

RICHMOND PUBLIC SCHOOL *School Council Newsletter*



JANUARY

2024

SC Chairs' Message

Hello RPS Families! We're well in to 2024 and we have lots of exciting things coming up and much to discuss.

As you know, this will be the **centennial year for RPS!** We are excited to help celebrate 100 years of our wonderful little school and will have some great ways to mark the occasion. Are you an alumni?

Do you have memories or ideas for our centennial celebration? Feel free to let us know. Send us an email or drop by our upcoming **Coffee & Chat** following the **Alex Mateas presentation** at the end of January! Find more details in this newsletter. Coming up in February is our **Family Day Dance** and we will be putting proceeds toward our School Enhancement Fund. More to come on that as well!

We have received excellent feedback on our newly introduced **Milk Program**. We have a wonderful school community and we are so fortunate to have volunteers to facilitate programs like this. If you have a day or two a month you feel you could spare to come in to the school and help with lunch program, join our volunteer list to find out more. Email richmondPSvolunteers@gmail.com and let us know you'd like to join the team! We hope your 2024 is off to a great start and can't wait to celebrate 100 years of RPS with you!

– *Meagan & Trish*

2023-2024 Chair & Vice-Chair

Sit in on a Meeting!

You don't have to hold a position on council to find out what's going on at your child's school. Any parent can join our meetings to watch or participate!

Our next meeting will be virtual. Contact us or check the facebook group for the meeting link.

Next Meeting:
February 27th
6:30 pm Virtual Only

Important Dates

January 31	Alex Mateas Presentation
February 15	Family Dance
February 22	Spring Lunch Orders Open
February 27	School Council Meeting

100 Years of RPS



The school turns 100 this year and RPS Staff are planning how we will celebrate this milestone! School Council wants to help, and we are looking for your contributions of memories, vintage photographs and ideas for ways to mark the occasion.

sc-richmondps@ocdsb.ca



We'd love to hear your ideas!

Share your questions and comments:
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This is a scene we all know very well as RPS Parents.

One hundred years ago, when our school was brand new, the world was a very different place. Over the years, things have been changed and added as our school has grown with the community. Unfortunately, there are some things we cannot grow, like parking for parents to accommodate more pick ups due to School Bus driver shortages. We cannot change the fact that McBean is a busy road with many drivers in a rush to get where they are going. We have been very concerned with the number of close calls we have witnessed this school year. RPS staff have taken many measures to increase safety and we are investigating how we can do more to protect our students. We are asking for your help to please **LOOK CAREFULLY before crossing the street, keep kids away from vehicles and the road and off snowbanks and use the crosswalk at the intersection.**

Let's keep everyone safe.

Join the conversation. We'd love to hear your ideas how we can make our school a safer place. Email sc-richmondps@ocdsb.ca.

GRADE 4 & GRADE 5 Parents!



Join the

Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony Committee!

Help plan your child's send-off!

We love our Grade 4 Parents helping plan so they can hand over the reins for their own kids the following year.

Send us a message!

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Childcare for SC Meetings

We are hoping to offer this service!

We have approval to offer childcare but we need a volunteer to spearhead this program. As with any project your School Council offers, we are happy to offer assistance getting the program set up. If this is something you feel you can be a part of, please contact us!

We'd love to make this happen!

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Blue Shirt Day!

Don't forget **Blue Shirt Day!** We want to acknowledge the incredible neurodiverse people in our school community.

We ask you to please **wear blue** on **Tuesday, April 2nd** in recognition of World Autism Day.



TRIVIA NIGHT is coming!

We are hosting a **TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER** in April at Danby's! We are currently accepting donations of prizes for raffles. Please contact us if you or your business would like to help! sc-richmondps@ocdsb.ca

We ♥ your feedback!

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RICHMOND PUBLIC SCHOOL AND
RPS SCHOOL COUNCIL ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME

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ALEX MATEAS

FORMER RED BLACKS PLAYER



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ALEXMATEAS

Alex Mateas, former Red Blacks football player, and now motivational speaker, will be visiting RPS on Wednesday

January 31 at 9:30am to speak with our students in grades 1-5. Alex will be talking about his experience as a professional athlete, and how showing kindness, good sportsmanship, responsibility, integrity, and perseverance are assets to being successful and achieving your goals.



WANT TO ATTEND ?

Parents & Caregivers are invited to join us for this exciting presentation. Limited spaces are available.

Preregister by emailing: sc-richmondps@ocdsb.ca

JOIN US FOR A COFFEE & CHAT

We want to hear diverse voices and perspectives from our community and ensure that everyone's voice is heard within RPS and at School Council. Following the presentation, join us for a hot cup and share your perspective!

Wednesday January 31st | 10:30-11:30

Preregister by emailing: sc-richmondps@ocdsb.ca



RPS



FAMILY DANCE

THURSDAY

Feb 15



On Thursday February 15th please join us in the gymnasium at Richmond PS for our Family Dance!

6:00PM - 8:00PM
6:00 - 6:30 SENSORY FRIENDLY

\$1 EACH SNACKS!
FACE PAINTING!

Tickets available through School Cash Online!

TICKETS ONLY
\$2
PER PERSON

QUESTIONS?

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