



GENERAL CURRIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PAC Meetings

Every third Wednesday,
of the Month at
6:30 pm in the Library.
**Please join us on
Dec 16th**

Hours of Operation

Gr. K - 7

Monday: 8:45 - 1:00
Nutrition break 10:40 - 11:10
Dismissal 1:00 pm

Tues-Fri: 8:45 - 3:00
Recess 10:25-10:40
Lunch 12:20 - 1:10
Dismissal 3:00 pm

Early Warning Number

604-668-6441

Please call if your child
will be late or absent

A Message from Admin

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This is the last newsletter I will be writing as Principal of General Currie Elementary. Starting January 4th, 2016, I will be working at the School Board Office in my new position as District Administrator, Human Resources (Teaching). Ms. Rooney will be appointed as Acting Principal from January 4th until the end of the school year. The Acting Vice-Principal for General Currie will be announced by the end of the week - please check our website for updates.

It has been a pleasure working with all the students, staff and parents at General Currie, and I feel honoured to have been a part of this community for the past four and a half years. I know Ms. Rooney will continue to support all the great learning happening within this school. I hope to be invited back for special events, and I will bring Scout to school for visits as well!

Thank you for all you have taught me during my time at Currie. Wishing you all a great holiday break and a happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Corinne Monger



**A Caring Community -
Learning for a Lifetime**

CALENDAR

Dec. 16 PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Library
Dec. 18 Christmas Sing Along in the gym at 1:15 pm
Dec. 18 Last Day of School
Dec. 21- Jan 3 Winter Break - School Closed
Jan. 4 Back to School after winter break
Jan. 29 Pro D Day - **School not in session**



NEW PRO-D DATE: Please add the following Pro-D date to your calendar: **Friday,**

January 29, 2016. School will **not** be in session on this date as it is a Professional Development Day for teachers. This new date is a district wide Curriculum Implementation day.



REMEMBER TO DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR THE WEATHER

Students are sent outside for recess and lunch breaks whenever possible INCLUDING cold weather days. It is important that students dress for the weather. Please send your children to school with warm jackets, hats, gloves or mittens and boots during the cold weather season. Thank you!



Handicap Parking: DO NOT PARK in handicapped spaces unless you have the necessary parking permit. Administration will be contacting Richmond Bylaws to help enforce posted parking regulations.

MacNeill Incentive Outdoor Academy

Grade 7 Parent Information Evenings
Notice of Application Deadline

This district specialty program emphasizes academics and outdoor physical education in grades 8-10 at A.R. MacNeill Secondary School. The program has an experiential focus that encourages competent, confident and caring students with strong leadership skills developed through extensive outdoor physical education such as sailing, kayaking, hiking, skiing and snowboarding. There is an average fee of \$1,650 for the outdoor activities. The key to its success is the small friendly atmosphere - 90 students are taught by only 4 teachers.

Presentations to parents of interested grade 7 students will occur on:

Thurs. Dec 10 at 7:00 pm in Room 260 MacNeill

Tues. Jan. 12 at 7:00 pm in Room 260 MacNeill

Transfer applications will be accepted at the MacNeill office starting Mon Jan. 4, 2016. Applications for the Incentive Academy are available at the MacNeill office or on-line at the Incentive website. Applications to the Incentive Academy close on Friday, February 12, 2016 @ 10:00am

Website <http://macneill.sd38.bc.ca/incentive>

**You are invited to attend...
17th Annual Learning And The Brain Conference**



This year the Learning and The Brain Conference will be held on **Saturday, January 23rd, 2016, from 8:15 am-1:15 pm at MacNeill Secondary School**. This conference is just around the corner! If you have not yet registered please do so. Many new workshops will be presented.

This year's Keynote speaker is **Dr. Deborah MacNamara**. Dr. MacNamara is a dynamic teacher and experienced counsellor with over 20 years experience working in educational and community mental settings. The Roots of Resilience workshop will discuss the importance of raising resourceful and resilient children and how adults play a key role in cultivating their child's capacity to endure adversity.

Workshops being presented this year are: Literacy for Parents of Children with Developmental Disabilities; Reading at Home with Joy and Meaning K-3; The Power of Five; Inclusion is for Every Learner; Barriers to Success (session in Mandarin); Mathematics in the New Curriculum; Mental Health and your Child; Education the Whole Child: The Role of Social Emotional Learning; Post Secondary Options for High School Students; Your Child and The First People's Principles of Learning; Supporting your English Language Learner Child; Digital Resources; Educational Apps on the iPad; Mindfulness; Engaging in Outdoor Learning Space

For more information and registration:

- 1) School District Website <http://learningandthebrain.sd38.bc.ca>
- 2) Drop off at Richmond School Board, 7811 Granville Avenue, 3rd floor
- 3) Drop off at Catchment School - Office



Registration Date: December 7, 2015 - January 18, 2016

SNOW DAYS

The winter season has arrived, and the corresponding expectation of snowfalls. Richmond schools will remain open if at all possible. No announcements will be made informing schools are open. In the extremely rare circumstances that public buildings are closed information will be posted on district and school websites. School closure information will also be available through Twitter at RichmondSD38.

Do NOT phone the school to check if school is open as staff will be busy ensuring students are safe.



Holiday Message

To all our families and friends,

Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

From the Staff at General Currie School