

Dear RC MacDonald Community,

Let's welcome Fall together at RC MacDonald by viewing a neat video showing the new playground being manufactured: [RC Mac Playground](#). The playground will be installed by February 2022 on the Lower Playground area and will be open to students of every grade to enjoy.

This October and November parents will have a chance to visit the school in person first outside to help with our Project Salamander planting, and then inside for the Parent/Student/Teacher Fall Conferences.

Several school items are just getting underway this year including PAC Hot Lunches & Treat Sales, Lunch Lady and after school programs. I will continue to send emails as will our PAC Classroom Parents to keep you informed.

Thank you to the entire school community for their efforts in the Terry Fox Run. RC MacDonald raised over \$1600.00 in funds to support cancer research. Well Done! The top fundraising students will receive a prize from the Office and the whole school will celebrate with an extended Recess on a sunny day coming soon.

The RC Mac Staff, new and old, have started the year with some amazing work together on Orange Shirt Day, Outdoor Learning, and Numeracy. Here we are in this short video: [Meet the RC Staff 2021-2022](#)

Take care and see you outside soon,

*Mrs. Roberts, Principal*



## **PROJECT SALAMANDER – Parent Volunteers & Tools Needed**

RC MacDonald students and staff will be busy planting this month. The plants arrive on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Please keep an eye out for details from the PAC Classroom Parent and Teacher as we will be looking for parent volunteers and tools (pick axe, shovels, hoses).

Many thanks to Eve Gauthier for her tremendous work with Project Salamander including choosing the right plants for the right place and making sure we adhere to the Tree Canada Grant parameters with our project. This environmental stewardship project allows RC MacDonald students to learn more about native plants and most importantly to begin replacing the 51 trees that were removed two years ago from our school forest.

## **Dogs at School**

A friendly reminder to families about dogs at school. We have several children at the school who are afraid of dogs. Please be sure to keep your dog away from the student line ups at pick up and drop off times. Thank you.

## **Absences**

Thank you for your continued diligence in following the daily health check and keeping children at home until symptom free. Please use the online absence form on the school website, quick links to log absences. [Online Absence Form](#)

## Lunch Lady

Lunch Lady will be taking online orders for a weekly lunch on Wednesdays.

Order by Monday for a Wednesday October 6<sup>th</sup> lunch. <https://order.lunchlady.ca>

## Fall 2021 - Afterschool Programs

Note: New registration system, sign up for a new 'Parent' account and verify your email

### **Online Registration Platform: [DWUL.io](https://www.dwul.io)**

(Enter 'RC MacDonald' in Search section)

- Monday - [Ducks Volleyball powered by Moresports \(Gr 4-5\)](#)
- Wednesday - [Love2Dance Fun Breakdance \(Gr 1-5\)](#)
- Thursday - [Mpower Your Inner Ninja \(Gr 2-5\) - Martial-art, SEL](#)



## PAC Hot Lunch and Treat Sales

The RC Mac PAC will be advertising the dates for Hot Lunch and Treat Sales via the PAC Class Parent emails. Families can order online through MunchaLunch. Please know that all food items for these sales will be individually wrapped and distributed to each student safely by Staff within the COVID19 protocols.

## FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT– Grade 4

Grade 4 students will be writing the FSAs during the month of October. The FSA consists of literacy and numeracy assessments both on paper and online. Parents will receive the FSA results for their child later in the school year. The FSA results are not part of the regular reporting and assessing by teachers in the school. Should you wish for your child NOT to participate in the FSAs please contact Mrs. Roberts.

## WE SCARE HUNGER CAMPAIGN – October 25<sup>th</sup> -October 29<sup>th</sup>



As part of our ongoing school objective to teach children to think of others we are going to do our "We Scare Hunger " campaign to collect food for those who need a bit of help. The food will be donated to SHARE.

**Food will be collected from October 25 – October 29.** Donation boxes marked with Division numbers 1 through 7 will be in the hallway outside the office.

Members of our school's WE CARE team will be counting up the number of items brought by each class. This will be divided by the number of students in each class. The class which donates the most per student will win an extra Recess.

## HALLOWEEN- Friday October 29<sup>th</sup>

Students and Staff are looking forward to Halloween Fun this year. Classroom teachers will be sending information about how their class plans to spend the Halloween day including when costumes can be worn in class. Please keep in mind that costumes worn to school must follow these guidelines:

- Fake/Costume weapons of any kind are not permitted
- Masks/Hoods must be removable for safety and so we can see our students
- Keep "scary" to a minimum - please remember what the costume might be like for youngest students



## **FALL CONFERENCES AND EARLY DISMISSAL- November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Fall Conferences provide the opportunity for students to show parents what they are learning so far and articulate personal learning goals for the school year with teacher assistance. The conferences allow for a brief interview time for parents and teachers to discuss each student's progress thus far.

Classroom teachers will communicate directly with parents to book conferencing times closer to November. The students are dismissed early at 1:45pm on Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the conference schedule. Should there be any reason for families to not come to the school in person, an online meeting with your child's teacher is also an option.

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## **PAC Parent Roles 2021-2022**

### **Class Parents:**



- Div 1: Francisca Madariaga
- Div 2: Jan Balcar
- Div 3: Benita Basra
- Div 4: Shannon Murray
- Div 5: Anesse Cha
- Div 6: Tanya Evans
- Div 7: Adrian Tichler

### **PAC Committees:**

- District PAC: Eve Gauthier
- E-Prep: Eve Gauthier
- Fruit & Veggie Program: Elaine Foo
- Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony: Bryn Askwith, Sarah Osotonal, Melissa Plouffe, Kanika Jain
- Staff Appreciation: Francisca M.
- Treat Sales: Nelly Seward
- Healthy Hair: Anesse Cha
- Holiday Pancake Breakfast: Benita Basra
- Hot Lunch: Nelly Seward and Christa Melancon
- Movie Night: Christa, Shannon, Kanika
- Student Learning Workshops: Kanika Jain
- Fun Run: Fransisca
- Purdy's Chocolates: Sarah Ostonal
- School Dance: Eve Gauthier
- Welcome to Kindergarten: Tanya Kabiri, Elaine Foo
- Landscape Coordinator: Eve Gauthier



## COMING UP AT RC MACDONALD

Photo Retakes	Oct. 6	Wednesday
Lunch Lady	Oct. 6	Wednesday
School Spirit Friday - Wear <b>BLUE</b>	Oct. 8	Friday
Thanksgiving Day – <b>No School</b>	Oct. 11	Monday
Plants arrive for Project Salamander	Oct. 12	Tuesday
Lunch Lady	Oct. 13	Wednesday
School Spirit Friday - Wear <b>BLUE</b>	Oct. 15	Friday
PAC Meeting (6:30 – 8:00 PM, ZOOM)	Oct. 21	Thursday
Provincial Pro D Day – <b>Students do not attend</b>	Oct. 22	Friday
Halloween Fun	Oct. 29	Friday
<b>Early Dismissal at 1:45PM</b> (Fall Conferences 2:00-6:00 PM)	Nov. 2	Tuesday
<b>Early Dismissal at 1:45PM</b> (Fall Conferences 2:00-4:00 PM)	Nov. 3	Wednesday
School Spirit Friday - Wear <b>BLUE</b>	Nov. 5	Friday
Remembrance Day Assembly	Nov. 10	Wednesday
 Remembrance Day – <b>No school</b>	Nov. 11	Thursday
School Spirit Friday - Wear <b>BLUE</b>	Nov. 12	Friday
Term 1 Report Cards Published on Parent Portal	Dec. 16	Thursday
 Last Day of School before Winter Vacation	Dec. 17	Friday
Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation	Jan. 4, 2021	Tuesday

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>