

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

January 22-26, 2024

Thank you for your support as we all endured very wintery weather these past few days. School closures due to inclement weather are not common, and SD38 and Metro Vancouver school districts consider many factors when making the decision to close schools this past week. We will always try to go outside during all kinds of weather, so thank you for helping prepare your child with the proper outside gear every day!

-Mr. Livingston

Notes from the Office:

Please note that our parking lots are to be used for STAFF ONLY, with NO PARKING for drop off or pick up. This is to increase the safety of our parking lots for our students.

Please use the drop off/pick up lane, and PULL FORWARD all the way forward as space opens up!

Families are encouraged to park in the neighbourhood and walk to school if needed.

Highlights For Next Week Include:


<p>Monday January 22</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold and Secure/Lockdown drill (rescheduled) • PAC Food Day: Pizza Monday • DARE Program
<p>Tuesday January 23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burnett Concert for Div 1, 2, 3 students (6:30pm start)
<p>Wednesday January 24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burnett Grade 8 course planning meeting @ Blair for grade 7s • Girls Basketball Home game vs. Thompson
<p>Thursday January 25</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys Basketball Away game @ Thompson
<p>Friday January 26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC Lunch Day • Grade 7 Farewell Parent Committee Meeting (2pm)

Upcoming Important Dates:

January 29 Pro-D Day


February 21 Parent Teacher Conferences (Learning Update #3); 11:50am Dismissal

Significant Dates in our Community



January 24th: World Day for African & Afrodescendant Culture

January 25th: Mahayana New Year



Families, please review the information below:

Blair PAC Pizza Lunch Mondays and Lunch Dates are loaded on MunchALunch from now until Spring Break!!



Dress for the weather!

Students will go outside for recess and lunchtime play in all weather. Rain gear, layers, and extra clothing are helpful to stay comfortable!



Rain gear



Boots

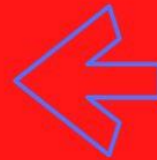


Extra clothes

♪ **SAVE THE DATE** ♪



23 JAN 2023
6:30 - 9:00 PM



**WINTER
CONCERT BAND
SHOWCASE**

COME EARLY TO SUPPORT OUR EVENT
SPONSORS...ONSITE MUSIC ITEMS
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM
LONG AND MCQUADE, TAPESTRY
MUSIC AND TOM LEE MUSIC

**SPECIAL GUESTS: BLAIR ELEM,
THOMPSON ELEM, QUILCHENA ELEM
AND SPUL'U'KWUKS ELEM MUSIC
STUDENTS**

**HOSTED BY: JN BURNETT DEVELOPING AND BEGINNING MUSIC
DEPARTMENT MEMBERS**

Get REDI

*Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
with Richmond School District*

A webinar series on Zoom for parents and caregivers to understand and support SD38 initiatives around inclusion and belonging.

This initial 60-minute session is designed to help you understand the district's commitment to reconciliation, equity, diversity and inclusion, and the values and language that inform our practices in schools. The facilitator, Destine Lord, will draw on the district's strategic plan to drive the conversation and make connections between the plan, the district's vision, and introductory concepts of anti-oppression. By building the language, you can help support your learner as they move between home and school and back again. There will be opportunities with future sessions to further explore REDI concepts.



Destine Lord (she/her) is a consultant and facilitator actively working towards the elimination of racism in Canada. For the last 15 years, she has worked in both the private and public sectors, facilitating workshops and training sessions related to anti-racism,

change management, and reconciliation. As a Black Canadian, Destine can draw on her lived experiences to inform conversations about racism. She is excited to be supporting the Richmond School District and our work to build equity and inclusion and a sense belonging for all students and staff.

Registration

These repeated webinar sessions are intended for Richmond School District parents and caregivers only. **As space is limited, please register in advance for one session using one of the QR codes below.**

**January 25, 2024
at 7 p.m.**



**January 30, 2024
at 11 a.m.**





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 MR. LIVINGSTON (ALIVINGSTON@SD38.BC.CA). WE ARE GATHERING INFORMATION AND LOOKING 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.

District Updates

Social Media Awareness Family Sessions

Safer Schools Together, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, is offering "Social Media Awareness" family sessions. These sessions are designed to support families and caregivers navigate the digital world. Dates, times and information to register can be found in the link below.

[Please share this link](#) with your schools and families through appropriate channels.