where we will post additional information.

Newsletters and Calendars are emailed to you if you have provided us with an email address. It’s a great way to have all the news at your fingertips!



Spring Fair & Craft Market

Saturday April 14th 2018, 10:00 - 2:00



Diefenbaker Elementary School
4511 Hermitage Drive, Richmond
Local vendors and artisans, kids’ carnival games, cake walk, concessions, raffle, silent auctions and MORE!
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Please call our Early Warning Line (604-718-4094) to report students late or absent.