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## April Newsletter

Welcome back to all students and Errington family members. We hope that you all had an enjoyable spring break and are looking forward to the start of term 3. This is always an exciting time for students as they endeavor to complete their current grade requirements and begin to look forward to next year!

### **Covid Update:**

During the break, letters were sent home from the district updating families on new health and safety protocols in our schools. Information provided included guidelines for mask wearing, hand washing, social distancing, daily health checks by students and staff prior to entering the school, and travel requirements. Although masks are now optional, it appears that a large majority of our students and all of our staff have chosen to continue wearing their masks while inside the school. Either way, we respect the right of individuals to make their own choice. As a further precaution, we will continue to monitor all members of our school community for symptoms of illness and ask them to remain or return home if they are not 100% healthy. If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to check the district and school website for updates or call the office for further clarification.

### **Picture Day:**

Please note that it is class photo day on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping that the currently reduced Covid restrictions will allow for us to return to typical photos of all classes, including the school wide panorama. All students are asked to come well dressed for their photo.

### **ELL Spring Assessments:**

During the month of April, our Resource team will be conducting the spring assessments for all ELL students. Results of these assessments will be provided to all families whose children receive English Language Learning support and will be included with their final year end progress report.

### **Student Activities:**

If health and safety restrictions continue to be loosened over the next few weeks, our staff will begin to talk about the possibility of hosting traditional spring events, such as Track and Field, After-school Hockey, and Sports Day. Prior to making any final decisions, we will be consulting with the district and other schools, along with Vancouver Coastal Health to determine what may be feasible to consider. Other activities, such as Welcome to Kindergarten, Ultimate Frisbee Program, year-end field trips, and Grade 7 Farewell, will take place, but may be modified depending on restrictions at the time of the events. Updated information will be shared with families as soon as it is available.

### **Facility Updates and Playground Improvements:**

We are pleased to inform you of a number of different facility projects that are happening in our school. Updated electrical and plumbing work has occurred during the past few months, including improvements to our network capabilities, new lighting and an additional water bottle filling station. Currently, painters are inside the building refreshing the look in all parts of the school. Outside, our grounds department replaced the wood frame around the playground with a more natural surround of rocks and logs and added about a foot deep of new woodchips. The new chips will help to provide a softer surface on which the students can play and along with the logs and rocks provide for better drainage of the area during wet weather.

### **Community Youth Soccer:**

The Royal Soccer Club, a registered non-profit community organization, is proud to host their 30<sup>th</sup> annual popular grassroots summer soccer day camps. The program is designed to promote personal development, team building and of course, FUN! Offering full day and morning sessions to all children aged 5 to 13, the program runs all weeks in July and August. There are 2 Richmond camp locations: Minoru and Whiteside (site details available by [clicking here](#) or visiting the LOCATIONS page on our website [royalsoccerclub.com](http://royalsoccerclub.com)). To register or for more information, visit [royalsoccerclub.com](http://royalsoccerclub.com) or call 1-800-427-0536.

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**PAC Meeting:**

Our PAC is pleased to be able to bring back hot lunch days to Errington. Please check the school calendar and Munch-a-Lunch site for dates and advanced order forms. The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00 am. Please join us, using the following link, to learn more about school operations, ask questions and provide input for PAC fundraising events and election of PAC Executive members.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79265786070?pwd=UGxqRC9YUXQ5TnNmYnZRRFJISWpLQT09>

Meeting ID: 792 6578 6070

Passcode: pac

**Richmond School District Strategic Plan:**

The Richmond Board of Education is pleased to present its 2020 – 2025 Strategic Plan to the Richmond community. The plan identifies areas of priority and sets a path forward for our entire school district for the next few years. It is the hope of the board that all members of the community will see themselves represented in our plan following an extensive consultation process with students and stakeholders. The board looks forward to implementing the plan in the coming years and encourages all members of the community to take the time to review the plan at [sd38.bc.ca/strategicplan](http://sd38.bc.ca/strategicplan).