



April 2022

Hello RC MacDonald Community,

The Spring term will bring much to celebrate as we enter the final term of the year. It's wonderful to see everyone back at school and enjoying the new playground!

Our school community is gradually shifting our understanding of Inclusion. We are doing our best to work together to further develop and move forward in our Inclusive practices for school wide events and hope you will join us as we move to better include everyone. What Inclusive actions will we do? We will celebrate:

- **Playground completion.** The playground was made possible through a provincial grant that asks schools to develop accessible play areas so that all children have equal opportunities.
- **RC Mac Mural installation.** The RC Mac Mural features artwork from our community from 2020-2022. It represents our joy for this place and documents the beginnings of a hopeful future for the relationship between the school community and Kwikwetlem Nation.
- **International Day for Families and Global Day of Parents** will be highlighted in our school this year rather than Mother's Day and Father's Day activities. We will be naming and nurturing our connections to Family through school activities including the "How We Arrived Here" bulletin board display and the "Welcome Fence" project. We are hoping this will allow all families to celebrate together at home in keeping with their traditions. It will also provide opportunity for teachers to read and reference books with themes that make space for a diverse understanding of what makes a family.
- **National Indigenous Peoples Day of Canada** will be acknowledged on June 21st.
- We will announce each major cultural or religious observance this Term: Ram Navami, Vaisakhi, Good Friday, Passover, Easter, Eid-Al-Fitr, Cinco De Mayo, Mother's Day, International Day for Families, Vaisakhi Day, Victoria Day, Global Day of Parents, Father's Day.

Sincerely,

Theresa Roberts, Principal

Lunches & Treat Sales

We will send out the list of Treat Sales and Hot Lunches in the RC Mac Reminders as soon as the ordering page is open.

- Order [MunchaLunch](#) (Fridays)
- Order [Lunch Lady](#) (Wednesdays)

The RC MacDonald PAC is very excited to be able to offer hot lunches and treat days. The ordering deadline is usually midnight of the Saturday before the lunch/treat day. To set up or reactivate your Munch a Lunch account please use the appropriate link below.

- NEW parents can register here: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/rcmacdonald>
- RETURNING parents can go directly to the login page: <https://munchalunch.com/login>

PAC Read-A-Thon Fundraiser

All students will receive a take home handout for the PAC Readathon. We hope everyone is able to participate again this year. It's win, win, win! Read more, win prizes, and fundraise for the school.

Return It! Proceeds go to Kilometer Club

Consider donating your bottle refunds to the school. RC MacDonald Elementary as a Return It account. Please use the school phone number at any Encorp Pacific Depot and your refund amount will be allocated to the school. This year we are using any funds collected towards the cost of purchasing tokens and chains for the Kilometer Club. Our goal is to raise \$500 over the entire school year.

Class building

As we begin to approach the end of the year, planning for next year is starting. Planning and building classes are very comprehensive activities and something we spend a lot of time on at RC MacDonald. We will begin with teachers individually looking at all students learning needs and peer relationships. Once this process is completed, we begin to look at building classes with respect to balancing learning and social-emotional needs and doing our best for each of our students and taking into consideration the rules for class size and composition. If there are specific learning or peer issues that you would like the school to know of, please feel free to write or email Mrs. Roberts a letter and she will include it as a part of the deliberations into our class building process. **Specific teacher requests will not be considered in our class building.**

Student Learning Survey

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included. The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. The e-survey site will be open until April 29th.

Summer Learning 2022 - See the RC Mac website or click on the link for some information on great [Summer Learning opportunities](#) for Elementary Students.

Coming up at RC MACDONALD



Wed. April 13	RC MacDonald Relays (grade 4/5)
Wed. April 13	Healthy Hair Day
Fri. April 15	Good Friday
Mon. April 18	Easter Monday
Thurs. April 21	Earth Day Assembly & Activity
Fri. April 22	Pro-D Day – District (no school for students)
Tues. April 26	Early Dismissal 2:00pm
Tues. April 26	Grade 4/5 District Speeches Event (for finalists)
Wed. April 27	Early Dismissal 2:00pm
Thurs. April 28	“Sharing Success Stories” Student Portfolios distributed
Fri. April 29	Grade 2 Hearing Screen
Wed. May 4	ArtsStarts Performance – Visions of Turtle Island
Tues. May 17	Connecting to Kindergarten – new K Families 1:30-2:30
Tues. May 17	Early Dismissal for K students only @ 12:00pm
Mon. May 23	Victoria Day
Tues. May 24	Pro-D Day – School Based (no school for students)
Thurs. June 2	Parent Body Science Presentation
June 6 - 10	Hip Hop
Mon. June 13	Student Body Science Presentation
Tues. June 28	Leaving Ceremony
Wed. June 29	Final Report Cards published on parent portal
Wed. June 29	Last Day of School