

# General Currie Courier

A Caring Community – Learning for a Lifetime



2018  
Happy New Year!

January 2018

Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

On behalf of the staff we would like to extend a Happy New Year to all of our Currie families and wish you the best in 2018. We are looking forward to a productive second term with many new and rich learning experiences planned both in and outside our classrooms. Please feel free to call if you have any questions and also visit the school when you have a chance.

Mr. Cherry

Mr. Daum

## Upcoming Events/Announcements

### Staffing Updates

We are excited to be welcoming **Mr. Reid**, ELL/LRT Teacher to Currie. Mr. Reid has joined our community from Japan where he has taught for the past 10 years.



**Mrs. Meaney** is expecting her second child at the beginning on next month. She will be going on maternity leave starting on January 30<sup>th</sup>. We are excited for her and her family and can't wait to meet the baby. A replacement teacher for Mrs. Meaney will be named at a later date.

### Milton Randal Drumming Workshop and Student Performance



We are pleased to be welcoming Milton Randall to Currie on January 22nd. Milton studied in a remote village in Ghana, West Africa, where he learned

that drumming was not only used in music but is a spoken language and a great communication tool. Learning music as a language is a main component to Milton's presentation. Each Currie student will learn to play a Brazilian conga drum. A celebration of learning will take place on Wednesday January 24th.

Students in **Divisions 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 will perform between recess and lunch (10:45 am - 12:00 pm)** in the gym.

Students in **Divisions 11, 12, 13, 14, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (1:15 - 2:30 pm)** will perform after lunch in the gym.

**Parents are invited to attend. We hope that you can join us for this fun community building event and celebration of learning. Please only come to your child's performance time as there will be limited seating.**

### City Center Homework Club at Currie

Homework Club starts on Wednesday, January 24 at General Currie Elementary! Homework Club is an afterschool program for General Currie students grades 4 – 7 where students can get help with homework plus play sports and games, try arts and crafts and enjoy a healthy snack. Dedicated volunteers work with students to provide academic and recreation opportunities.

City Centre Community Centre offers two days of Homework Club:

Wednesday, Jan 24 – March 14

Barcode: 2228444

Cost: \$80 / 8 sessions



Friday, Feb 2 – Mar 9

Barcode: 2228445

Cost: \$50 / 5 sessions

If you are interested in registering your child for the program, you can register online ([www.richmond.ca/register](http://www.richmond.ca/register)), call the Registration Call Centre (604-276-4300), or come to City Centre Community Centre to register in person (5900 Minoru Blvd)



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## Grade 6 & 7 Boys and Girls Basketball Teams

The basketball season is upon us and any boys or girls in Grade 6 or 7 who are interested in playing for the school team have started to practice and games will begin next week. Schedules for games and practices will be coming home with all players in the next few days.

## Expected Attendance Survey for K- 6

We will be sending home a survey during the last week of January asking you what your intentions are for your child(ren) for school next year. As you are probably aware, the number of students who enroll at a school determines the number of teachers required based on the district staffing formula. District staffing meetings for the coming school year will be commencing during the first week in April. Please fill out the survey and return it to the school office as quickly as possible.

## AFTER SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

The Apple Store in Richmond Centre is hosting some free after school workshops for students. Please go to [apple.com](http://apple.com) to register for these workshops.

1) [Sphero Maze Challenge](#) – Saturday, Jan. 20  
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm for ages 6-12

2) [Book Club](#) – Sunday, Jan. 21 2:30 - 3:30 pm

In this Kids Hour, we'll be reading Scaredy Squirrel at Night on iBooks. We'll celebrate the magic of

storytelling through creativity and play. Kids will get hands-on with drawing characters and scenes, creating their own book cover and more, using iPad Pro and Apple Pencil. They can bring their iPad or we'll provide one. Recommended for ages 4-10.

3) [Movie Making with iMovie on iPad Pro](#) -  
Wednesday, Jan. 24 5:00 - 6:00 pm for ages 6-12

4) [Sphero Maze Challenge](#) - Sun. Jan. 28 2:30 -  
3:30 pm for ages 6-12

## P.A.C. (Parent Advisory Council) NEWS

### Carnival/Fair Event Planning Committee Invite

We are pleased to inform you that this year, PAC is excited to announce that they plan to put together a Carnival/Fair Event.



PAC is looking to form a Sub-Committee to come together and make plans and arrangements to fulfill and execute these ideas to produce this Year End Event.

If anyone is interested, please come and join us for a meeting being held on January 25 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm located in the Library.

The more minds that can come together, the more we can accomplish to make this event a fun adventure that everyone in the community can come together to enjoy.

### Term 2 Munch A Lunch Orders

Orders are open for 2018 for the following days:

Jan 25 – Taco (**Thurs**)

Feb 2 – Pizza

Feb 16 - Taco

March 2 –Sushi

March 15 – Pizza (**Thurs**)



### PAC Meeting – Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

The next PAC meeting will be on Wednesday, January 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. We hope you can join us!

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## Reminders

### EARLY WARNING



To help ensure the safety of all children on their way to school, we check attendance first thing in the morning. Please call the school if your child will be absent or late. A message can be left on our Early Warning Line –604-668-6441 – 24 hours a day. When phoning the Early Warning Line, please leave the following information:

- 1) Child's Name
- 2) Teacher's Name or Division
- 3) Reason for Absence
- 4) Length of Absence

You can also speak to a staff member directly, after 8:00 a.m. or before 4:00 p.m.

### COLD AND FLU SEASON

During the winter, we often see an increase in cold and flu viruses. If your child is sick with a fever, a bad cough, or is vomiting please keep them at home to recover. If your child shows these symptoms during the school day, we will contact you to pick them up. We ask that you ensure that your telephone contact numbers and emergency contact information are up to date so we can get in touch with you in a timely manner.

### DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Please remember to send your child to school dressed for the weather. Unless it is raining significantly, all students must go outside. During the winter, students need boots, shoes to wear inside, gloves, hats and heavy winter coats and possibly scarves. Younger students should also have an **extra set of clothes that are left at school** so they can change into if they fall and get wet. Although we have some clothing students can borrow, the sizes are limited. The extra clothes should be: a pair of pants, a shirt, socks and underwear. Please label all of your child's belongings.



**For upcoming dates and events at General Currie, please check our our school website:**

<http://currie.sd38.bc.ca/calendar>

**Follow us at: @CurrieAllStars to see daily updates about our**

### Calendar of Events

January/ February

- Jan. 16 - Palmer Secondary Program planning visit for Grade 7's
- Jan. 17- Grade 7 Composite Photos
- Jan. 18 - PAC Executive Meeting at 9:00 am
- Jan. 19 - Movie Night - Despicable Me 3
- Jan. 22 - 24<sup>th</sup> - Milton Randall Drumming Program
- Jan 23 - Div. 7 Richmond Art Gallery Field Trip
- Jan. 24 - PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm
- Jan. 25 - PAC Hot Lunch - Taco
- Jan. 25 - Grade 6/7 girls basketball Game at Currie
- Jan. 25 - PAC Carnival Planning Meeting at 6:00 pm in library
- Jan. 26 - Professional Development Day - School Closed
- Feb. 2 - PAC - Hot Lunch - Pizza
- Feb. 2 - Div. 6 Richmond Art Gallery Field Trip
- Feb. 6 - Curling - Divisions 1 - 5
- Feb. 6 - Div. 9 & 19 Ice Skating at Minoru
- Feb. 9 - Movie Night
- Feb. 13 - Grade 6/7 girls basketball game at Currie
- Feb. 13 - Div's 12,13, 14 and 15 - Richmond Children's festival
- Feb. 14 - Gr. 6/7 girls basketball game at Ferris
- Feb. 15 - Michael Bortoloto visit Primary
- Feb. 16 - Michael Bortoloto visit Intermediate
- Feb. 16 - Hot lunch
- Feb 20 - Div. 9 and 19 Ice Skating at Minoru
- Feb. 19 & 20 - Conferences (**Early Dismissal at 12:20 on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>**)
- Feb 21. - Pac Meeting
- Feb. 22 - Grade 6/7 girls basketball game at Currie
- Feb. 23 - Professional Development Day
- Feb. 27 - Grade 6/7 girls basketball at Currie
- Feb.28 - Pink Shirt Day