



## Richard Beasley ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### *Richard Beasley Families!*

November 2017 Newsletter

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#### **Another BUSY month ahead here at Richard Beasley School as winter approaches!**

Please note that students will have received their '**Progress Reports**' to bring home by now and that staff are available for interviews on Thursday evening (November 2<sup>nd</sup>) and on the PA Day (Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>). Interview times are organized directly through your child's teacher.

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#### **Some additional notes ...**

1. Our first 'Book Fair' of the year will be up and running as of Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Book Fair will be open in the gym from 2:00 to 7:00 pm on Thursday night and also on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 – 10:00 am if you would like to come in and students are also welcome to bring in money with them to make purchases Thursday during the day. Classes will visit the Book Fair to 'preview' items beginning Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. In October, **with the support of School Council and parent volunteers**, we offered two 'special lunch days' (Subway and then Pita Pit). We are now about to sort out 'preference' and will then look to organize additional days over the course of the coming year. Any proceeds from the sale of these 'special lunch days' will go to support the morning nutrition program that all students have access to each day.
3. THANK YOU to all those who were able to come out and join us for the '**Find Your Magic**' show held in October as well. This presentation was free thanks to the efforts of our School Council members, and thoroughly enjoyed by over 100 children and their families ... what a great show!

4. Our next **School Council meeting** is Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 in the school library for any interested caregivers who would like to come out and join us. Come out to learn more about what's happening here at RB!

5. **Students arriving late and/or leaving early** ... we will continue to use 'late slips' and 'excusal slips' in the office for the purpose of accurate attendance tracking. Students arriving late, or requiring to leave early will need to get the appropriate 'slip' from the office. One copy (of the duplicate slips) will be given to the teacher and one copy will be retained by the office for record keeping. This replaces the use of the former student 'sign in/out' book. **Adults who need to be in the building for any reason will continue to sign in/sign out at the office.**

6. **Safe Schools Policy** ... parents often have questions related to, or included in the Board's 'Safe School Policy'. A couple of reminders;

- ✓ Adults in schools ... **any adults entering the school are required to check in at the office and are not permitted to simply 'walk down to classrooms/lockers' and/or accompany children through the school.** Of course parents/guardians are welcome to assist their children with any needs (while at the office) and for our younger students, and/or if any assistance is required, we will always make arrangements for staff to help where necessary. Adults volunteering in the school check in at the office, sign in/sign out, and receive 'identification tags' to wear while in the building.

7. **PLEASE consider volunteering at the school!** Initiatives that are often mentioned here (such as the morning nutrition program, pizza lunches and so on) are fantastic and both loved and appreciated by Richard Beasley students and families. Our ability to continue offering such programs **depends on parent volunteers (!)**. So, if you have a bit of time to spare, and would be interested in volunteering at the school in some capacity, please let us know! Volunteering could be working in classrooms with students or helping with various school based initiatives. If you are interested, please see the office for details! School Board policy requires that a 'Volunteer Agreement Package' (available at the office) be completed and a current Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) 'Police check' be confirmed (see office for details).

**In particular, we are always looking for help with;**

- Nutrition Program
- Fundraising initiatives

**Thank you in advance for your consideration and please let us know if you can help!**

**8.** We are excited to once again be planning to hold our second Richard Beasley 'Free Family Movie Night' at the school. This year we will be showing '**Despicable Me 3**' on **Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 in the gym**. Popcorn will be available for sale and children must be accompanied by an adult (we DO need your help to mind the kids!). There will be more info sent home closer to the event!

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And finally, an important focus here at the school continues to be working to support students in their ability to develop and build positive social skills, self-regulation skills and 'mindfulness'. The daily reminders that we share during our morning announcements (and that we refer to as our 'Richard Beasley Reminders') are for everyone to:

- ✓ 'Do what's right.'
- ✓ 'Do your best'
- ✓ 'Treat others how you wish to be treated.'

This is a message that we also communicate to students as a 'reminder to always show kindness' ... to always use kind words and kind actions toward others.

The intention here is that these 'simple rules' become part of consistent classroom conversation and instruction and it would be much appreciated and extremely helpful if caregivers could consider following up at home with similar thoughts ... thank you in advance!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me directly or make arrangements to come in and talk ... thank you for the continued help and support in making Richard Beasley School safe and a great place to be!

Please see the accompanying November Calendar for additional events and dates to remember.

**Mr. David Thorne and the staff of Richard Beasley School.**