

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

October 30 – November 3, 2023

Thank you Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers for booking a Parent Teacher Conference/Learning Update with your child’s teachers! We truly value the connection between home and school, so thank you for your commitment to working with us and supporting your child’s education!

-Mr. Livingston

Highlights For Next Week Include:

<p>Monday October 30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divisions 7 and 8 walk to Burnett Library for buddy reading (9am) • Packaged Candy/Scarves/Gloves/*new Socks collection bin at school
<p>Tuesday October 31</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Gathering/Costume Parade/PAC Pumpkin Draw! <i>(please review guidelines below for appropriate costumes!)</i> • Packaged Candy/Scarves/Gloves/*new Socks collection bin at school
<p>Wednesday November 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packaged Candy/Scarves/Gloves/*new Socks collection bin at school • Volleyball Game at Currie; 2:45-4pm
<p>Thursday November 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packaged Candy/Scarves/Gloves/*new Socks collection bin at school • Volleyball Practice 2:45-4pm
<p>Friday November 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packaged Candy/Scarves/Gloves/*new Socks collection bin at school

Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

Fri Nov 10	Blair Remembrance Day Assembly; 10:30am
Wed Nov 15	Photo Retakes at Blair (afternoon)
Mon Nov 20	Pro-Day – No School for students
Tues Nov 21	Dream Riders Theatre “Zero Heros” School-Wide performance: 1:15pm

Thank you to the Blair PAC for creating our front foyer display at the school!



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*)

City of **Richmond Halloween Celebrations**: Over 20 spook-tacular Halloween-inspired events and activities are now on through Tuesday, October 31 with the fang-tastic Halloween Fireworks Festival in Minoru Park on Halloween night. All the details about this year's 20+ events can be found at richmond.ca/halloween.

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!** Information was sent home with your child.

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