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SCHOOL NEWS

NEWSLETTER #5

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Let's Talk Parent Feedback

The Richmond School District is looking for feedback from parents about BC's redesigned curriculum, and changes to assessment and reporting. Since there is a redesigned curriculum in British Columbia, we also need to redesign how we assess and report on student progress. The goal of reporting and communicating student learning is to ensure that parents are well informed about their children's progress. As a result, we in Richmond are working to support innovative practices for how we communicate student learning. We would like to learn about the types of communication you are receiving about your child's progress, and what you would like to receive in future. The information that you provide us will inform us as we redesign our assessment and reporting practices in Richmond. Please take the survey here: <http://letstalksd38.ca/projects/new-curriculum-in-richmond>

You can also view the Redesigned Curriculum here: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Shenzhen, China Students



We have been hosting twenty-eight Grade 7 students from Shenzhen, China for the past three weeks. Mr. Clay-Smith has been teaching them in the upstairs classroom, and the students have been doing many local cultural & learning activities at our school and in the Greater Vancouver area. The students will return to China on February 2nd. Farewell, and have a safe journey home! Thank you to Mr. Clay-Smith for providing such a rich learning environment for our visiting students.

Pub Fundraiser

The Pub Fundraiser that was held on Thursday, January 19th raised **over \$1,500** for Yusuf's family to help support him as he battles cancer. Yusuf is a Grade 1 student in Mme Orzen's class. Thank you to the Gilmore community for your generosity and support!



CHILDREN'S ARTS FESTIVAL



This year the **9th Annual Children's Arts Festival** will focus on celebrating Canada's 150th birthday. On **Wednesday, February 15th** Gilmore students will have the opportunity to dance up a storm in the *Sonic Garden*, run away and join the

Circus at the *Imagination Playground*, get ready to celebrate all things Canadian as they enter *Once Upon a Time*, and practice their Canadian comedic talent in the *Art Alley!* What a fabulous day this will be for all participants!! Gilmore's very own Miss Tobin is once again the Artistic Director for the festival, and she extends a huge thank you to everyone for supporting this endeavour!!!

Pink Shirt Day

Wednesday, **February 22nd** is **Pink Shirt Day** all over British Columbia in recognition of anti-bullying day. To celebrate diversity and kindness and make a symbolic stand against bullying, we encourage all students and staff to **wear pink** on **February 22**. Thank you!



Reminders from the Office



School Cash Online Parent Quick Guides were sent home with each student, complete with their student number. If you need help registering for online payment, we are here to help!

Student Surveys Regarding Expected Attendance will be sent home on **January 30th**. Please complete the forms and return them to the office to help us plan for September 2017.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on **Wednesday, February 22** and **Thursday, February 23**. Students will be **dismissed** early at **1:40 pm** on these days to allow teachers sufficient time to complete these conferences.



Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club is a fun way for the student community to eat healthy food, play and hang out. **It opens at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 8:30 a.m.** on **Wednesday** and **Friday** mornings. The entrance is at the side of the gym. All students are welcome. Thank you to Mme Berger and Ms. Singh for supporting this program.

READY, SET, LEARN

Parents and caregivers, along with their pre-school aged children, are invited to attend “**Ready, Set, Learn**” events hosted at 12 local schools from January to March. Families learn how to support a young child’s early learning by participating in “playful activities”, followed by a concert by Will Stroet. Information to support parents is provided by the school district’s *Early Learning Team*, as well as community partners. **Ready, Set, Learn** is funded by the Ministry of Education. Families are invited to attend as many of these sessions as they wish. Participation is free, and registration is not required!



Morning Events: (9:30-11:00)

February 1 Errington
February 8 Tomsett
March 1 Thompson

Afternoon Events: (1:00-2:30)

February 1 Steves
February 8 Diefenbaker
March 1 Mitchell

Ready Set Learn 2017



MORNING EVENTS
9:30 -11:00
WILL PERFORMS ON:

January 11
GRAUER
4440 Blundell Rd.
January 18
FERRIS
7520
Sunnymede Cr.
January 25
GEN. CURRIE
8220 General
Currie Rd.
February 1
ERRINGTON
9831 Herbert Rd
February 8
TOMSETT
9671 Odlin Rd.
March 1
THOMPSON
6211 Forsythe Cr.



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AFTERNOON EVENTS
1:00 -2:30
WILL PERFORMS ON:

January 11
HAMILTON
5180 Smith Dr.
January 18
KINGSWOOD
11511 King Rd.
January 25
COOK
8600 Cook Rd.
February 1
STEVES
10111 Fourth Ave.
February 8
DIEFENBAKER
4511 Hermitage Dr.
March 1
MITCHELL
12091 Cambie Rd.

Basketball

The **Boys** and **Girls Grade 6/7** Teams have started basketball with Ms. Singh, Mille Porter, and M. David. Games will continue until Spring Break. Come support the students along the way!



Grade 7 Parent Info



Parents of **Grade 7** students are encouraged to attend one of the following *Secondary School Information Nights*:

| Secondary School Info Nights | | |
|------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Feb. 2 | 6:15 pm | J.N. Burnett Secondary |
| Feb. 2 | 7:00 pm | R.A. McMath Secondary |
| Feb. 8 | 6:30 pm | Richmond Secondary |
| Feb. 15 | 7:00 pm | Steveston-London Secondary |

PAC CORNER



Gilmore's PAC applied for, and was successful in obtaining, a grant from the City of Richmond to celebrate **Canada's 150th Anniversary!** We invite you to be part of the team to bring this special party to the Gilmore community in May! We are looking for historical researchers, prize gatherers, marketers ... the theme is "*Gilmore Then and Now*". The *Canada 150 Committee* will hold its first meeting next **Tuesday, Jan 31 at 6:30 p.m.** (just before the general PAC Meeting). If you're interested in helping, please e-mail us at gilmorepac@outlook.com or contact us through our Facebook group at: @ecolejamesgilmoreelementaryschool.



Your next **PAC meeting** is **Tuesday, January 31st at 7:00 p.m.**

The next **Hot Lunch Day** will be **Friday, February 17th** in the Multipurpose Room.



Please join the Gilmore PAC's Facebook group:
[@ecolejamesgilmoreelementaryschool](https://www.facebook.com/ecolejamesgilmoreelementaryschool)

It's a great way to keep up with the latest PAC news, and stay in touch with other parents!

February 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|----------|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | Quebec Trip | Quebec Trip | Quebec Trip | Return from Quebec | | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 Div. 1, 3 Get Wet 9:30 - 2:30 | 8 | 9 Div. 2, 4 Get Wet 9:30 - 2:30 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 Stat Holiday  Family Day | 14 Valentine's Day  | 15 Children's Arts Festival | 16 | 17 Hot Lunch KBAM (Theatre Sports) Div. 5, 7 & 9 Van. Aquarium Overnight 9 pm | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Pink Shirt Day Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal 1:40 p.m. Div. 6 Heritage Fair 5 - 7 pm | 23 | 24 District Professional Development Day (no school) | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | | | | |