

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

**January 29-February 2, 2024**

Dear Families,

We have been busy so far during Term 2 at Blair, and we are looking forward to many more learning activities and school community events coming up in the next seven weeks before Spring Break. Please note our date correction for our Early Dismissal and Parent Teacher Conferences (Learning Update #3) to be at 11:50am on Wednesday February 28, 2024. Also please note that Monday January 29<sup>th</sup> is a Pro-D Day, and no school for students. Staff will be spending the day engaging in professional learning workshops. Have a great weekend!  
-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:*

Monday January 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional Development Day: No School for Students</li> </ul>
Tuesday January 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get REDI Parent Workshop (11am); see poster below to register</li> <li>12:00 pm Girls’ Basketball Practice</li> <li>2:45 pm Girls’ Basketball Game @ Thompson</li> <li>2:45 pm Boys’ Basketball Game @ Brighthouse 6</li> </ul>
Wednesday January 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 pm Boys’ Basketball Practice</li> <li>2:45 pm Girls’ Basketball Home game vs. Ferris</li> <li>8:00 pm PAC Meeting (virtual)</li> </ul>
Thursday February 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2:45 pm Boys’ Basketball Away game @ Spul’u’kwuks</li> </ul>
Friday February 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 am, 12:00pm Girls’ Basketball Practice</li> <li>2:45 pm Boys’ Basketball Away game at Ferris 7</li> </ul>

**Upcoming Important Dates:**



**February 7 & 28 Social Media Awareness Training for Parents/Guardians; see below**

**February 28 Parent Teacher Conferences (Learning Update #3); 11:50am Dismissal**

*Significant Dates in our Community*

**January 27th: International Holocaust Remembrance Day**

**January 29th: National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia**



Families, please review the information below:

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

**Also, the PAC's Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser opens today on MunchALunch!**

 **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**

# Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

VALENTINE'S

LUNAR NEW  
YEAR'S

TO CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW YEAR &  
VALENTINE'S DAY  
OUR PAC COMMITTEE IS HAVING A KRISPY  
KREME FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT OUR  
PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS. THANK YOU ALL  
FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT.

SWEET  
&

LUCKY

Jan 26 – Feb 7  
Price: \$15/box

Place your order on:  
<https://munchalunch.com/schools/blair/>

Delivery Date: February 14<sup>th</sup>



# 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](mailto: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.



# Community Services Connectors Program



## Are you a Richmond resident with a lower income looking for services or support?

Drop by the Living Room at **Ironwood Library**, enjoy a drink and a snack, and chat with a Community Services Connector.

### When:

Every Sunday  
From January 28 - May 26  
2:00 - 4:00pm

### Where:

Ironwood Library  
8200-11688 Steveston Hwy,  
Richmond, BC



For more information, visit: [richmond.ca/CommunityResources](http://richmond.ca/CommunityResources)