

R.C. MacDonald students are awesome! Despite being the smallest school in the district our Grade 3, 4 and 5 athletes excelled at the School District Track Meet held last week at Town Centre. After a few weeks of track practices during PE classes and lunch hours, RC Mac students performed at the highest level against schools three and four times our size. Our students had a terrific time, won some ribbons and represented RC MacDonald with pride! Thanks to everyone who helped coach, transport and supervise students at this event.



Our teachers thoroughly enjoyed the Staff Appreciation Week, highlighted by an amazing luncheon prepared and served by RC MacDonald parents. Our staff was so grateful for the generous treats as well as the gift of time during this busy part of the school year. It is nice to know that parents recognize the fantastic work our staff does for your children every day. A positive relationship between home and school is an essential part of building a successful school climate. RC Mac is a community built on the relationships forged as parents, children and teachers work together towards a common goal. Thanks to everyone who helped throughout the week.

This year has been as busy as ever, but we are working diligently to ensure a successful conclusion to June. Throughout the month of June we have Hip Hop Week highlighted by the performance assembly, our RC MacDonald Talent Show, Sports Day, various field trips, Parent Tea, the K/1 Camp Out and Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony! Teachers are working hard to complete end of year lessons and assessments as the end of term draws nearer. Let's work together to help keep students focused on both the work and play that will take place in the month of June. There is a lot to accomplish before summer holidays begin. The energy and enthusiasm that permeates the school is one of the many things I will miss about working here. Thank you all for being a positive part of the RC MacDonald culture and climate.

This is my last newsletter message and as I have said to many of you in person, "Thank you". I have truly appreciated the opportunity to work at RC MacDonald, in this community with these wonderful kids for the past six years. I am proud of the progress our school has made under my direction and know that our fantastic staff will continue to build on their successes moving forward. I look forward to new challenges next year at Pleasantside but RC MacDonald and its students will always hold a special place in my heart.

Sincere thanks,

Ceri Watkins, Principal

ATTACHMENTS:

- [SD43 Summer Day Camps](#)

COMING UP AT R.C. MACDONALD:

Hip Hop Week	Jun 4-8	Mon-Fri
Grade 5 Students visiting Montgomery Middle (10:10 – 12:15)	Jun 7	Thursday
Hip Hop Performance (1:10 – 2:45, Gym)	Jun 8	Friday
PAC School Dance (6:30 – 8:00 PM, Gym) 	Jun 8	Friday
Parent Breakfast Tea (8:45 – 9:45 AM, Library)	Jun 13	Wednesday
Early Dismissal @ 2:00 PM	Jun 13	Wednesday
Father's Day	Jun 17	Sunday
Forest Campout – Div 5, 6 & 7	Jun 22	Friday
Grade 5 Leaving Field Trip	Jun 22	Friday
Talent Show	Jun 25	Monday
Sports Day	Jun 26	Tuesday
Early Dismissal @ 2:00 PM	Jun 26	Tuesday
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>



RC MacDONALD SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018 – 2019

Schools Open	Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Non-Instructional Day (District)	Friday, September 21, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 8, 2018
Non-Instructional Day (Provincial)	Friday, October 19, 2018
Non-Instructional Day (Redesigned Curriculum Training)	Friday, November 9, 2018
Remembrance Day Holiday	Monday, November 12, 2018
Schools Close for Winter Vacation	Friday, December 21, 2018
Winter Vacation Period	December 24/18 to January 4/19
Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 7, 2019
Non-Instructional Day (School Based)	Monday, January 28, 2019
School Not in Session	Friday, February 15, 2019
BC Family Day	Monday, February 18, 2019
Non-Instructional Day (District)	Friday, February 22, 2019
Schools Close for Spring Vacation (Last Day in Session)	Friday, March 15, 2019
Spring Vacation Period	March 18 to March 29, 2019
Schools Re-open after Spring Vacation	Monday, April 1, 2019
Good Friday	Friday, April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	Monday, April 22, 2019
Non-Instructional Day (District)	Friday, April 26, 2019
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2019
Non-Instructional Day (School Based)	Tuesday, May 21, 2019
Last Day of School for all Students	Thursday, June 27, 2019
Administration Day	Friday, June 28, 2019

BELL SCHEDULE

- 8:55 am Welcoming Bell
- 9:00 am Classes Begin
- 10:30 am Recess
- 10:50 am Classes Resume
- 12:20 pm Lunch Eating Time
- 12:40 pm Lunch Play Time
- 1:07 pm Entry Bell - Classes Resume
- 3:00 pm Dismissal