



FERRIS FLYER

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June 2019

Dear Parents:

The Spring Carnival was a great success thanks to our PAC executive and many parent helpers! We couldn't have such a big school community event without our parents assistance! Thank you!

We will be having a **Parent Appreciation Tea** on Friday June 7th—and look forward to thanking our parents in person—all of our parent volunteers are welcome.

The **Music in the Park** event was moved indoors but went well and we were pleased to be able to have our Lunch Hour Band perform! They are a hardworking and talented group under the direction of Mr. Kruk.

Other important Dates in June:

June 7: Parent Volunteer Tea 1:00-2:00 PM (in the Ferris Library)

June 7: Our Teacher Candidates—LAST Day!

Week of June 10-14

10 PAC Meeting (6-7pm)

13 Tom Lee online instrument rental (gr. 5 students) in computer lab (3-5pm)

14 Ferris Fun Day 1:30 Dismissal

Week of June 17-21

19 COTA Dress Rehearsal

20 COTA Evening Performance 5:30-7:00

Week of June 23-29

26 Gr. 7 Farewell Assembly at 10:30 AM

27 Final Day Assembly & Report Cards go Home—Last day of school



For safety and efficiency reasons, we want to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into our school. For next year, school related expenses will be online for you to make payments and we are asking all of our parents make use of this process. It will hopefully be easier for our parents to pay school supplies, etc.

Parents, if you have not done so already, please take some time to register. Should you have difficulties our office staff may assist you:

Here is how:

Step 1: Go to this website: <https://richmondsd38.schoolcashonline.com>

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps.

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the "click here" option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account. You will need your child(ren)'s pupil number(s), please contact the school office for this.

Be a Helmet Head!

As the weather gets warmer and sunnier, we've noticed that more kids are walking to school or



bringing their bikes, and we encourage them to continue to use these ways of getting to school each day. However, we also notice that some of our students are NOT wearing bike helmets/safety helmets when riding their bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc. Helmets save lives. They absorb the blow that would otherwise hit the skull – in a collision with a tree, a telephone pole, another vehicle, or the ground when cyclists fall off their bikes. Accidents happen, but helmets can help minimize injuries.

In over half of all bicycle incidents, the cyclist's head hits a hard surface. Such crashes can often cause brain injury or skull damage. Even a fall from as little as two feet off a tricycle can result in severe trauma to the head of a small child.

Did you know that in BC, all cyclists are required by law to wear an approved helmet.



Parents –please be there with your children (ages 5-11) for Before and After School Supervision

As part of our continuing efforts each day to keep our students safe, we want to remind all of our students and their families about before and after school supervision at Ferris. Before school, from 8:30 am onwards, students are permitted to enter the building and go into their classrooms.

It is great to see so many of our students and their families outside after school, taking the time to socialize and use the playground areas. However, parents must properly supervise their children. When children are outside without adult supervision, they could risk being hurt on the equipment, or could need adult intervention in their interactions with other students. Children 11 and under should be picked up by a parent or alternate and be supervised when playing on the playground.

While we want all of our students to have a healthy amount of playtime, we want to ensure that they are safe and properly supervised. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe.

Class Placement Parent Input

Each year at this time, we begin to make school organization plans for September based upon the number of students we know are returning and new registrations. Before school ends in June, your child's current classroom teacher, resource staff, educational assistants and administrators will work together to place students for the upcoming school year. These plans are tentative until the first week in September when final student numbers are known. In the first few days of September, all staff meet to confirm teaching assignments and review student placements.

In the organizational meetings, many factors are considered when placing students. Considerations include:

- learning styles and strengths
- work habits
- social/personal characteristics
- male/female balance
- special needs
- friendship groups
- ELL levels
- contractual obligations
- age and physical maturity

As you can see, this is a complicated process, and this list is by no means exclusive as there are many factors unique to a situation that must and will be taken into account.

If you would like the opportunity to provide the school with information about your child's placement for next year, you are welcome to send a letter to the school office by **June 12, 2019**. The information you provide should **not include a request for a specific teacher** but rather some important personal or educational information that will assist us in our decision. All information provided will be shared with the teacher(s) and taken into consideration. Please be aware the final decision regarding placement needs to be a school-based decision.