

## ***Welcome to the warm and sunny month of May.***

This time of year is as busy as ever as we work through term three at school as well as planning for the 2018/19 school year. This time of year also sees our neighbourhood bears awakening and starting to forage for food. This is an important time to

review with our RC MacDonald students how to safely interact with our local wildlife. We are really stressing to students the importance of keeping all food out of our forest play area and keeping our school grounds free of potential attractants. If bears are reported to be near the school at recess or lunch we would initiate a "Hold and Secure" drill which essentially means efficiently moving students indoors. During the school day the local wildlife are generally less active and we have rarely seen animals on our property at that time. Our supervisors will continue to be observant of our playground boundaries, and have air horns available to them to maximize student safety. When the weather starts to improve please ensure your child(ren) dress for the unpredictable west coast weather. As it gets sunnier students should wear sunscreen on their face, bring a hat to wear outside and have a water bottle available to help them stay hydrated. If the sun shines we want to be prepared! There may also be the occasional rainy day between now and the end of June so a waterproof jacket will also ensure they are comfortable during all outdoor activities. There will be lots of valuable learning taking place in and out of the classrooms throughout the months of May and June. Our staff at RC MacDonald looks forward to a busy, productive, and enjoyable third term with your children.



Sincerely,

Ceri Watkins, Principal

## **STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

At the end of June, we will be having a pizza lunch delivered to RC MacDonald to celebrate our Grade 4 and 5 volunteers.

Each year we ask students to volunteer for jobs that supplement the school environment and community. The leadership activities include: Equipment Monitors, Assembly MC's, Lunch Monitors, Morning Announcements and Treat Sale Monitors.

All of these volunteers do jobs that help the school run smoother and be more engaging for students. The benefits of the volunteering go beyond the benefits it brings to the school. It provides an opportunity for students to contribute to their school and community, not because they have to, but because they want to.

We are both proud and appreciative of the volunteer spirit our students demonstrate.



## **COMO LAKE RELAYS**

Many of our grade 4's and 5's from RC Mac participated in the Como Lake Relays on April 18<sup>th</sup> (and the early morning practices beforehand!): Charlie, Gwendolyn, Kaleb, Mackenzie, Micah, Varun, William, Rohit, Ben N., Sophia, Adi, Vanessa, Cara, Ryan A. and Ayden. This was a huge success with all of our athletes running their best times, showing our big hearts and once again proving that we are the "Little School That Could"! Extra congratulations to the Grade 4 girl team of Vanessa and Cara, who ran with two girls from James Park Elementary and who placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the relay.



A big thank you to all of our parents who brought our students to the lake in the mornings for practices the past few weeks, and for watching their children run a fantastic race on Thursday. We also want to say thank the teachers who organized this event: Ms. Olund, Ms. Huggins, Mr. Fitzgerald and Ms. Watson. We truly appreciate all of you.

## **PAC AGM – THURSDAY, MAY 31ST – 6:30PM-8:00PM**

Our PAC AGM is coming soon on May 31 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm in the library. Come early at 6:15 and meet the current PAC executive. It will be a great time to chat and meet some new people at the school. There will be babysitting available in the gym. Hope to see you there!

PAC Volunteers are needed for the 2018/2019 School year. If you are interested in volunteering with our PAC please sign up for the position(s) you are interested in by May 31st. The sign-up sheets are located on the PAC Bulletin Board across from the school gymnasium. For more information please contact Michele Mihailoff, PAC President, via our PAC email address [rcmac.pac@hotmail.com](mailto:rcmac.pac@hotmail.com). Please note that PAC positions can be shared.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- [PAC – Volunteers Needed Poster](#)
- [PAC – Role Description](#)
- [SD43 Summer Learning \(Elementary/Middle School\) Brochure](#)
- [SD43 Summer Learning \(April Ad\)](#)

**COMING UP AT R.C. MACDONALD:**

Mother's Day	May 13	Sunday
Victoria Day Holiday	May 21	Monday
Pro-D Day (School Based) - <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	May 22	Tuesday
District Track & Field Meet (Percy Perry Stadium)	May 25	Friday
PAC Annual General Meeting (6:30 – 8:00 PM, Library)	May 31	Thursday
Welcome to Kindergarten Session (1:30 PM) (more info to come)	May 30	Wednesday
Hip Hop Week	Jun 4-8	Mon-Fri
Hip Hop Performance (time TBA)	Jun 8	Friday
Parent Breakfast Tea (8:45 – 9:45 AM)	Jun 13	Wednesday
<b>Early Dismissal @ 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Jun 13</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
Father's Day	Jun 17	Sunday
Talent Show	Jun 25	Monday
Sports Day	Jun 26	Tuesday
<b>Early Dismissal @ 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Jun 26</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony (1:07 PM, Gym)	Jun 27	Wednesday
Formal Report #3 goes home	Jun 28	Thursday
Last Day of School for Students	Jun 28	Thursday

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>

