

From all reports, this year's Learning Fair will be another huge success. Students have a chance to showcase a wide variety of learning that has taken place throughout the month on topics of their choice. Thanks in advance to all parents for making it a high priority to attend and take part in your child's learning achievements. Our staff has successfully guided our students through this exciting learning journey and will be reporting student progress via our formal March report cards. The Learning Fair is one of our school's interim reporting opportunities, so all parents will need to either attend one of the days or make arrangements with their child's teacher to see their work and comment on their progress. It shapes up to be a terrific opportunity for you to share in your child's learning.



Thank you to Ms. Ambrose and her committee of volunteers for coordinating another terrific Book Fair for RC MacDonald. Thanks to the hard work of many parents on the Book Fair committee our library has gained lots of new books via Scholastic commissions to augment our school's collection. The last two weeks of learning before Spring Break will be busy and will be highlighted by a school-wide skate taking place on March 9th at Poirier Arena.

On behalf of the amazing staff at RC MacDonald we wish you all a safe and enjoyable upcoming Spring Break. It is an important time for students and staff alike to recharge their batteries before the third term of the school year. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable time and we will see you all back at school on Tuesday, April 3rd.

Sincerely,

Mr. Watkins, Principal



WINTER SAFETY

With the snowfall that happened over the past weekend, we recognize that there are lots of opportunities for children to enjoy outdoor activities. RC MacDonald is a great place to enjoy the cold weather, but ice and snow can also be dangerous for children and parents alike.

Here are a few tips to (hopefully) help parents and children enjoy winter activities safely:

- **Wear proper footwear.** Wear shoes with heavy treading and a flat bottom that place the entire foot on the surface of the ground.
- **Dress appropriately.** Please make sure your child is wearing warm clothing (including hats and gloves) outside – and as we warm up, waterproof outerwear would be ideal. RC MacDonald has a policy of students going outside for both recess and lunch breaks unless we have extreme weather conditions.
- **Plan ahead.** Walk consciously on icy sidewalks and parking lots. Look up to see where the next icy spots are and be aware of any vehicles near you.
- **Anticipate ice.** What appears to be wet pavement may be black ice, so approach it with caution. Ice will often appear in the mornings, so be more aware in the early hours.

- **Take steps slowly.** When walking down steps, take them slowly and deliberately. Plant your feet securely on each step and be sure to have a firm grip on the handrail.
- **Enter buildings slowly.** The floors of buildings may be covered in melted snow and ice, so check the entrance and try to step on any rugs in the doorways.
- **Avoid shortcuts.** A shortcut path may be dangerous because it is less likely that snow and ice removal occurred.
- **Look up.** Be aware of what you're walking under. Falling snow, ice and tree branches can cause injuries.



We are trying our best to keep everyone at RC MacDonald safe during the cold weather by shovelling and salting paths and parking lots – but please be careful out there!

ATTACHMENTS:

Spring Break Day Camps:

- [School of Wonderstanding](#) (various SD43 schools)
- [School of Wonderstanding](#) (Minnekhada – French Immersion)
- [Unique Get Together Society](#) (Pitt River – Special Needs Camp)

COMING UP AT R.C. MACDONALD:

Body Science Parent Information Session (6:30 – 8:00 PM, Library)	Feb. 26	Monday
Body Science Workshops	Feb. 28	Wednesday
Pink Shirt Day	Feb. 28	Wednesday
Learning Fair (3:00 – 4:00 PM)	Feb. 28	Wednesday
 Early Dismissal @ 2:00 p.m.  (Learning Fair 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.)	Mar. 1	Thursday
School Ice Skating (9:30 – 10:30 & 11:00 – 12:00 @ Poirier)	Mar. 9	Friday
Formal Report Card #2 sent home	Mar. 15	Thursday
School Closed for Spring Break	Mar. 19-29	Mon-Thu
Good Friday - NO SCHOOL	Mar. 30	Friday
Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL	Apr. 2	Monday
Schools Reopen after Spring Break	Apr. 3	Tuesday
School Class and Panorama Photos (9:00 AM)	Apr. 9	Monday
Como Lake Relays (2:30 – 5:00 PM @ Como Lake)	Apr. 18	Wednesday
PAC Meeting (6:30 – 8:00 PM, Library)	Apr. 19	Thursday
Pro-D Day (District) - NO SCHOOL	Apr. 20	Friday
Community Run / Treat Sale (9:45 AM start)	Apr. 27	Friday

The RC MacDonald calendar is online – all events that have been confirmed are available for you to see at a glance. please revisit our site as *we will continue to add special event dates as they are confirmed.* Our website is:

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/rcmacdonald/Pages/default.aspx>