Dear Parents,

We hope you can join our last PAC meeting of the year on June 15 at 9:00 am. Our Staff and students would also like to share our appreciation with you, our parents, during the week of June 18-22. Look for a display near the front of the school and a small treat going home 😄.

June is a special month - one of fond farewells. Of course, our Grade 7s will be honoured on June 22 at 9:15 am in a special assembly. On June 26, at 1:30 pm we will have our Recognition Assembly when we will say thank you and goodbye to leaving staff: Mrs. Bingham, Mr. Cheng, Ms. Nomura, Mrs. Wong, and Ms. Yuen. We hope you can come out to these special events. Everybody is welcome!

Mrs. Ludwig and Mr. Sala

STUDENTS RETURNING LATE IN SEPTEMBER

Any student who expects to return to school later than Wednesday, September 5 at 12:00PM, and ON or BEFORE September 12, 2018, must have completed a Notice of Late Return Form. This form should be completed by June 23rd, if possible. Please come to the office to pick up a form, which has additional, important information. Students must be in attendance on or by September 12, as spots cannot be held past that date.
National Aboriginal Day

National Aboriginal Day Assembly
June 21, 2017
9:15 am

June 21 is National Aboriginal Day. Our School will recognize and celebrate the unique heritage and diverse culture of Indigenous Peoples.

We will welcome Kung Jaadee, a Haida storyteller, singer, drummer and author, from Haida Gwaii. She teaches Xaad Kil, Haida language through the Haida Health Centre in Gaw Tlagee, Old Masset, where she lives. She has performed traditional Raven legends and personal stories for 25 years. She has performed in various areas: festivals; schools; museums; Aboriginal celebrations; universities; colleges; conferences. Kung Jaadee has published her first children's book, Raven’s Feast, with Medicine Wheel Education.

Mrs. Bingham would like to thank all the students who participated in our Reader's Choice Award contest. The winning title this year was.....Speechless by Jennifer Mook-Sang followed up by Lost in the Backyard by Alison Hughes and Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson. If you didn't get a chance to read all six titles, come to the library before June 15 as this will be our last day for borrowing books. All books must be returned by June 22. Thank you for being amazing readers, Blair Dragons!

Another big thank you to Mrs. Yip, a parent volunteer, who came in every week, as well as our fearless library monitors who came regularly before and after school all year to help keep our library in order.

Happy Summer Reading,  Mrs. Bingham

Lost and Found

Now is a good time to check the Lost and Found for items that you have not seen at home for some time! Clothing and larger lost items can be found in the first hallway, close to the office entry doors. Small items, including keys and glasses, are kept at the office. All unclaimed items will be donated in the first week of July.

Our Story: Enhancing Student

This year, we are in Year 1 of a multi-year plan to support the learning of all students at Blair. We have been gathering input about our school and student learning, and have chosen to focus on the personal and social core competencies:

How might the personal and social core competencies support our learners' understanding and development of self-identity, both as individuals and as members of our community?

Visit our website to read that documents our journey: blair@sd38.bc.ca

Click on the Our School Story tab. Our Story is told in real time, and is a documentation of our work at Blair.
Student Leadership

Makers Adventure Wind Turbine Energy Challenge

Students form Blair participated in the District’s Maker Adventure Wind Turbine Energy Challenge (Jason Bao, Quzy Toca, Justin Mah, Bella Lin, Logan Michnowski, Matthew Guan, Kylie Wawryk).

These students went to Hugh Boyd Secondary for four days of learning. After, some of the participants participated in the Model Wind Turbine Model Wind Turbine Competition at the Regional Skills Canada Competition and the Provincial Skills Canada Competition at KPU.

The Richmond School District and Blair Elementary is pleased to announce that the following students, along with their parents and guardians, are invited to attend the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education:
Kylie W., Blair Elementary (SD38 Students Gold Medal Team)
Logan M., Blair Elementary (SD38 Students Gold Medal Team)
Jason B., Blair Elementary (SD38 Students Silver Medal Team)

These students participated in the district’s Maker Adventures Wind Turbine Energy Challenge and are receiving special recognition for winning first and second place at the Model Wind Turbine Competition at the Regional Skills Canada Competition and the Provincial Skills Canada Competition.

Congratulations! A big thank you Mrs. Hunter and Mr. Brown, their teachers for supporting this worthy experience!
Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

Divisions 11, 12, 13 and 14 cleaned 30 pounds of trash from Minoru park and pond! The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup is a national conservation initiative of the Vancouver Aquarium and WWF-Canada that provides Canadians the opportunity to take action in their communities wherever water meets land, one bit of trash at a time.

Save the Date and Celebrate...

...the musical achievements of this year! The band and music classes have been working hard to prepare a wonderful program to celebrate their progress this year. Please join us on June 14 at 1:30 pm in the gym to hear Ms. Ludwig’s and Ms. Stephens’ bands perform along with Mr. Sala’s guitar and recorder students (Div. 5, 6, 7, 8) from his music classes. At 6:30 pm the same evening there will be another opportunity to come and hear the bands perform (Div. 1, 2, 3, 4). Both concerts will happen in the school gym. It was fabulous to have such big and enthusiastic audiences at our winter concert as well as the “Rock!” musical this year, so hopefully we will have just as many or more for our final performances of the year! We are also excited to host our Rosewood Grandpals to our afternoon concert.

Richmond Youth Honour Band

A big congratulations to Sophie Wang in Div. 3 who represented Blair in the Richmond Youth Honour Band. Auditions were held back in January and talented and dedicated musicians from elementary schools all across Richmond were selected. In addition to weekly rehearsals, they toured and performed at schools across Richmond and they performed at the Gateway Theatre in May. Congratulations, Sophie!
Blair School is holding our annual **Sports Day** on Friday, June 8\textsuperscript{th} from **9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.** (students will be dismissed at 1:30 pm on Sports Day). Our theme this year will be ‘Superheroes’. All of our students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be on multi-age house teams: Red, Green, Blue and Yellow. Our Grade 7 students will be leading our stations. Students are encouraged to wear their house team colours or dress according to our theme, wear a hat and use sunscreen. Students are to report to their classrooms at the regular school opening time for attendance.

We are planning 12 exciting stations based on our theme. There will also be face painting for all students, beginning at 8:15 a.m. (yellow and blue team in the lower fish bowl/red and green team in the upper fish bowl). Other activities that day will be the slow bike race (students must wear a helmet), a preschool race, a special grade 7 event, and the always popular tug-o-war for intermediate and primary students. As in previous years, both primary and intermediate students will work together in cooperative groups throughout the day. We hope that you can come and cheer your child(ren) on and enjoy the day.

**Here is a schedule for the day (times are approximate):**

- **8:15 – 8:45** FACE PAINTING – For all students (yellow and blue team in the lower fish bowl/red and green team in the upper fish bowl)
- **9:00** Students go to classrooms as usual for attendance
- **9:05** Call to assemble HOUSE TEAMS in the gym, organize by team numbers and colours on the wall; hear house cheers. (Parents and Visitors are welcome).
- **9:15** Students proceed to their first station
- **9:20** SLOW BICYCLE RACE (middle of the field)
- **9:30** STATIONS (6 Rotations)
- **10:40** BREAK – Snacks provided
- **10:55** PRESCHOOL RACE
- **11:00** STATIONS (6 Rotations)
- **12:10** FOOD DAY – Students to pick up their hot dog lunch in classrooms and eat. Students can eat outside if their parents are present.
- **12:40** Students reassemble in house teams outside on the back field
- **12:45** TUG-O-WAR – for Intermediate students
- **TUG-O-WAR – for Primary students**
- **GRADE 7 EVENT – water balloon toss**
- **CLEAN-UP** (everyone help!)
- **1:25** Classroom teachers will hand out participation ribbons in classrooms
- **1:30ish** DISMISSAL

Our PAC has generously provided each student with one free hotdog. A concession will be set up for coffee, drinks and hot dogs for those that would like to purchase on the day of the event.

Sports Day will not be cancelled in the event of rain; we will run our stations inside the school.

We look forward to seeing you on Sports Day!

**Please note the early dismissal time of 1:30pm.**
Dear Parents and Families!

Attached is our June PAC Newsletter. Please take the time to read it, as it has important dates upcoming to our school.

Important Dates:
**Jun 8**- Spots day free hot dogs lunch for all students  
**Jun 15**- PAC Meeting at 9:00 am  
**Jun 22**- PAC Movie Night (Coco) from 6:00 pm to 8:00pm  
(A parent needs to attend with their child as this is a family event)

**VOLUNTEERS**
We NEED parent volunteers to help Sports day from 12:10pm -12:30pm  
Please email Connie at: connie_bobo@hotmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at Blair.  
Thank you for your continued support!

*Blair PAC*
## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018/2019

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### Daily Schedule:
- Doors Open: 8:30 a.m.
- Classes Start: 9:00 a.m.
- Recess: 10:33 - 10:48 a.m.
- Lunch: 12:28-1:20 p.m.
- Dismissal: 3:00 p.m.