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Parent Newsletter – June 2011

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Despite our cool spring weather, the days are longer and summer is approaching, all signifying the end of a POWER-full school at MacNeill. The final month of the school year is one of celebration of learning and yet a bitter sweet one of mixed emotions as we say goodbye to our grade 12 students, their families and several MacNeill staff. Our first formal celebration of learning occurred in May with our grade 10 students presenting their Portfolios to their teacher and parents. This allows these grade 10 students the month of June to focus on their first year of Provincial exams. Third term interims have also gone out indicating, in most cases, that all is progressing well. In other cases students and parents have been alerted to the work that must still be done for successful completion of courses. On June the 2nd, we will be celebrating our Raven athletes at the Athletic Awards Banquet. Ravens academic excellence will be recognized at our Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, June 7. The formal marking of a milestone for our grade 12 students will be the Valedictory Ceremony held on Thursday, June 16. Ironically, as we celebrate learning, many of our students must continue to focus on their studies as Provincial exams run through the second half of June.

With District staffing changes occurring last month, we have the sad task of saying goodbye to **Mr. Mike Charlton**, our POWERful vice principal. After three years at MacNeill, Mr. Charlton will be moving on to be vice principal at McMath Secondary and wish him all the best. The MacNeill School community will miss Mr. Charlton as the voice of MacNeill and for the many contributions he has made. **Ms. Anita Kwon**, one of our counselors, will also be leaving MacNeill as she moves on to be vice principal at Palmer Secondary. We thank Ms. Kwon for all the support she provided to both her students and their families and for her contributions to the school community in the short time she was with us. At the same time, we will be welcoming **Mr. Rob Laing**, currently vice principal at Palmer, who will be joining MacNeill as vice principal starting July 1.

This week is the last week for one of our noon hour supervisors, **Ms. Suzanne McLoughlin**. Students and staff will miss the calm, friendly and effective way she worked with all us during the lunch hour. We understand Ms. McLoughlin might be available to substitute next year, so we may see her from time to time at MacNeill. Unfortunately, we are also saying goodbye to other very valued members of the MacNeill staff: **Mr. Les Brown**, ESL teacher; **Ms. Josephine Chen**, French and ESL teacher; **Ms. Claire Gilchrist**, Incentive Program teacher; **Mr. Wayne Hirayama**, grade 8 counsellor; **Mr. Mike McBurney**, English teacher; **Mr. Greg Thiessen**, Math and Science teacher; and **Mr. James Yeung**, Science teacher. They will be missed by students, families and staff as they may not be with us next year since they hold temporary positions this school year.

Though there will be another newsletter to parents before the end of this school year, particular to this newsletter is the MacNeill calendar for 2010-2011. Here you will find the non-instructional and holiday dates for next school year. Note that Spring Break 2011 will be two weeks. Specific to MacNeill is the change in the start and end time of the school day and our eight Collaboration Time days. **Look for the Calendar on our school website home page.**

SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTERS ON WEBSITE

<http://public.sd38.bc.ca:8004/~MacNeillWeb/> - PLEASE BOOKMARK THIS SITE

This newsletter and most others will now be sent only electronically. Should you require a hard copy, please have your child pick one up at the school office.

MacNeill ATHLETIC BANQUET
Thursday, June 2, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.
Riverside Banquet Hall
(14500 River Road)
Tickets: \$15.00
(includes Buffet dinner)
Tickets on Sale at the School until June 1

MACNEILL AWARDS
Tuesday, June 7, 2011
MacNeill Gym
(Invitations to Parents sent home with students on May 30)

DRY GRAD 2012 PARENT MEETING
Tuesday, June 14, 2011
7:00 p.m. School Library

Dry Grad is a traditional graduation event completely organized by volunteer parents. It provides a safe evening of entertainment, activities, music, prizes and food for our grads after they return from their Dinner and Dance. Dry Grads have proven to be a successful way to provide both a memorable and fun experience for students while providing parents the comfort of knowing their children are in a safe environment. This parent meeting is intended as an opportunity for parents of our current grade 11 students to learn more about the event and begin to plan for next year's grads. Fundraising does play a significant role and it is believed that it is not too early to start organizing for this. **Volunteering for Dry Grad 2011 is a great way to learn more about the event.** Notices about volunteering for this year have been sent home with grade 11 students. If you have any questions, please talk to Ms. Sakata at the school.

Final Report Cards
Tuesday, June 28, 2011 – 1:00 p.m.

Students are to return to school to pick up their report card on June 28. Students are to go at 1:00 p.m. to their Advisory class where they will pick up their report card which will have their school fees invoice attached indicating whether fees have been paid or not. After they receive their report card, students who purchased Yearbooks proceed to the Lounge to pick up their Yearbook. To avoid disappointment, students should make sure all fees have been submitted to **Mrs. Semotiuk**, our business assistant, well before June 28.

MacNEILL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The MacNeill PAC Annual General Meeting was held on May 17. We thank parents who have supported the work and efforts of the very dedicated parent representatives on the Executive. Thank you to **Kelly Read**, PAC chair, who will be leaving this role to devote time next year to grade 12 parent activities. The new MacNeill PAC Executive for next year will be: **Ms. Alice Wong, Chair; Mr. Sarosh Muncherji**, secretary; and **Mrs. Tracy Sherlock, Treasurer**. **Mrs. Maggie Avila** will also continue to be RDPA rep. We thank these parents for continuing in their positions for 2011-2012. As in the case of Kelly Read, next year will be the last year that Sarosh Muncherji and Tracy Sherlock will hold their positions. We continue to seek co-chairs for next year to facilitate a smooth transition of PAC positions for the following school year.

Are you moving this summer?

If you are moving this summer and your child **will not be attending a Richmond School** next year, please have your child pick up the **Not Returning 2011-2012** form in the office or downloaded from the school website. Have your child return it to their counsellor before June 15, 2011.

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN

This form is available at the school office and must be completed for any student(s) who expects to return to their assigned school **LATER THAN 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 and ON or BEFORE September 30, 2011**.

Parents are reminded that the form is only to be used if the student will be returning to the school by September 30th of the school year. Students arriving at their school **AFTER** September 30th will not have a place reserved for them in their catchment school or previous school of attendance, and will be required to attend another school if there is not any space in the student's catchment school or previous school of attendance.

This form is available in the school office or can be downloaded from the school website and must be submitted to the school principal, if possible, before **June 30, 2011**. In the event of an unforeseen family circumstance occurring **on or after July 8, 2011** that causes an unexpected late return to the school, the parent must advise the school as soon as possible by **fax or letter** so that the student's place in the school may be reserved.

Animal Rescue Club

The first year of MacNeill's Animal Rescue Club has been an overwhelming success. This year's club has made significant donations to a number of worthy rescue organizations and the animals in their care. The first animal sponsored by the club was "Mr Bojangles" an eight year old cat, and although he did not survive his operation, he taught all of us how precious the life of every living thing is. Although upset by his passing, the club members used his death as an inspiration to assist as many animals as possible. "Lacey" a two year old black lab was successfully sponsored for an operation by the club. "Wonder" the blind little grey kitten found on logging road near Squamish, starving and abandoned and who originally tested positive for the life ending disease leukemia, recovered and thanks to the efforts of our club retested negative for the disease, gained weight and was recently adopted into a loving home. "Rubble" the amazing little kitten who was badly injured when located at a car crushing operation by a crane operator and who was taken to a vet who advised RAPS operator, Carol Reichert, to put him down, was sponsored by our club for his life threatening surgery. Rubble's surgery was successful and thanks to generosity of the club and others, he has since recovered, visited MacNeill to thank our kids and has been adopted into a loving home. Our club has made a generous donation to "Turtle Gardens" dog rescue who are currently encountering flooding up north and are in need of assistance to provide for their more than fifty dogs.

Members of the club have been involved in a number of fundraising activities and have volunteered at a number of events supporting animals and are always willing to give selflessly of their time. Club members would like to thank the staff and students of MacNeill for all their encouragement and support. The twenty seven club members and their sponsors, Mr Hirayama, Mrs. Pasin and Ms. Thompson would like to acknowledge the following organizations and people for their support: Cambie Plaza Domino's Pizza for discounting the pizza prices, the MacNeill Home Ec. department for their help, Debbie Wolanski (cat sanctuary director), Carol Reichert (operator of RAPS), the RAPS thrift store and Yvette Labatte (operator of Turtle Gardens). Although most of our membership will be returning to MacNeill and hopefully will join our club next year, the club would like to acknowledge the efforts of our executive members who are graduating this year. Christy Chan, Alexandra Khalemsky, Up Subin and Karen Chan will be missed by all of us. Remember that in any humane society all life is valued.

MacNeill Badminton finishes 5th in the Province!!!!

Wow what a year for MacNeill Badminton!!

Bantam Badminton - Richmond District Champions. Junior Team, 3rd in the Richmond District, and our senior team, Lower Mainland Champions and **5th in the Province.**

This past week our senior team travelled to Kamloops in the Okanagan Zone to participate in the BC High Schools' Provincial Championships. 16 of the very best teams from across the province participated in this event after winning their own zone championship.

In round robin & ranking pool play MacNeill defeated Caledonia from the Kootenay Zone 11-0 in their opening match, stretched the tournaments #1 seed St. George/Crofton House to their limits in their 2nd match narrowly losing 6-5 with several 3 set matches going each team's way. To confirm a championship round playoff position MacNeill had to win their 3rd game vs Moscrop, the Burnaby / New West Zone champions and did so with great team play 6-5. Day 1 was complete after 7 hours of matches.

Day 2 of the tournament sees all 16 teams re-ranked after pool play results and divided into both the championship round, and consolation round. MacNeill, ranked 2 from the Blue Pool, drew last year's provincial champions Pinetree from the Fraser Valley in the quarter final. In a hard fought match MacNeill went down narrowly 6-5 to be put out of the medals. With 2 remaining matches, MacNeill defeated Burnett and South Kamloops to take 5th place at the provincials. In all matches MacNeill were spectacular as a team, showed great sportsmanship, and played at the highest level. Congratulations to all team members and coaches for such an outstanding year. You have represented our school proudly.

MacNeill Badminton is looking very promising for years to come with such talent & depth. Best of luck to all athletes in your futures. Coaches Mr Kwan, Mr Wang & Mr. Charlton.

GRADUATION 2011 NEWS

A milestone for our grade 12 students has come and there are several important events and activities in June. The first of these is the Grad Rehearsal and BBQ which will occur on Monday, June 13. On this day, students will be address by Heather Charlton, inspirational and motivational speaker sponsored by BC Liquor Board, followed by a BBQ lunch and the Valedictory Ceremony rehearsal in the afternoon. Students will be taking home their cap and gown.

Thursday, June 16 is the Valedictory ceremony starting at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany Baptist Church at 22680 Westminster Highway in Hamilton. Students are to assemble at the Church at 6:15. Each graduate attending the ceremony will be provided with 4 tickets for their families. Additional tickets will be available at \$7.00 each.

The Dinner Dance will be held on Wednesday, June 29 at the Stanley Park Pavillion. Students will assemble at the school from 4:00 p.m. to board the coach bus to Stanley Park which leaves at 4:30 p.m. Parents and friends are welcome to come to the school at 4:00, or earlier to take pictures of the grads and they are also welcome to come to the Stanley Park Pavillion when the bus arrives and take pictures until 6:30 p.m. The Dinner Dance is for MacNeill grads only and begins at 6:30 p.m. Grads are bussed back to the school just after 11:00 p.m. where the Dry Grad party begins at 12:00 a.m. ending with breakfast served after 5:00 a.m.

One of the most difficult situations that we endure as a staff this time of year occurs when we arrive at school to see evidence of mindless vandalism. Every year thousands of dollars are spent cleaning up these acts of vandalism. Some people view such activities as pranks but we believe that this is simply vandalism. We have been talking with our students during assemblies about caring for our school building and respecting the community and we'd like to make a plea to parents to discuss this with your children. The most destructive of these acts of vandalism are carried out by a minority of students but everyone can play a part in discouraging others from taking part. At this time of year students and staff need to focus on successfully completing courses and celebrate the positive achievements of the year.

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MacNeill Ravens Dance Team Presents

MACNEILL'S ANNUAL DANCE SHOWCASE

A NIGHT TO CELEBRATE DANCE AND ALL ITS MANY FACETS. BELLY DANCING, CONTEMPORARY, JAZZ, HIP HOP AND MORE! COME AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR MACNEILL'S DANCERS.

TICKETS ARE \$5 / PRE-SALE AND \$7 @ THE DOOR. ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE MACNEILL DANCE TEAMS AND WILL HELP COVER COMPETITION COSTS. WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT!

**SHOWTIMES ARE
JUNE 8TH @ 2:45 IN THE MACNEILL THEATRE
&
JUNE 9TH @ 6:30 IN THE MACNEILL THEATRE**

Ravens Track & Field

After eight years of building and growing - including 3rd place finishes in 2008 and a tight three way race in 2009, and then a close second place in 2010 - the MacNeill track & field team has accomplished some more of its long-held goals with emphasis. With the organization and guidance of the coaches and PE staff, the support of the MacNeill community, and the enthusiastic participation and commitment to excellence of our students, the MacNeill track team had another successful year. This year, marked by only the fourth graduating class in our school's young history, the Ravens took home the **2011 RSSAA Team Championship banner along with seven of the eight divisional banners**. The success didn't stop there; however, as top placed athletes from the Richmond Championships went on to compete in the Vancouver and District Track & Field Championship meet with 27 schools represented. At both meets, despite poor weather conditions, the Ravens courageously faced the elements and opponents with determination. The result included the **2011 V&D Team Championship banner along with four of the six divisional banners**. Congratulations to all of the student-athletes who committed to joining efforts to accomplish these goals. Thanks to all the coaches and staff for the investment of time and encouragement. Here's to 2012. See you at the track! Go Ravens!

Competing at the BC High School Track & Field Championship meet - June 3-4

Sandy Wai - shot put, discus, javelin

Sydney Lau - 100m

Competing at the 8-9 BC High School Track & Field Invitational meet - June 3-4

Mica Doria - shot put

Nathan Tomas - shot put, discus

Vancouver & District Track & Field Event Champions - May 25th

Sydney Lau - Junior Girls 100m

Chariisa Yu - C 400m

Adrian Ellis - Bantam Boys Shot Put

Nathan Tomas - Juvenile Boys Shot Put

Chariisa Yu, Sydney Lau, Denise De Jesus, Chelsea Santos - Junior Girls 4x100 relay team

Psylock Domingo - Bantam Girls shot put, javelin

Umar Tung - Juvenile Boys Discus

Anil Subasioglu, Victor Lau, Josh Rivera, Quiny Quisido - Junior Boys Open 4x400m relay team

2011 RSSAA Track & Field Individual Event Champions - May 18

Psylock Domingo - Bantam Girls shot put

Denzel De Jesus - Bantam Boys 1500m

Peony Wong - Bantam Girls javelin

Igor Rostotsky - Senior Boy's shot put

Jeanelle Aldaba - Juvenile Girls 800m

Jeffrey Lai - Senior Boy's long jump, triple jump

Anabelle Wong - Juvenile Girls high jump

Joel Forbes - Senior Boys 100m, 400m

Sydney Lau - Junior Girls 100m

Nathan Tomas - Juvenile Boys shot put, discus

Chariisa Yu - Junior Girls 400m

Umar Tung - Juvenile Boy's long jump, triple jump

Nicole Ignacio - Junior Girls high jump

Joaquim Hurtado-Gomez - Juvenile Boy's 1500m, 3000m

Jeanne Au - Junior Girls javelin

Anil Subasioglu - Juvenile Boy's 800m

Sandy Wai - Senior Girls shot put, discus, javelin

Adrian Ellis - Bantam Boy's shot put

Buy Yearbooks Now!

This year's Yearbook team worked hard to capture all the memories and events of the year, and there is still time for students to buy memories that will last a lifetime. The annual allows students to look back on the experiences they've had in high school through pictures and words. As well, one of the most exciting times of the year is when students get their books signed at the end of the year. Then they have the pleasure of reading all their friends' comments in their book for years to come. The yearbook is currently \$45 and can be purchased through the business assistant, Ms. Semotiuk, in the office. Students must pay school fees and fines in order to purchase and pick up a yearbook. On June 28th, students will show their report cards to pick up their yearbooks and then have fun at the signing party that will be held in the lounge! Buy a yearbook today and remember your year forever!

“DATES TO REMEMBER”:

June 2	Athletic Awards (evening)
June 7	Academic Awards (evening)
June 16	Last Day of Classes Valedictory – 7pm Bethany Baptist Church
June 17 & 20	Grade 8, 9 & 11 Portfolio Presentations
June 28	Report Cards & Yearbooks handed out 1:00 pm
June 29	Grad Dinner/Dance & Dry Grad

Richmond school District No. 38 (Richmond)

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS

“Helping to make our schools a safe and welcoming environment.”

Part-time work while the kids are in school.

School District 38 (Richmond) requires Noon Hour supervisors for Elementary schools to supervise students in school buildings and grounds during the lunch break. The shifts will be for 1.5 hours per day on those days that the students are in attendance at school.

Applicants must have experience supervising young elementary school aged children plus they must be able to report to any school location on short notice.

Early Childhood Education courses and other related training such as First Aid or Conflict Resolution would be preferred.

The rate of pay is \$20.80 per hour, which includes 4% holiday pay.

Applications are available at the school board office between 8:30am and 4:30pm. Please submit a completed application form to:

FDK-NHS001-10-01, Human Resources Department, Richmond School Board,
7811 Granville Avenue, Richmond. BC. V6Y 3E3

MACNEILL PORTFOLIO PRESENTATIONS

As you know, all Grade 8 - 11 students at MacNeill are expected to do a Portfolio Presentation at the end of the year. We have decided to have the Portfolio Presentations June 17th – 21st for all grades 8, 9 and 11.

All Grade 10's will present on May 19th. Students will have time to set up from 1:30-2:00 p.m. Advisory teachers will evaluate the portfolios from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Reminder:

June 16th – Last day of regular classes for all students.

All students (except Grade 10s & 12s) will present on June 17th & 20th on the following schedule by advisory classes:

June 17th: 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23, 24, 25 & 26
June 20th: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 27, 28, 29 & 30

Set-up: Students can set up starting at 11:00am

Presentations: 1:00 - 3:00pm and S 6:00 - 7:30pm

All students must have a parent, or other significant adult evaluate their presentation.

CAREER CENTER NEWS <http://public.sd38.bc.ca/~ccnews/>

PROVIDES WEEKLY UPDATES ON POST SECONDARY, CAREER AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Government Student Loans on-line application opens **June 1/11**, apply at: www.StudentAidBC.ca. Learn more about student loans, grants, scholarships and the cost of post secondary education at: www.canlearn.ca

New Langara and Kwantlen students can get their registration date and time by checking their myLangara or myKwantlen account. Make sure to pay the registration deposit otherwise access to the on-line registration system may be denied.

June 1 - Deadline to accept UBC's offer of admission and pay deposit

June 3 - SFU Admission deposit due

June 6 - Kwantlen Faculty of Trades & Technology Open House,
Kwantlen University Cloverdale Campus (4 - 6:30PM)

June 20 - Fall registration begins for New Langara students

June 23 - Douglas College course registration begins

June 30 - UVic housing application deadline

UVic students must accept their offer before registration begins in June

June 30 - Deadline to submit PSI Choices form

Vic Pantaleo, Career Information Advisor

2010/2011 Provincial Exams Schedule

(Grades 10-12)

Date	Subject	Time
June 21, 2011 Tuesday	Social Studies 11 Sciences Humaines 11 (e only)	9:00 am - 11:00 am
	Principles of Mathematics 12 Applications of Mathematics 12	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
June 22, 2011 Wednesday	Français langue première 10 (e-only) English 12	9:00 am - 11:00 am
	Physics 12	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
June 23, 2011 Thursday	English 10 History 12 (e only)	9:00 am - 11:00 am
	Chemistry 12	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
June 24, 2011 Friday	English 12 First Peoples (e-only) French 12 Civic Studies 11 (e only) English 10 First Peoples (e only)	9:00 am - 11:00 am
	Geography 12 BC First Nations Studies 12 (e only)	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
June 27, 2011 Monday	Science 10 Sciences 10 (e only) Communications 12 Geology 12	9:00 am - 11:00 am
	Français langue seconde-immersion 12 Français langue première 12 (e only)	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
June 28, 2011 Tuesday	Apprenticeship & Workplace Mathematics 10 Maths: métiers et milieu de travail 10 (e only) Foundations of Mathematics and Pre-Calculus 10 Maths: fondements et pre-calcul 10 (e only) English Literature 12 (e only)	9:00 am – 11:00 am
	Japanese 12 German 12 Mandarin 12 Punjabi 12 Spanish 12	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
June 29, 2011 Wednesday	Biology 12 (e only)	9:00 am – 11:00 am

**All Provincial Examinations are designed to be completed within 2 hours.*

Students are permitted an additional one hour, if required.

Please check the Ministry of Education website to confirm dates and times. www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/

*These exams are available electronically only.