

Blair’s Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG) for Families:

October 23-27, 2023

Blair continues to be an engaging and exciting place to come to school every day! Thank you to all of our parents, guardians, and caregivers who are supporting our students prepare for each day. We understand that there are many things you do to get your child ready for school (change of clothes, rain gear, snack, healthy lunch, agenda, homework, library books, band instrument, etc!), so.... **THANK YOU** for all that you do!

-Mr. Livingston

Highlights For Next Week Include:

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| <p>Monday October 23</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divisions 7 and 8 walk to Burnett Library for buddy reading (9am) • Orders due by 11:59pm for PAC Lunch Day – Subway (October 27) • UBC Teacher Candidates begin 2 Week Practicum (Ms. Collins in Div 1; Ms. Zmud in Div 8) – Welcome! |
| <p>Tuesday October 24</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Fair! 8:30-8:45am; 2:45-3:30pm • Grade 6/7 Volleyball Game @ Grauer |
| <p>Wednesday October 25</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Fair! 8:30-8:45am; 2:45-3:30pm • Fruit and Veggie/Milk program • PAC Meeting @ 8pm (virtual link and agenda to be sent out in advance) |
| <p>Thursday October 26</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Fair! 8:30-8:45am; 12:00-3:00pm • Early Dismissal @ 11:50am for Learning Updates/Conferences |
| <p>Friday October 27</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC Lunch Day – Subway (orders due by Oct 23) • Div 7 and 8 Stanley Park Ecology Centre field trip |

Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

Tues Oct 31 School gathering/Costume Parade for Halloween!

Tues Nov 21 Dream Riders Theatre “Zero Heros” School-Wide performance: 1:15pm

Families, please review the information below:

“Trick or Treat” Others with Respect. Halloween should and needs to be fun; however, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for all. Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices with colleagues and students and requires consideration. It is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other ‘dress up’ events. A few things to keep in mind:

It’s good to keep in mind that the following are NOT Costumes:

RACE (*black face/brown face*)

CULTURE (*Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks*)

RELIGIOUS FAITH (*religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab*)

GENDER (*gender switching for humour or to mock*)

TRAUMA (*hangman’s noose/weapons*)

This Halloween season Blair school is working with the McMath Student Leadership Team and *The Good Shepherd Ministry* to help provide some assistance to those living on the downtown east side. We are **collecting pre-packaged candy and/or warm clothing (scarves, gloves, *new* socks)** that will be gifted to those in need. Donations begin at Blair school on November 1st!

*Recently, the provincial government announced a new **Feeding Futures School Program Fund**, designed to assist schools in the development and enhancement of school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students.*

***If you would like to request support for your child at school**, please reach out to **Andrew Livingston, alivingston@sd38.bc.ca**. We are gathering information and look to provide ongoing support wherever possible. Implementation plans are underway, and we want to ensure families are aware, and as always, able to reach out if they require support. All requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with families to ensure that your children have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.*

Blair students and families are also able to access the **Student and Family Affordability Fund**, intended to help offset some of the costs associated with school (such as school supplies and field trip fees). *For support, please reach out to **Andrew Livingston, alivingston@sd38.bc.ca**.*

Attention Grade 5 students:
Get your **Active Pass!**

<https://www.richmond.ca/parks-recreation/about/sports/grade5.htm>

Kindergarten Registration for next school year, 2023-2024:

We are excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2019, turning 5 in 2024. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2024. Online registration begins November 1, 2023.

Families are encouraged to register any time during the Priority 1 registration period (November – January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications completed any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions via emails from the school by February 2, 2024.

Kindergarten 2024/25 Parent Information Night - **Student with Disabilities and Diverse Abilities**

Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 @ 6:30 PM (PST)

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://sd38.zoom.us/j/64703332548>

Webinar ID: 647 0333 2548

Passcode: 6000