

Dear RC Mac Community,

Welcome to November!

We certainly have enjoyed the month of October with a variety of events for students, staff and parents.

Thanks to all families who contributed to the WE Scare Hunger Campaign, organized by Ms. Coomer and the Me2We student group.

Thanks to our PAC group for the energy and dedication to volunteering their time to the Halloween Dance, PUB Night and upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. Thanks also to parents who are volunteering time for class field trips and driving students to Volleyball Games.



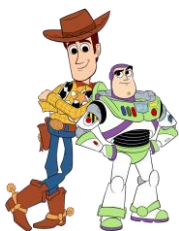
Our "Run Terry's Money" home group of students had a tremendous experience this year. Thanks to Ms. Johnson for organizing this worthwhile event. We hope to participate again next year.

As we head into what may be the final "Fall Back" time zone, please be aware of safety on the streets during the school drop off and pick up times. It may be dark and frosty or rainy. Please slow down on the side streets near the school. Our caretakers do their best to keep the perimeter of the school salted and free of snow and ice but it is important that everyone takes some extra time and caution as the conditions often change quickly throughout the day and night.

Our next school events will bring everyone into the building for Fall Conferences, Book Fair, and the Remembrance Day Assembly.

See you soon,

Mrs. Roberts, Principal



TOY STORY PERFORMANCE

Tuesday November 12th 1:15-1:45pm and 4:00-4:30pm

Please join our LunchBox Theatre students as they perform Toy Story. Students have worked diligently on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch times with the director to put together this special show. Many thanks to Tina Balachandran for her work with our students.

Do What You Love- After School Programs

Do What You Love still has quite a few spaces in the Love2 Dance class that starts next week. Please register online @ <https://dowhatuluv.ca/RCMacdonald>.

Do What You Love also has additional programs open for registration (Winter programs). We have tried to offer a variety of programs on different days of the week throughout the school year for our students.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – November 5th and 6th

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 5th 2-6pm and Wednesday November 6th 2pm- 4pm. Please email Mrs. Roberts if you are interested in volunteering.

Remembrance Day Assembly Friday November 8th 10:45am- 11:30am

Students are preparing songs, poems, wreaths and art work to share at this year's assembly. We are encouraging students who attend Beavers, Cubs, Brownies and Girl Guides to participate by wearing their uniform.



FALL CONFERENCES – November 5th and 6th

We are looking forward to seeing parents attend the upcoming Fall Conferences.

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.

PARKING AND DRIVING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

If you live close by, we hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to walk to school. This is a great way to connect with your child and help them get off to a good start to the school day. If you are driving, please obey all street signs and respect our neighbours' driveways and property. The recommended drop off is on the east side of Balfour, from the passenger side of the car directly onto our sidewalk. For pick-up please follow the same procedures to ensure clear crosswalk access and safe walkways for all of our children at the end of the day. The parking lot is for staff parking and handicapped parking only. ***** Please do not drop your children off in the staff parking lot (especially if you are a bit late) – this creates a safety hazard for other children/parents who may be cutting across the lot to get to their classrooms *****



DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

Students will be going outside every day for recess and lunch. (Occasionally, we do keep the students inside under **extreme** weather conditions.) We ask that ALL students come to school with coats, appropriate outdoor shoes or boots, hats, umbrellas, gloves, etc. as needed. It is **strongly recommended** that students keep a change of clothes and

underwear in their gym bags (older students) or in their indoor shoe bag (younger students). To ensure student safety, we can keep our hallways dry in wet weather by having all students enter the school through their class exterior doors. *Thank you for not cutting through the hallways before school.*

WINTER WEATHER AHEAD!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.



However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

Any district-wide or partial-district closures will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the SD43 website at www.sd43.bc.ca and other sources so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements. **In most instances, announcements will NOT be made that schools are open; only cancellations, closures or delayed school openings will be announced.**



While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at:

[http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx#/="](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx#/=)

COMING UP AT R.C. MACDONALD:

Daylight Savings Time Ends (set clocks back 1 hour)	Nov 3	Sunday
Scholastic Book Fair	Nov 4-6	Mon-Wed
Fall Conferences & Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm both days	Nov 5/6	Tues/Wed
Remembrance Day Assembly (10:45-11:30 AM)	Nov. 8	Friday
PAC Hot Lunch	Nov. 8	Friday
 Remembrance Day	Nov. 11	Monday
Theatrix Performances (1:15-1:45pm and 4:00-4:30pm)	Nov. 12	Tuesday
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 Movie Night (6:30pm-8:30pm)	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 Pancake Breakfast	Dec. 20	Friday
PAC Hot Lunch	Dec. 20	Friday
 Last Day of School before Winter Vacation	Dec. 20	Friday
Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation	Jan. 7, 2020	Monday
Healthy Hair Program	Jan 17	Friday
Pro-D Day (school-based)	Jan. 27	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>