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Week at a Glance: **May 18th – 22nd, 2020**

We at Bridge hope you have an awesome long weekend and have some fun with your family and friends – in a safe and responsible way.

<p>Monday May 18</p>	<p>Happy Victoria Day As Bonnie Henry says... “Be safe, be calm, be kind” and have a great day!</p>
<p>Tuesday May 19</p>	<p>“At-Home” learning continues 6:30 pm PAC Meeting on “Zoom” Re: the approval of raised funds for the new playground</p>
<p>Wednesday May 20</p>	<p>“At-Home” learning continues Keep on washing your hands! Remember to sing Happy Birthday twice while you wash with soap and water.</p>
<p>Thursday May 21</p>	<p>“At-Home” learning continues Remember to stop and smell the flowers – take a nice walk, breathe the fresh air, stay socially distanced.</p>
<p>Friday May 22</p>	<p>“At-Home” learning continues Thank you for all that you are doing at home to stay safe, be healthy, have fun as a family and continue learning.</p>

District Plans for a Phasing-in of Back to In-person Instruction

All SD38 families have received a letter from our Superintendent, Mr. Scott Robinson, regarding the District’s plans for phasing back into some opportunities for in-person learning as well as continuing remote / at-home learning opportunities for our students who choose to remain home under the current conditions. As he mentioned, the District is working to develop specific plans for the safe return to school for some of our students by the week of June 1st. We will provide this information to you as soon as possible once we receive it. A reminder that the decision for families to choose to send their child(ren) back to school during this phase-in is a voluntary one. We fully understand and expect that some families may choose to keep their children at home for the remainder of the 2020 - 2021 school year and wait until September for a return to school at Bridge.

Special “Zoom” PAC Meeting Tuesday May 19th at 6:30 pm - re: the approval of allocating \$35,000 of PAC funds to the construction of our New Playground.

Our PAC Executive met last week to discuss the construction of a new playground as early as this summer. We formed a Playground Committee to look at proposals from playground providers. Sharline Gosal, Theresa MacDonald, and some Bridge staff members have visited recently constructed playgrounds in Richmond to help us create a design for an exciting and adventurous playground that appeals to all of our students from K to 7 and children in our community in the years to come.

The PAC Executive have also called a special PAC Meeting (via video-conference) which will be held on Tuesday May 19th at 6:30 pm to approve the allocation of PAC raised funds to the enhancement of this project. Over the years, many PAC leaders have volunteered their time to raise funds for our community, with funds being set aside each year for the construction of a new playground at Bridge. We thank them for their outstanding efforts and thank our families for supporting the special events and fundraisers we have held in recent years. The \$35,000 of PAC Funds (if approved) would be added to the \$125,000 we received from the Provincial Government and a \$5,000 Infrastructure grant we were recently awarded from Western Coast Insurance in Richmond... making for a grand total of \$165,000.

If you are interested in participating in the approval process for these funds, please RSVP to Mr. Hurst at lhurst@sd38.bc.ca by Monday May 18th at 4:00 pm. Participants will receive an email invite to the zoom meeting on Tuesday evening prior to the 6:30 pm start time.

Welcome To Kindergarten: Tuesday May 26th from 9:00 – 10:30 am

9:00 – 9:30 am – All English Ks

9:30 – 10:00 am – French Immersion Ks (last names beginning with A through L)

10:00 – 10:30 am – French Immersion Ks (last names beginning with M through Z)

The Early Primary staff at Bridge have planned an alternate safe and responsible way to host a Kindergarten Open House for our future Bulldogs and their families. A walk-through Meet and Greet activity is being planned by our staff. This event, which will be held at the front of the school, will include the opportunity to:

- meet some of our Kindergarten teachers and the team of educators that support K learners and their families at Bridge
- to pick up a special “Welcome to K” bag packed with lots of great materials and goodies to help families prepare for starting school in September
- receive important information about our school and what to expect in the kindergarten year.
- All K families will also receive a video with a virtual tour of the school and welcoming messages from Bridge staff which is now being created will be sent to all families

A separate email will be sent home to all future K families early next week with specific information about safety protocols and procedures regarding this event.

Lost and Found Items

Please visit the [Bridge web-site](#) and click on the Lost and Found news post to find photos showing the clothing items that we currently have in our "Lost and Found". If you recognize an item, please send the school an email or give us a call and we will set up a time for you to come by the school to pick it up.

Jeans Day Fundraiser Through the Rest of the Month of May at Bridge

This May, William Bridge Elementary is helping kids at BC Children's Hospital get out of their hospital gowns and back into their jeans. As the only hospital in the province devoted exclusively to children, almost a million kids count on BC Children's Hospital. Your donation will help ensure they receive the best possible health care when they need it. That includes everything from innovative research and specialized equipment to programs that comfort kids and families when it's needed most. During May, all donations made through our online school fundraising page will be matched by Odlum Brown Limited. You can help support BC Children's Hospital by making a secure online donation to our fundraising page using the link on our web-site or the URL below

<https://secured.bcchf.ca/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=902852&langPref=en-CA>

Richmond District Memorial Scholarship Bike Ride Saturday May 23rd

All Richmond School District families are invited to go for a bike ride of any length, at any time on Saturday, May 23, either on your own or with other people in "your bubble". This annual event is a memorial ride in honour of Lorne Bodin and Target Ng - two former Richmond educators and avid cyclists. Donations to this fun event have provided scholarships to Grade 12 graduates in Richmond Schools each year. Please see the attached documents for more information on the ride and how to donate.

A Reminder – No School or learning sessions tomorrow (Friday May 15th) due to the District-wide Professional Development Day

All Bridge staff members will be participating in on-line professional development learning opportunities and webinars on this day. Thus, there will be no at-home learning activities planned for students on this date. Pro-D topics and seminars for our educators are largely focused on instructional strategies and resources to help make at-home learning more effective and fun for our kids. The office at Bridge will be closed so that all staff members can attend these Pro-D sessions.

We hope you enjoy your Friday and the start of a fun and exciting long weekend!