

Dear RC Mac Community,

Welcome to October! As the air crispens up our students are eagerly working on assignments and projects both indoors and outdoors; on paper and online. This year we have a wonderful group of students who are keen to learn and very involved in school events and activities. There is nothing quite so special as being greeted by the smiling faces of students, staff and parents in and around the school. RC MacDonald is truly a special place!



Students have settled into classes and our teachers have gotten the year off to a terrific start. The Terry Fox fundraising campaign continues through to Thanksgiving. We are hoping to raise \$2000 or more towards Cancer Research. Ms. Johnson and ten students will be running in the SD43 Elementary School Terry Fox Run on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Twenty plus schools are running Terry's money home all together to present to the Terry Fox Foundation and RC MacDonald is proud to be part of this amazing event!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Ms. Morrison, our new school counselor. Ms. Morrison will be working at RC MacDonald on Tuesdays. Fun fact – once upon a time Ms. Morrison worked at RC MacDonald Elementary 😊 We are thrilled to have an experienced counselor on our staff once more.

Thanks to our PAC group for the energy and dedication to volunteering at school events. We are anticipating lots of fun this fall as the PAC invites families to a Harvest Halloween Dance on October 18<sup>th</sup> and a PAC Pub Night on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The PAC always welcomes new parent volunteers. If you would like to help out at even one event that is very much appreciated. At this time we are looking for Scholastic Book Fair volunteers and a Breakfast with Santa committee coordinator.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I will take the opportunity, on behalf of the RC Mac Staff, to wish all our families and their extended families and neighbours a wonderful weekend together.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Roberts, Principal*

## **HARVEST HALLOWEEN DANCE October 18<sup>th</sup>**

This October get your Halloween costumes out early – we are having a Halloween Dance on Friday October 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Admission is by a donation at the door. A cash concession will be open. Please note that students must attend with a parent or family member. If you are interested in helping with set up please let the Classroom Parent for your child know and they will put you in contact with the organizing committee.

## **PAC PUB NIGHT October 24<sup>th</sup>**

Our wonderful PAC has put together a fun evening out for parents and family friends. Please purchase your Pub Night tickets through the [MunchaLunch website](#). \$20 ticket for a Burger, Beer and lots of fun with the RC Mac PAC.

## **STUDENT VOLUNTEERS??**

The PAC is looking for ***high school student*** volunteers, possibly students who have previously attended RC Mac, to volunteer at various PAC-sponsored activities (running the concession at school dances and movie nights, childcare for PAC meetings, etc.). Volunteering will count for the high school student's required volunteer hours and would be a great

help for our school community! If you know someone who might be interested, please have them email [rcmac.pac@hotmail.com](mailto:rcmac.pac@hotmail.com).

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>**

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to RC MacDonald soon! We are looking for parent volunteers to help. The times we need the most help are Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> 2-6pm and Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup> 2pm- 4pm. Please email Mrs. Roberts if you are interested in volunteering.

## **FALL CONFERENCES – November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>**

Parents are invited to sign up for Fall Conferences. Look for a Fall Conference Sign Up Form in your child's planner in the third week of October.

**Please note:** This is an opportunity to tour the school and connect with your child's teacher about the initial first weeks of school. Although this is not a formal report teachers, parents and students may begin to discuss the student's social-emotional and/or academic goals.

We are working towards increasing student voice and participation in conferencing at the school. Please feel welcome to bring your children to the conference. Students will be prompted to tell you about the daily classroom and school routines "A Day in Life of Grade X" and also show you what they are most proud of learning so far this year.

## **FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT– Grade 4**

Grade 4 students will be writing the FSAs during the month of October. The FSA consists of reading, writing and numeracy assessments both on paper and online. Parents will receive the FSA results later in the school year for their child. 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 28<sup>th</sup> -November 1<sup>st</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.

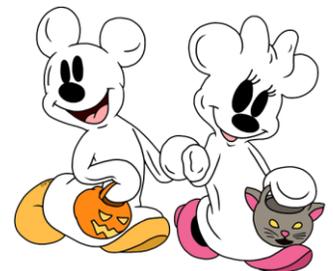
**Food will be collected from October 22 – October 31.** Donation boxes marked with Division numbers 1 through 7 will be located in the hallway outside the office.

Members of our school's Me to We 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 ice cream party – and a sticker sheet for those who cannot have ice cream.

## **HALLOWEEN- Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Students, Staff and Parents are looking forward to Halloween Fun! We are planning a Costume Parade in the afternoon for the whole school. 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



## Tri-Cities Child Care Action Plans – Parent’s Survey

The Cities of Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, and Port Moody (the Tri-Cities) are working together to assess the needs for child care. A key part of the process involves hearing the views of parents and guardians (both current and future planning) on child care issues and priorities. Based on the information gathered, each City will be developing its own Child Care Action Plan. The Cities will also be using the information to support efforts to secure more child care facilities throughout the area (e.g., through Provincial grant funding).

We are encouraging our parent community to participate in this survey. Click on this link to start: <http://tricitychildcare.ca/>

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

School District Terry Fox Run- Elite Team with Ms. Johnson -Run, Run, Run!	Oct. 11	Friday
Thanksgiving Day - <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Oct. 14	Monday
Photo Retakes (9:05 AM)	Oct. 16	Wednesday
PAC Meeting – Library 6:30pm-8:00pm	Oct. 20	Monday
PAC Hot Lunch	Oct. 24	Thursday
Provincial Pro D Day – <b>STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND</b>	Oct. 25	Friday
 Treat Sale (Recess)	Oct. 26	Friday
 Costume Parade (1:20) (children change into costumes after lunch)	Oct. 31	Thursday
Scholastic Book Fair	Nov 4-6	Mon -Wed
Fall Conferences & <b>Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm</b>	<b>Nov 5/6</b>	Tues/Wed
Remembrance Day Assembly (11:00 AM)	Nov. 8	Friday
PAC Hot Lunch	Nov. 8	Friday
 Remembrance Day	Nov. 11	Monday
PAC Meeting – Library 6:30pm-8:00pm	Nov. 21	Thursday
PAC Hot Lunch	Nov. 22	Friday
 School Skating Day (Poirier Arena, times TBA)	Nov. 25	Monday
Community Run 9:45-10:15 and  Treat Sale (Recess)	Nov. 29	Friday
PAC Hot Lunch	Dec. 6	Friday
Christmas Concert (times TBA)	Dec. 18	Wednesday
First Formal Report Card Goes home	Dec. 19	Thursday
PAC Hot Lunch	Dec. 20	Friday
 Last Day of School before Winter Vacation	Dec. 20	Friday
Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation	Jan. 7, 2019	Monday

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>