

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

March 11-15, 2024

We are entering our final week of school (4 days) until our Spring Break, and I hope families are able to prepare for a little rest and relaxation time! We had school-wide events this past week with Jeff Chiba Stearns' Author Visit (sponsored by the Blair PAC; Thank you!) and a wonderful family teams event to end the week! Our boys and girls basketball teams each won their Secondary School Feeder School tournaments, and with so many activities happening in all of our classrooms, it felt like quite a special week to be a Blair Dragon. Thank you to all of our Blair staff for continuing to provide such meaningful learning experiences for our students, in their classrooms and beyond!

Familes, please note that our Blair **Building Envelope Remediation Project** will begin preparation work on site this coming week. Work will be done on the exterior of the school from March – August, 2024, including: replacing the windows and stucco, and repointing the masonry. We will continue to have access to the school through all exterior doors. If you have any questions about the project, please contact us in the office. We will continue to have No Visitor Parking on site. Thank you for your help!

-Mr. Livingston

Notes from the Office:

If your child is going to be absent from school for an extended period of time, contact the office for an Extended Absence application form and please let your child's teacher know.

Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday	• 12:00 PAC Pizza Monday
March 11	
Tuesday	10:25 am Hold and Secure and Lockdown Drill
March 12	
Wednesday	
March 13	
Thursday	Duplicates/Multiples Spirit Day
March 14	Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
Friday	First Day of Spring Break!
March 15	

For individual class/club/team activities please check with the specific Blair staff member

Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

March 14 Last Day of School before Spring Break

March 15 – April 1 Spring Break No school in session

March 29 Good Friday No school in session

March 31 Easter Sunday No school in session

April 1 Easter Monday No school in session

April 2 School Re-opens



Information Items for Families:

Evidence-Informed Mental Health Resources

<u>HealthyMindsBC</u> provides evidence-informed prevention and early intervention tools and resources, including online learning opportunities. This site is for parents, caregivers, families, educators and other professionals to help them support the everyday mental health of children and youth. A series of courses that focus on <u>Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators</u> (EASE K-7 and 8-12) and <u>Early Years</u> are available. The newest course, <u>Walking Alongside Youth with Anxiety</u> (WAY), is designed to build capacity and support the foster care providers and out-of-care/kinship care providers who are caring for Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth with mild to moderate anxiety.

Thanks to the generous donations from our families and our PAC, Blair now has a new beautiful piano to support our music program!

Ms. Kordyback and Ms. Quan are thrilled to have a new piano in their classroom. They are extremely grateful to all the parents and families who donated to make this possible!



PLAY STREETS

"RICHMOND!

We are creating spaces for play for children and youth in Richmond! Play Streets will include:

- Biking
- Board games
- Scootering
 Sports games
- Crafts
- Quiet reading area
- Lots of outdoor fun!

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- 3300 Block Ketcheson Road, Richmond
 - Sat, February 24 from 11:00am-2:00pm
 - · Wed, March 13 from 3:30-5:00pm

7000 Block Abercrombie Drive, Richmond

- Sat, March 9 from 11:00am-2:00pm
- Wed, March 20 from 1:00-3:00pm





GRANVILLE AVE

ALDERBRIDGE WAY

GARDEN CITY PARK





Registration for September 2024 opens soon! Children born in 2020 may apply

Our preschool program is specifically designed for 4-year old children (born in 2020) to attend Just B4 with the hope of inspiring and supporting the creation of rich, joyful early childhood spaces. Our approach is emergent, play-based and focuses on children's natural inquiries.

"The image of the child is upheld in the belief that children are strong and capable in their uniqueness and full of potential."

PROGRAMS

Just B4 - Lee Elementary M/W/F Program (9:00 - 11:30 am)

Just B4 - Lee Elementary T/Th Program (9:00 - 11:30 am)

Just B4 - Grauer Elementary M/W/F Program (12:30 - 3:00 pm)

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Apply online in the beginning of March 2024:

https://sd38.bc.ca/programs/early-learningprograms/just-b4-preschool





