



Blair News



Archibald Blair Elementary School

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這是重要的通告，希請人譯讀。
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Mrs. Catherine Ludwig
Principal

Ms. Monica Pamer
Superintendent

Mrs. Kirsten Wallace
Vice Principal

Ms. Kathryn D'Angelo
Area Superintendent

Ms. Monica Glaboff
Ms. Carrie McCarthy
Admin. Assistants

Mr. Jonathan Ho
School Trustee Liaison

Dear Parents,

The staff at Blair extends a warm welcome to all of our students and families as we embark on the 2016/17 school year. We extend a special welcome to those of you who are new to the community including our 44 new Kindergarten students.

The 2016/17 Student Handbook was distributed to all students in the front of the student agenda. Please read over the pages with your child. We have also posted a copy on our school website (blair.sd38.bc.ca).

Communication is important. Please check the website frequently and be sure that you read your emails from the school. We endeavor to be paperless and your efforts to keep informed help keep our communication alive.



We hope you can join us on Sept. 22 at 6:00pm for our Welcome Back "Sweet Start" evening.

Mrs. Ludwig & Mrs. Wallace

Important Dates Please mark your calendars!

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| Sept 22. | Sweet Start -@ 6:00 pm |
| Sept. 23 | Professional Development Day (no school) |
| Sept. 29 | Terry Fox Run @ 2:00 pm |
| Sept. 30 | Orange Shirt Day |
| Oct. 4/5/6 | Scholastic Book Fair |
| Oct. 5 | 12:28 Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences |
| Oct. 10 | Thanksgiving – No School |
| Oct. 14 | Sharing Assembly @ 1:30 |
| Oct 18 | Individual Picture Day |
| Oct. 21 | Pro-D Day – No School |

We Envision A Joyful
Community That:

- ♥ Celebrates Learning
- ♥ Treasures Each Child
- ♥ Values Diversity
- ♥ Teaches the Ethic Of Caring
- ♥ Honours the Wonder Of Our Universe



Every Friday is a
WALK to SCHOOL day.
Please remember, our Parking lot is closed.

Blair Schedule

- 8:55 am ~ Morning Warning Bell
- 9:00 am ~ Classes Begin
- 10:33 -10:48 am ~ Recess
- 12:28 - 1:20 pm ~ Lunch
- 3:00 pm ~ Dismissal

Blair Staff 2016/17



Administration	Mrs. Catherine Ludwig Principal	Mrs. Kirsten Wallace Vice Principal
Intermediate Staff	Primary Staff	Support Teachers
Mr. M. Brown, Division 1	Mr. R. Beetstra, Division 7	Mrs. S. Bingham, Teacher Librarian
Mr. F. Weil, Division 2	Mrs. R. Mesic, Division 8	Mrs. A. Jensen, Learning Resource Teacher
Mrs. K. Kwok, Division 3	Mrs. T. Kusch, Division 9	Mr. C. Statham, Learning Resource Teacher
Ms. K. Choo, Division 4	Mrs. J. Wong, Division 9	Ms. S. Shu, Learning Resource Teacher
Ms. A. Trainor, Division 5	Mrs. K. Sato, Division 10	Mrs. K. Wallace, Learning Resource Teacher
Mrs. E. Reid, Division 6	Mrs. A. Ridley, Division 11	Ms. I. Chan, Band/Music
Mr. R. Beetstra, Division 7	Mrs. K. Kordyback, Division 11	
	Mrs. Townsend, Division 12	
	Mrs. A. Pikkarainen, Division 13	
	Mrs. L. MacLean, Division 14	
Support Staff		
Administrative Assistants	Mrs. M. Glaboff, Ms. C. McCarthy	
Educational Assistants	Mrs. B. Duan, Mrs. R. Shand, Mrs. C. Wong	
Noon Hour Supervisors	Mrs. C. Williamson, Mrs. E. Pappas, Mrs. L. Tian	
Custodians	Mr. R. Garrucho, Mr. J. Abad	
School Counselor	Mrs. D. O'Sullivan	
Elementary Counseling Support Worker	Mrs. K. Turner	
Speech & Language Pathologist	Mrs. L. Fehr	
SWIS Workers	Mrs. L. Zhou	
Public Health Nurse	Mrs. S. Shewchuk	

Supervision of Students

Parents are reminded that supervision of students by teachers begins at 8:30 a.m. in the morning. There is no supervision before that time unless there are scheduled sports practices or arrangements made by our staff.

Recess supervision is provided by our teaching staff. The lunch hour supervision is provided by our three noon hour supervisors, Mrs. Elizabeth Pappas, Mrs. Cassandra Williamson and Mrs. Linda Tian. Students are dismissed at 12:28 p.m. for lunch and permitted to go outside at 12:48 p.m. Similar to last year, we expect all students to respond positively to their guidance.

Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds without permission during recess and lunch times, unless they go home for lunch with parent permission.

At 3:00 p.m. students are expected to make their way home unless finishing up work with teacher supervision, participating in a teacher-sponsored event, or working in the library. Please do not leave your child unattend after school, as there is no supervision.



Orange Shirt Day, Every Child Matters

September 30

Join us and hundreds of others across Canada and wear an orange shirt on **Tuesday, September 30** to honour the children who survived the Indian Residential Schools and remember those that didn't. **Every Child Matters**. We will wear orange shirts in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well-being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters.

The Story Behind Orange Shirt Day

"I went to the Mission for one year. I had just turned 6 years old. We never had very much money, and there was no welfare, but somehow my granny managed to buy me a new outfit to go to the Mission School in. I remember going to Robinson's store and picking out a shiny orange shirt. It had eyelets and lace, and I felt so pretty in that shirt and excited to be going to school! Of course, when I got to the Mission, they stripped me, and took away my clothes, including the orange shirt. I never saw it again, except on other kids. I didn't understand why they wouldn't give it back to me, it was mine! Since then the colour orange has always reminded me of that and how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared and how I felt like I was worth nothing. I finally get it, that the feeling of worthlessness and insignificance, ingrained in me from my first day at the mission, affected the way I lived my life for many years...I want my orange shirt back!" ~Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, Dog Creek, BC

Wearing an orange shirt and promoting the slogan, Every Child Matters, is an affirmation of our commitment to raise awareness of the residential school experience and to ensure that every child matters as we focus on our hope for a better future in which children are empowered to help each other. Let's not forget the children but honour them on September 30th.



Learn more:

Legacy of Hope <http://www.legacyofhope.ca/> Reconciliation of Canada <http://reconciliationcanada.ca/>

To acknowledge Orange Shirt Day at Blair Elementary, every child will receive a special button to wear and to help raise awareness this year and in the years to come. Elder, Roberta Price will also be coming to share her story with our students.

September is Literacy Month

September is Literacy for Life month here in Richmond. To help support this community endeavor, the Richmond School District will coordinate senior staff to read to children in our schools. We are super excited about this initiative and look forward to promoting the love of reading in our schools! **Mrs. Sherry Elwood, Superintendent of Schools, is coming to Blair to read to our Kindergarten students on Sept. 29. We are REALLY excited to welcome her!**



Terry Fox Run at Blair



School Terry Fox Run
Thursday, September 29th
2:00 p.m.

Each year our school, along with schools throughout Canada, tries to make students aware of Terry Fox and the contribution he made toward finding a cure for cancer. Donations can be made online (www.terryfox.org/Donate/Donate_Online.html), choose *Donate to a School* and search for Archibald Blair Elementary) or brought to the school. On Thursday, September 29, at 2:00 pm students will take part in our annual Terry Fox Run, which honors Terry Fox. Join us if you are able!

Nut Allergies

All parents need to be aware that there are several children in school with severe life-threatening food allergies to peanuts and nuts (anaphylaxis). Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, we want to inform you so that you will choose to send foods to school that are peanut/nut free. If you have any questions or concerns please see Mrs. Ludwig or Mrs. Wallace.



LUNCH TABLE

Often families want to drop off a lunch for their children. We ask that you use the Lunch Table beside the office. Please ensure that your child's name and division is clearly marked.



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2016/2017

Schools Open	Tuesday, September 6
Professional Development Day	Friday, September 23
Parent Teacher Conferences (12:28pm dismissal)	Wednesday, October 5
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 10
Professional Development Day	Friday, October 21
Remembrance Day	Friday, November 11
Professional Development Day	Friday, November 18
Professional Development Day	Monday, December 5
Report Card (Term One)	Friday, December 9
Last Day of School before Winter Break	Friday, December 18
Winter Break	December 19 – January 2
School reopens after Winter Break	Tuesday, January 3
Professional Development Day – (11:30am dismissal)	Friday, January 20
B.C. Family Day	Monday, February 13
Parent Teacher Conferences – (12:28 p.m. dismissal)	Thursday, February 23
Professional Development Day	Friday, February 24
Report cards (Term Two)	Friday, March 10
Spring Break	March 13 - March 26
Schools reopens after Spring Break	Monday, March 27
Good Friday	Friday, April 14
Easter Monday	Monday, April 17
Professional Development Day	Monday, May 1
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22
Report Card (Term Three)	Wednesday, June 28
Last Day of School before Summer Break (Half Day – 11:30 a.m. dismissal)	Thursday, June 29
Administrative Day	Friday, June 30

Student Sign out Visitors to School

If you need to pick up your child at any time during school hours, you must sign him/her out at the office.

All visitors are also required to check in and sign in at the office.

Thank you for your cooperation.



This year, The Richmond School District is launching "**School Cash Online**", an online payment system that will allow parents to pay online for student school supplies, field trips and other school related items. **It is essential that you create an account . School supplies are already loaded and need to be paid.**

Medications

We are often asked about pain relief, cough syrups, etc. Medications such as Tylenol, Advil etc. will not be administered by school staff or stored in the office. Parents will have to visit the school during one of the breaks to administer this kind of medication if needed that particular day.

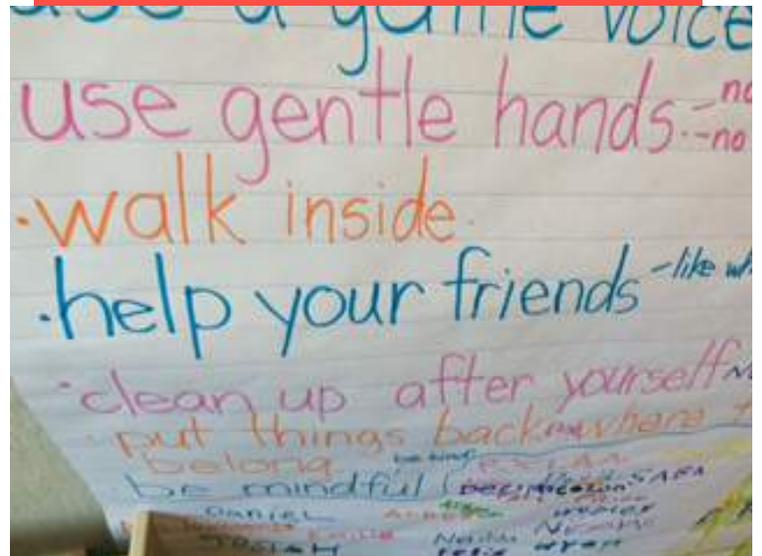
Of course, in some situations there is a care plan in place for emergency medications. Our team works directly with the families in those situations and medical guidance is in place.

Label, Label, Label

Each year we send many unclaimed clothing items off to Goodwill and throw random unmatched items into the garbage. If you label your children's clothing, we are



Division 12 students work together to make class rules



Mandatory Forms

The Richmond School District has a mandatory requirement that all the Student Verification Forms and Responsible Technology Use Forms must be completed and **SIGNED** by the parent/guardian.

Each student enrolled here at Blair must have these forms signed forms on file in the office.

Please send these signed forms back to your child's teacher as soon as possible.