

December 1, 2022

Message From The Administration

Teaching respect for diversity includes helping children understand that families have different ways of acting, and these may not be the same as the behaviors in their own family. This is certainly true regarding holiday practices as well. Understanding the different ways people do and don't celebrate; learning accurate, respectful vocabulary about holidays; broadening children's worldview of what a holiday is-these are all wonderful, powerful learning opportunities for children about holidays and winter traditions. The Blair staff will be taking the time to include respectful learning about holidays as part of the curriculum during the month of December.

Winter Concerts

Below is information on the Primary and Intermediate Concerts. We will be welcoming parents for coffee/tea and treats 10-15 minutes prior to the concert.

Intermediate Winter Concert (Dec. 7, 2022)

10:10 – 10:25am Coffee/Tea and Treats for Parents
10:30 – 11:00am Concert

Primary Winter Concert (Dec. 13, 2022)

8:35 – 8:55am Coffee/Tea and Treats for Parents
9:00 – 9:30am Concert

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 2 – Sushi Day

Dec. 7 – Intermediate Winter Concert 10:30

Dec. 13 – Primary Winter Concert 9:00

Dec. 14 – Learning Updates- Report Cards available on MyEd

Dec. 16 – Last Day of School before Winter Holiday

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day

Dec. 18- Dec 26– Hannukah

December 19 – January 3 Winter Holiday

January 3 – First day Back to school

January 25 – PAC Meeting @ 8:00pm (virtual)

January 30 - Professional Development Day (no school)

Parking Reminders and Safety:



Thank you to those parents that are following the parking rules for the safety of all the students at Blair. Please be reminded that the "Drop Off" lanes for dropping off and picking up students only. Please do not park in lane and leave your car unattended both during both the morning and after school times. You are welcome to park your car in the southern parking lot if you do not park in the two reserved spots, or in the no parking spots at the ends of that parking area. The parking lot closest to the school is for STAFF ONLY. There are two traffic cones in front of this parking lot to ensure that cars do not enter this lot, even if there are spaces. There is ample street parking, and we encourage you to park on the street and walk in if you are planning to stay after school and play on the playground.

Potential School Closures Due to Weather:

The district will make every attempt to determine school closures due to inclement weather by 6:30 a.m. based on current weather and road conditions. We will communicate to parents as soon as possible using a variety of methods including social media and school and district websites. If schools are open, and you wish to keep your child home due to weather conditions, you may do so. Please let your school know of this decision by leaving a message on the Early Warning Line at 604-668-6318. Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's safe travel to and from school. To reach as many people as possible - as quickly as possible - we work closely with our local media to share information. Please listen to local radio stations and follow local news outlets online to also get information about the impact of severe weather or emergencies in our schools. No radio or television announcement will be made saying that schools are open. Only school closures will be announced by the media. Please do not call the school as we need to keep the lines open for district staff.



Volunteer Cultural Interpreters

The Richmond School District is seeking volunteer cultural interpreters to support schools by interpreting for:

- Parent-teacher conferences: Volunteer interpreters interpret for a parent and a classroom teacher to discuss the student's progress at school.
- Information sessions: Volunteer interpreters provide interpretation for parent participant(s) on a one-to-one or a small group basis in school/district-based information sessions.
- Multi-cultural workshops/events: Volunteer interpreters provide interpretation for parent participant(s) on a one-to-one or a small group basis at school/district-based workshops/events.

Please see the attachment for more information.

DRESS WARMLY- SNOWY DAYS ARE HERE!



Wear a coat with a hood.

Your coat should fit a little loose on your body so that you can comfortably layer clothing underneath it. Stick with zippers instead of buttons. Zippers provide a tighter seal when it comes to windy weather. Jackets are shorter than coats and tend to only keep your upper body warm. Longer coats will provide more protection from inclement weather.

Cover your head and ears with a thick hat.

If your coat comes with a hood, feel free to get a hat made from wool, knit fabric, or a poly-cotton blend. Pick a hat that will cover your ears, since cold ears can make your entire head feel cold even if the top of your head is covered. Your ears don't naturally have a lot of protection, so it's important to keep them warm.

Protect your hands by wearing a thick pair of waterproof gloves with padding.

A thick pair of gloves is essential in cold weather. The cuffs of your gloves should extend past the cuffs of your coat to ensure that your wrists aren't exposed to the elements.

Get thick socks and a pair of big boots to keep your feet warm. To protect your feet, opt for a pair of thick winter boots. Get boots that rise above your ankles and buy a pair that is a half-size bigger than your regular shoe size to make room for your socks. Get a thick pair of wool socks.

Keep legs warm with a pair of long underwear or snow pants.

In very cold temperatures, wear snow pants over your pants to keep your legs warm. For most people, boots, a coat, gloves, and a hat are enough to stay warm. If it isn't too cold out, there's no need to wear any extra garments to protect your legs.

Learning Updates (Report Cards) Available on MyEd Only

All Learning Updates will only be available on MyEd for a 3 week period from Wednesday, December 14 – Tuesday, January 3, 2023. Teachers will no longer be providing a hardcopy of learning updates to students so please ensure that you get your child's learning update in MyEd and download it to your computer. The learning updates will not be available after Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

In the beginning of December, if you have not initialized your MyEd Account, you will receive an email from "sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca" with your login ID and temporary password. Instructions on how to login and navigate the the MyEd account can be found on our school website.

1. When you receive the email to setup your MyEd account go to:
<https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspden/logon.do>
2. The first login must be done from a workstation, laptop or computer. Do not use an iPad, tablet or cell phone. After the initial log in you may use any device to access your parent portal account.
3. Enter the login ID and password provided in the MyED BC email
4. The first time you log on to your account you will be asked to change your password

If you have issues logging into MyEd please send an email to the District MyEd Support Team at the following email address: MyEdParentPortal@sd38.bc.ca In the subject line please put Parent Portal, and in the message, include the following: Student's Full Name, Pupil #, Parent/Guardian Name and email address.