

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

**May 11-15, 2026**

Dear Blair Families, thank you for your valuable partnership! Families and school educators work together to teach children BC curriculum content, values about respect and accepting diversity, and how to contribute to their community. Our students benefit from the wrap-around support from adults, and their growth, development, and success is enhanced because of our work together. -Mr. Livingston

### *Highlights For This Week Include:*

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| <b>Monday</b><br><b>May 11</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 PAC Hot Lunch</li> </ul>               |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><b>May 12</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Sexual Health Workshops</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><b>May 13</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 PAC Hot Lunch</li> </ul>               |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><b>May 14</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Sexual Health Workshop</li> </ul>    |
| <b>Friday</b><br><b>May 15</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pro-D Day; No School for Students</li> </ul> |

### Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

|                      |                                                                               |
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| <b>Mon May 18</b>    | <b>Victoria Day – School Closed</b>                                           |
| <b>Wed May 20</b>    | District Zone Track Meet @ Minoru (grades 4-7)                                |
| <b>Mon May 25</b>    | Rainout Day #1: District Zone Track Meet @ Minoru (if needed)                 |
| <b>Fri June 5</b>    | Parent Appreciation Morning: 8:15-8:45<br>Class Photos; School Panorama Photo |
| <b>Tues June 9</b>   | 10:30 full rehearsal; 1pm: Div 1-10 Music/Band Performance – families welcome |
| <b>Fri June 12</b>   | Sports Day <b>1:30pm Early Dismissal</b>                                      |
| <b>Fri June 19</b>   | Div 1-10 South Arm Pool private booking Blair field trip (10am-2pm)           |
| <b>Tues June 23</b>  | Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony: 9am                                                |
| <b>Thurs June 25</b> | Year End Recognition Assembly: 10:30am<br>Last Day of School                  |

# Significant Dates in our Community

May is Asian and Jewish Heritage Month

May is Speech & Hearing Month



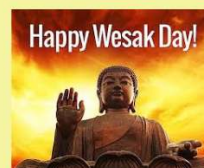
Bear Witness Day  
May 10



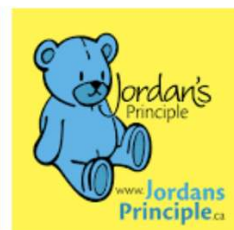
**Mother's Day: May 10**

**Bear Witness Day: May 10**

**Wesak/Buddha Day: May 12**



Mother's Day in Canada falls on the second Sunday in May. This annual observance is to honour mothers, motherhood, and maternal figures.



**Bear  
Witness Day**  
May 10



Bear Witness Day, observed annually on May 10th, is a day dedicated to remembering Jordan River Anderson and his legacy, which led to the creation of Jordan's Principle. It's a day to "bear witness" to the principle, ensuring that First Nations children receive the services and supports they need, when they need them. This involves honoring the memory of Jordan River Anderson, a young boy from Norway House Cree Nation who was denied the chance to live with his family due to bureaucratic failures, and to advocate for the full implementation of Jordan's Principle.



Vesak, also known as Buddha Day or Buddha Purnima, is a significant Buddhist holiday celebrated annually on the first full moon of May. It commemorates the birth, enlightenment, and death of Buddha. Buddhists gather in temples to pray, chant, meditate, and offer flowers, incense, candles, and food as tributes to Buddha.



Congratulations to the Blair Honour Band who travelled to Whistler last Friday with Mr. Weil and Ms. Quan to compete in the Cantando Music Festival. Blair was well represented by 33 band students in this national music festival attended by schools across the country. Blair did exceptionally well and received a Silver Medal standing which is phenomenal for their first competitive experience! After their performance, Blair students had their own workshop with Dr. Erik Leung, professor of bands and conducting from the University of Oregon.

Well done Blair band students!



January 11, 2026



**Subject:** Your Voice Matters – BC Student Learning Survey

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We want to hear from you! Please share your thoughts about your child's learning by completing the **BC Student Learning Survey (SLS)**. This survey happens every year and helps us make education better for all students in BC.

**Why your opinion matters:**

- It's the only survey that asks parents across BC about their child's learning.
- Your answers add to what students and staff share, giving a full picture.
- Results help identify areas of concern and guide improvements.

**Please complete the survey by May 1, 2026:**

[https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull1/central/main/access\\_Parent.asp](https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull1/central/main/access_Parent.asp)

- Available in 18 languages
- Takes about 30 minutes
- Voluntary and anonymous

Your responses are anonymous, securely stored in Canada, and not linked to your child.

**Need help?**

Call **1-866-558-5339** or email [support@awinfosys.com](mailto:support@awinfosys.com)

Thank you for helping us improve education for all BC students!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "DH".

David Hosick  
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Ministry of Education and Child Care  
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Archibald Blair Elementary School

# After School Hangout

GRADES  
**K-7**

Connect with other kids with fun and interactive activities after school. For Blair Elementary students only. Please provide a healthy peanut free snack for your child.

**Tuesdays & Thursdays**

**Sep 10 - Dec 17**

**2:45 - 5:00 PM**

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**REGISTRATION OPENS  
TUE, MAY 19, 8:00PM**

## 3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

- Online at [www.richmond.ca/register](http://www.richmond.ca/register)
- Over the phone, Monday to Friday, 8:30AM - 5:00PM, at 604-276-4300
- In-person at Thompson or any other community facility.

Please contact Hana Hekal, Community Development Coordinator, for any question at [hhekal@richmond.ca](mailto:hhekal@richmond.ca) or 604-238-8426.





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# Science Rendezvous

## A FREE FAMILY SCIENCE FESTIVAL

**May 9, 2026**

🕒 11am - 2pm

📍 KPU Langley  
20901 Langley Bypass

Join us for hands-on experiments, magic shows, interactive science labs, arts and crafts, games, campus tours, and many more exciting STEAM activities!

Register at [kpu.ca/SR](https://kpu.ca/SR)



While you're here, check out Community Day — two events, one amazing day!



REGISTRATION DATES:

Spring break: January 20th, 2026  
Summer: April 7th, 2026

**BIKE - TRAIL - SOCCER - SWIM**  
CAMPS + LESSONS

- Develop skills while making friends and having fun
- Build confidence at every level with highly trained instructors & coaches
- Learn in a safe and supportive environment

**FIND A PROGRAM TODAY**

**AGE REQUIREMENTS**

- Bike: Ages 2-12
- Soccer: Ages 2-8
- Trail: Ages 4-10
- Swim: Ages 4 months+

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