



Ferris Flyer

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Ferris Newsletter - Jan. 18, 2023



W.D. Ferris Elementary

7520 Sunnymede Cr.
Richmond, BC
V6Y 2V8

Neal Campbell

Principal

Julianna Ng

Vice Principal

School Schedule:

8:45 – Classes Begin
9:55 - 10:10 - Recess
12:00 -12:50 - Lunch

Important Reminders

Daily Health
Check

Students and staff need to check their health each day before coming to Ferris and must stay home if feeling ill.

Student
Absences

Please call the Early Warning line and state the reason for your child's absence: 604-668-6546

Dear Ferris Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful and restful holiday. Students have settled back into school routines and are ready to learn. The second term is often the time when students truly hit their stride. This is also a time of celebration for many Ferris Families who celebrate Lunar New Year, which begins on January 22. We are looking forward to a wonderful start to the new year!

Sincerely,

Neal Campbell (Principal) and Julianna Ng (Vice Principal)

Important Dates

Jan. 19 Spirit Day: Winter Bling

Jan. 22 Lunar New Year Begins

Jan. 25 Uzume Taiko Drumming

Jan. 27 Pro-D Day - No School for Students

Feb. 3 Hot Lunch

Feb. 6 PAC Meeting

STUDENT AND FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND

As shared this past fall, the Student and Family Affordability Fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in the following areas:

- school and course fees
- school supplies and course materials
- field trips
- school-related extracurricular opportunities
- clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities

Please reach out to Neal Campbell (ncampbell@sd38.bc.ca) if you are in need of assistance. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.



Traffic Safety and Walking to School

Student safety is the top priority at Ferris. We know that drop-off and pick-up at Ferris can be quite challenging due to the volume of vehicle and pedestrian traffic. We continue to grow and our school will soon be over 600 students. The most important way for families to help reduce congestion in the neighbourhood and increase safety is to walk to school whenever possible. Walking has added health and environmental benefits as well. Studies show that some of the lowest air quality in urban areas is around schools during drop-off and pick-up times. We know that many of our families are unable to walk to school due to mobility or other factors. The more students walk to school, the easier it is to accommodate these families.

Here are some important traffic reminders:

Student Drop Off: Sunnymede Cr. has a long no stopping zone in front of the school.

Parents dropping off students need to park outside of the no stopping zone.

Please do not drop off students or pick them up in the no stopping zone.

Parking Lot: The parking lot is reserved for staff. Any parents accessing the lot need to have permission from the school.

Drop-Off Loop: The drop-off loop is closed from 8:30 - 9:00 am and 2:30 - 3:00 pm.

The loop has been closed in the afternoon for several years. We began closing it in the morning as a COVID measure, however, it was soon realized that pedestrians were much safer with it closed at this time. For this reason, we will continue with these closure times.



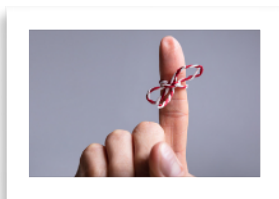
January 20 (4:00pm) is the last day for Priority One registration for kindergarten. Please visit <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten> for more information about the online registration process, required documents, important dates and FAQs.



CYBER SAFETY DPAC PARENT NIGHT AT RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL

Tuesday, January 24th at 7:00pm

The Richmond District Parents Association has organized a parent event: Cybersafe from Exploitation. It will focus on defining digital consent and healthy boundaries, as well as current trends, grooming tactics and positive teen online culture. **Click [here](#) to register.**



Ferris PAC Meeting - Monday, February 6 @6:00pm

All Ferris parents are members of the Parent Advisory Council. We hope to see many of you at the online PAC meeting. The meeting link will be sent through school email.

Updated Website

Have a look at our updated website: ferris@sd38.bc.ca. You can choose your preferred language on the homepage and it will translate attached documents such as this newsletter for you!

