



S.D. #38
(Richmond)

SCHOOL NEWS

NEWSLETTER #8



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Class Placement Requests

Gilmore staff spends considerable, thoughtful time determining the placement of our students in classes for the next school year. There are many factors that are important considerations. As always, classes are subject to change in September, depending upon enrollment numbers through the summer and during the first week of school, which is why we wait until the last day of the first week to place students in their year-long classes. Student considerations include:



- Learning style, strengths and needs
- Degree of independence in work habits
- Social and personal characteristics
- Previous year's placement
- Male/female balance

If you have information based on the factors listed above that you would like us to consider when placing your child in a class for next year, please take this opportunity to submit this information to Mr. David via email (mdavid@sd38.bc.ca) or to the office, **by Friday, June 2nd.**

This input should not include a request for placement with a specific teacher, but rather some important personal or educational data that will assist us with our decision. This information will be shared with teachers during the meetings held to create tentative class placements.

Track Meet



As we head to the track meet on **Thursday, May 4th**, we continue to communicate the importance of demonstrating **GRIFS behaviour** everywhere we go. Our philosophy is to foster a positive, supportive atmosphere so that every student has a great Track and Field season. We would appreciate you taking some time to read over these Track Meet expectations with your child, and to help us reinforce them wherever we go.

Good to Go: We show good team-manship by attending all practices and games on time and prepared with all our equipment and supplies

Respectful: We show respect to our teammates, other team players, coaches, and officials by accepting all calls made during the Track Meet

Involved: As ambassadors of Gilmore school, we demonstrate good citizenship in public by using appropriate language and encouraging words

Friendly: We congratulate others for their efforts/success/victory

Safe: We follow the rules of the Track Meet and listen to instructions

Early Dismissal



All Richmond schools will be dismissed at **2:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, May 23rd** for the Annual Richmond Teachers Association AGM.

KM CLUB

Gilmore's **KM Club** is starting next week! **Katerina Savelieva** (a Gilmore parent) will be the leader. She has 25 years of experience in the fitness industry as a fitness instructor, personal trainer and lifestyle coach. The club will meet on **Tuesday mornings** from **8:00-8:30 a.m.** with the following schedule:

8am-810am	Welcome
8:10-815am	Warm up
8:15-825am	Run / Jog / Power walk
8:25-8:30am	Cool down / Stretch

Please meet at the hockey box. If it's raining, then please meet at the gym. Everyone is welcome to participate (kids, parents, teachers). Please wear comfortable clothing and runners (no rubber boots, please), and bring water to stay hydrated! If you have questions, you may contact Ekaterina at: katyasavelieva@hotmail.com



Satisfaction Survey



The Ministry of Education's *Satisfaction Survey* is now available online for parents of **Grade 4 and 7** students to complete. A login ID is not necessary for parents to complete the survey. You can simply go to the website and select the district and school to complete the survey. Please complete by **May 22nd, 2017**.

The survey is only administered to the **Grade 4 and 7** students at school.

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

Late Return Notice

If your child will not be back for the **first day of school** on **Tuesday, September 5th**, please complete a "*Late Return Notice*" so that we're able to reserve a space at Gilmore for him or her. A copy of the "*Late Return Notice*" may be obtained from the school office



Swimming

Grades 2 to 5 will have the opportunity to participate in swimming lessons next month. **Divisions 5, 7, 8, 9 & 10** are scheduled for **May 2nd to 12th**, and then **Divisions 3, 4 & 6** will go on **May 15th to 26th**.



Canada 150 Celebration



SAVE THE DATE! On **Thursday, May 25th** from **5-8 pm** Gilmore Elementary will be celebrating *Canada's 150th Birthday!* Please read the 3rd page of this newsletter for more information about this special event. Interested parents who would like to help out are asked to place their names on the *Volunteer Sign-up Sheet* which will be located in the school office, or e-mail gilmore@sd38.bc.ca.

PAC CORNER

PAC Meeting

Next PAC meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 18th** at **7:00 p.m.**



Hot Lunch



The next *Hot Lunch* will be on **Friday, May 19th**.

REMINDER CORNER

NO DROP OFF FROM CARS ON ELSMORE OR ROYALMORE BETWEEN THE SIGNS



PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

To drop off or pick up children by car, you must use the **Kelmore Road** parking lot. For safety reasons we ask parents not to enter the school parking lot off of Elsmore before and after school.



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As you may have heard, Canada is **turning 150 this year!** On **Thursday, May 25th**, Gilmore Elementary is very excited to be hosting a special **Canada 150 Party-Gilmore Then & Now!** There will be plenty of Canadian activities for you to participate in, live music, and yummy treats.

The event will be held outside on our school property from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Here is a tentative schedule of the evening:

5:00pm – Welcome and Opening Ceremonies at the gardens

5:30pm – Shyama-Priya - Indigenous Dancer

5:45pm - Activity stations begin

5:45-7:00pm – M&M BBQ available

6:00-8:00pm – Vintage Band performance & Canadian activities to participate in



M&M Meats will be catering the BBQ, and a notice will be sent home shortly requesting your RSVP and food orders, so that we are able to plan for sufficient supplies. There will be a *Parent Volunteer Sign-up Sheet* at the office if you would like to help out.

We will be having a 'Canada' themed Cake Walk this year! Start planning your fabulous cakes – more information will be coming soon.

PLEASE BRING:

- a blanket or lawn chairs to sit on
- money to purchase your food and tickets for goodies
- your Canadian Spirit!

Don't forget to wear your Canada colours and show off your Canadian pride for this amazing country we live in!



Upcoming Events

- Sports Day: June 9
- Div. 3 Theatre Night: June 8
- PAC AGM: June 15
- Div. 1 Play: June 20
- Band Concert: June 21
- Grade 7 Farewell: June 23
- Report Cards Home: June 23
- Farewell Assembly: June 28
- Last Day of School: June 28
- Pro-D: June 29

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pro-D Day (no school)	2 Swimming Gr. 2-4 Div. 5 & 7 9:30 - 10:15 am Div. 8, 9 & 10 10:30 - 11:15 am	3 Track Assembly	4 TRACK MEET (no swimming)	5	6
7	8 Dance Club 3 pm Swimming Gr. 2-4 Div. 5 & 7 Div. 8, 9 & 10	9 Prov. Election (Gym closed)	10 Hugh Boyd Band Performance 7pm Gateway Theatre	11 Panorama Photo 2:00 pm	12 Div. 12 Mother's Day Tea Richmond Honour Band Concert 11am - 12pm	13
14	15 Dance Club 3 pm Swimming Gr. 4, 5 Div. 3, 4 & 6 9:30 - 10:15 am	16	17	18 PAC Meeting 7:00 pm	19 HOT LUNCH	20
21	22 VICTORIA DAY (no school)	23 Swimming Gr. 4, 5 Div. 3, 4 & 6 Early Dismissal 2 pm	24	25 CANADA 150 CELEBRATION	26	27
28	29 Dance Club 3 pm	30	31 Immunization Clinic - KF & Gr 6 K Orientation 1:00 pm			