

Blair's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG):

October 2-6, 2023

Dear Families,

We are wearing Orange Shirts on September 29 in recognition of Orange Shirt Day, a day that is also now known across Canada as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We acknowledge the courage it has taken for survivors of Canada's Residential School system to share their stories, and help us understand what happened.

In wearing our Orange Shirts today, we are honouring and remembering all the people who have been affected by Canada's Residential Schools.

We are also learning about how we can support reconciliation. We can listen to the stories of people who experienced Residential Schools. We can read books by Indigenous authors. And we can honour and remember all of the people affected by Canada's Residential Schools as we learn to be better together.

In observance of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th, please be advised that all Richmond school and district sites will lower the Canadian flag (and BC flag) to half-mast. Since the day falls on a weekend, the flags will be lowered on the evening of September 29th and be raised on the morning of October 3rd.



Blair Early Warning Phone Number:

If your child will be absent or late for any reason, please call the Blair Early Warning Line: [604-668-6318](tel:604-668-6318).

Thank you to our PAC!

Our PAC hosted their first virtual PAC meeting on Wednesday, September 27, and it was well attended! Thank you for all you do to support our students, staff members, and school community. Our next virtual meeting will be on Wednesday, October 25th at 8pm.

Parking Lot Safety:

It is extremely important to:

- drive SLOWLY in the parking lot!
- use the curb lane to drop-off or pick up your children
- keep driving forward as far as you can in the lane before you stop to drop off your child
- use the curb side of the car to drop off/pick up
- Blair Student Crossing Guards have started helping students cross Lynas Lane from 2:45-3pm

Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday October 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statutory Holiday to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30). School will be closed.
Tuesday October 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volleyball Club continues afterschool for Grade 6 and 7 students
Wednesday October 4	
Thursday October 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volleyball Club continues afterschool for Grade 6 and 7 students• World Teacher's Day! Thank you to all of our amazing Educators at Blair!
Friday October 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Division 1 Walking Fieldtrip to Richmond Art Gallery (morning)

Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

Mon Oct 9 **Statutory Holiday for Thanksgiving; No School**

Mon Oct 23-Thurs Oct 26 **Book Fair at Blair!**

Thurs Oct 26 **11:50 Early Dismissal for Learning Update #1: Parent Teacher Conferences**

please contact your child's teacher if you would like to request translation support by Mon, Oct 16

Foundation Skills Assessment: Grades 4 and 7 Students

The Foundation Skills Assessment for Numeracy, Reading, and Writing will be supported at Blair throughout October and early November. This assessment happens every year all across BC for grades 4 and 7 students. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or Mr. Livingston in the office.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Dates (September/October)

September 30 – **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day** (Indigenous)

October 24 – **Dussehra** (Hinduism)

District Code of Conduct: How We Learn and Work Together

The Board of Education recognizes and welcomes its obligation to all members of the district community to provide a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment. As we learn and work together, we will truly celebrate and support the rich diversity that is our district community.

It is our collective responsibility and expectation that all district community members (students, staff, parents, and guests) comply with and enact the purpose and spirit of the British Columbia Human Rights Code, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Canadian Human Rights Act including not engaging in discriminatory conduct on the basis of race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age of that person or that group or class of persons.* (BC Human Rights Code 2017).

To that end, we are committed to the expectation that all members of the district community will conduct themselves in an ethical and lawful manner that demonstrates respect for self, others, property and the environment.

HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to provide all members of our school district community with a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment.

As we learn and work together, we will...

- 1** Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.
- 2** Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.
- 3** Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.
- 4** Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.
- 5** Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property.
- 6** Respect the non smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.



Our expectations for how we learn and work together shall apply to everyone in our schools and at school functions.

The complete code of conduct
is available online at:
sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct