

School Registration for September 2012



Commencing January 16th, Kindergarten registrations for September 2012 will be accepted at all Richmond elementary schools. Children who will be five (5) years old on or before December 31, 2012 are eligible for entry into Kindergarten.

The Richmond school district offers parents the following program options for their children:

- English (K-7 entry at your neighbourhood school)
- Early French Immersion (K-1 entry at Anderson, Bridge, Dixon, Gilmore, Homma, Mitchell, Whiteside)
- Late French Immersion (Gr. 6 entry at Diefenbaker, McNeely and Whiteside)
- Montessori (K-4 entry at Garden City, McKinney, Steves)

Kindergarten is now a full day program at all BC public schools.

- 1) Student registration occurs at the neighbourhood school and registration forms must be completed *in person* by the parents / legal guardians.
- 2) If applying for Early / Late French Immersion or Montessori, the parents / legal guardians must also obtain from the neighbourhood school, at the time of registration, an Alternate Programs Application Form. This form must be dropped off *in person* at the Richmond School Board Offices (7811 Granville Avenue) between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, January 16 - February 3, 2012. Access to the French Immersion and Montessori programs is through a district-wide draw, with sibling priority (siblings must be in the same program at the same school at the same time).

Information meetings for parents will be held as noted below:

KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS:

Monday, January 9 @ 7:00 pm

@ General Currie Elementary and Jessie Wowk Elementary

EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:

Tuesday, January 10 @ 7:00 pm

@ James Whiteside Elementary

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:

Wednesday, January 11 @ 7:00 pm

@ Kathleen McNeely Elementary

MONTESSORI KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:

Wednesday, January 11 @ 7:00 pm

@ Manoah Steves Elementary

KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION EVENING FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

Wednesday, February 1 @ 7:00 pm

@ Thompson Elementary

For further information, please consult the district website at www.sd38.bc.ca



IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

- **January 16:** At 8:00 a.m., neighbourhood schools:
 - a) begin accepting for the 2012/2013 school year English Kindergarten registrations
 - b) distribute Alternate Program applications for Early/Late French Immersion and Montessori
 - c) Alternate Program Application accepted at Richmond School Board Office
- **January 23:** schools begin receiving transfer applications at 8:00 a.m.
- **February 3:** Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for application forms for Early/Late French Immersion and Montessori to be received at the School Board Office.
- **February 8:** District wide draws take place for Early/Late Immersion and Montessori.
- **March 1:** Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for parents to confirm acceptance of the placement assigned through the district-wide draw for Alternate Programs.
- **March 1:** Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for parents to submit transfer applications to schools.
- **March 9:** Letters mailed to parents advising them of the status of their child's transfer application.
- **June 15:** Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for parents to submit registrations at English neighbourhood schools for guaranteed school entry in September. Students registered after this time may have to be placed at a school other than their neighbourhood school.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED AT TIME OF REGISTRATION AT NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHOOL

- Proof of Canadian citizenship or Landed/Permanent Resident status for the parents/legal guardians AND child.
- Original birth certificate for the child.
- Proof of Richmond residence (purchase/rental agreement, mortgage document, tax notice).
- Immunization record for the child for completion of health records Note: School entry boosters are required for Kindergarten. Contact Population Health Services for further information (604-233-3150).

