

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

December 11-15, 2023

It sure is lovely to end our week in the sunshine after some heavy rains earlier in the week! We enjoyed seeing many of our families as division 1, 2, 3, and 4 students performed at their concert yesterday (great job students!), and are looking forward to having families watch divisions 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 perform a song at our second music performance on Dec 13!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend. -Mr. Livingston

Notes from the Office:

Please note that our parking lots are to be used for STAFF ONLY, with NO PARKING for drop off or pick up. This is to increase the safety of our parking lots for our students.

Please use the drop off/pick up lane, and PULL FORWARD all the way forward as space opens up!

Families are encouraged to park in the neighbourhood and walk to school if needed.

If you are planning to be away from school for vacation that is not during the Winter Break, please inform the office.

Highlights For Next Week Include:

<p>Monday December 11</p>	<p>PAC Pizza Lunch ORDERS DUE by 11:59pm.</p>
<p>Tuesday December 12</p>	
<p>Wednesday December 13</p>	<p>Winter Concert @11:00am (Divisions 5-10) *Please limit guests to 2 max per family *Please only attend if you have a child in Div 5-10</p>
<p>Thursday December 14</p>	
<p>Friday December 15</p>	<p>PAC Lunch Day – Pizza Grade 7 Farewell Parent Committee meeting @ 2pm</p> 

Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

Dec 20 Written Learning Updates/Report Cards published (parent portal)
Dec 22 Holiday Breakfast for Students (organized by the PAC); 8:15-9:00am
Last Day of School before Winter Break!

Jan 8 First Day back from Winter Break

Significant Dates in our Community:

December 8 Bodhi Day

December 10 Human Rights Day

December 7-15 Hannukah

Families, please review the information below:



Food Drive for the Holidays

Our Blair Student Leaders are organizing a food drive for the Richmond Food Bank.

When? Dec 11th- Dec 18th

What? Packaged food; cans, cereals, pasta, etc..

Why? To support Richmond community members who do not have enough food for the holidays.

BLAIR APPRECIATES YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Our hot lunch day will be on Dec 15, 2023!

We will be serving pizza from Fresh Slice and will be distributed in individual boxes to ensure safety. Please ensure you have register for a "Munch-a-Lunch" account to place your order. You may find the link at our Blair School website or essentially use the link below to access the registration and order form to place your pizza order.

Deadline to place your order online will be Monday, Dec 11th 11:59PM – should you wish to not participate in this month's hot lunch day, your child should bring a healthy lunch on the day of. Teachers and staffs are not accepting orders via cash, so please place order at your earliest convenience. All teachers and staffs are also welcome to create an account to join our munch-a-lunch hot lunch day.

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/blair/>



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Dress for the weather!

Students will go outside for recess and lunchtime play in all weather.
Rain gear, layers, and extra clothing are helpful to stay comfortable!



Rain gear



Boots



Extra clothes

School-Aged Child Care Demand Parent Survey – Provincial

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, we are sharing the survey information below to help inform the Province's [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives:

We know that many families depend on school-age child care to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent's full work day. That is why the Province's [ChildCareBC plan](#) is working to expand access to child care for all families that want and need it.

The Ministry of Education and Child Care is conducting a parent survey to better understand the regional and provincial demand for school age child care.

While we know there is unmet demand for school-aged child care, there is no current provincial or regional data quantifying the demand. Your participation will help the Province plan for future school-aged child care expansions.

This survey is intended for all parents, regardless of the type of child care you currently use or even if you are not using any child care at all.

The survey is now available online at:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/SchoolAgeParents.asp?SchoolNumber=820>

and is available in 18 languages. The survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete and is available starting November 21. Please only complete the survey once. The link is intended especially for you. Please do not share the link with anyone else. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca. If you encounter any technical difficulties, please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) at support@awinfosys.com.



MUSIC FUNDRAISER

Our school piano and many musical materials need replacing. PAC is organizing an opportunity to donate! Please inquire to our PAC co-chair Susan at susanblairpac@gmail.com
(Please note child's name and division)

Our school piano is in desperate need of replacement and can no longer be repaired. Various instrument racks for band and many musical materials are due for replacement as well. Our budget including the piano is over \$4000. PAC has budgeted for portion of the money towards replacing the music equipment, but we still need your help to reach the remaining \$3000. Please support in any way possible and we thank you for your generosity.

If you would like to donate, please contact susanblairpac@gmail.com and please be sure to include your child's name and division in the email!

Winter Wonderland

AT MINORU ARENAS

Dec 15–Jan 7

7551 Minoru Gate
604-238-8465

The perfect place for a holiday skate is Winter Wonderland at Minoru Arenas! Set under a canopy of twinkly lights with festive music, bring your family and friends to this annual winter time activity. Regular admission rates apply.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Dec 15 Public Skate 6:30–9pm	Dec 16 Public Skate 12–4pm 6:30–9pm
Dec 17 Public Skate 12–4pm 6:30–9pm	Dec 18 Public Skate 6:30–9pm	Dec 19 	Dec 20 Public Skate 6:30–9pm	Dec 21 	Dec 22 Public Skate 6:30–9pm	Dec 23 Public Skate 12–6pm
Dec 24 Public Skate 12–4pm	Dec 25 Closed	Dec 26 Public Skate 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm	Dec 27 Public Skate 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm	Dec 28 Public Skate 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm	Dec 29 Public Skate 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm	Dec 30 Public Skate 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm
Dec 31 Public Skate 10am–4pm	Jan 1 Public Skate 12–4pm	Jan 2 Public Skate 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm	Jan 3 Public Skate 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm	Jan 4 Public Skate 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm	Jan 5 Public Skate 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm	Jan 6 Public Skate 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm
Jan 7 Public Skate 10am–4pm						



richmond.ca/arenas





RECENTLY, THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED A NEW FEEDING FUTURES SCHOOL PROGRAM FUND, DESIGNED TO ASSIST SCHOOLS IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT OF SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS AND OTHER NUTRITIONAL SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL, PLEASE REACH OUT TO MR. LIVINGSTON (ALIVINGSTON@SD38.BC.CA). WE ARE GATHERING INFORMATION AND LOOKING TO PROVIDE ONGOING SUPPORT WHEREVER POSSIBLE. IMPLEMENTATION PLANS ARE UNDERWAY, AND WE WANT TO ENSURE FAMILIES ARE AWARE, AND AS ALWAYS, ABLE TO REACH OUT IF THEY REQUIRE SUPPORT. ALL REQUESTS WILL BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND YOUR PRIVACY WILL BE RESPECTED.

WE WANT TO WORK WITH FAMILIES TO ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILDREN HAVE EVERYTHING THEY NEED IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESSFUL AT SCHOOL. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT IF WE CAN HELP.

Richmond School District

Kindergarten Registration

November–January



sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten

RICHMOND
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

Active Recreation & Sport Fund

Funding for Richmond children and youth (18 and younger) to participate in active recreation programs and sports where financial barriers impact inclusion

Application forms and more info:
<http://www.richmondsportscouncil.com/>

Email us for help:
recreationsportfund.rsc@gmail.com



Children's Dental Program

Book your child's first dental check around their 1st birthday.

Free Oral Screening & Fluoride Treatment

- For children up to 5 years old who do not have a dentist

免費牙科普查計劃 & 氟化物處理

- 為 5 歲以下 不能去看牙醫的兒童設立

Referral for free dental treatment

- For children 3-12 years old who do not have dental insurance

轉介免費牙科治療

- 對於沒有牙科保險的 3-12 歲兒童



Scan or call 604.233.3104 for more info





**The last day of school
before Winter Break is
Friday, December 22nd
and school reopens on
Monday, January 8th**