

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

December 4-8, 2023

Happy December everyone! It is hard to believe that it is December already. Our students have been working hard this term, and with only three weeks to go before our Winter Break, we still have lots to do! Thank you to our PAC for working so hard for our community by organizing Lunch Days, fundraisers to support school programs, special events, and more!

Congratulations to our grade 7s who played in the Richmond Secondary School Colts Tournament this week! This group, and the entire grade 6/7 team improved so much over the season! Well done!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

-Mr. Livingston

Notes from the Office:

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

Please use the drop off/pick up lane only. Please PULL FORWARD all the way as space opens up!

Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday December 4	
Tuesday December 5	
Wednesday December 6	
Thursday December 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winter Concert @10:45am (Divisions 1-4) *Please limit guests to 2 max per family *Please only attend if you have a child in Div 1-4
Friday December 8	

Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

Dec 13 Music Performance @11am (Divisions 5-10)

Dec 15 PAC Hot Lunch Day

Dec 20 Written Learning Updates/Report Cards published (parent portal)

Dec 22 Holiday Breakfast for Students (organized by the PAC)

Last Day of School before Winter Break!

Jan 8 First Day back from Winter Break



Families, please review the information below:



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 Messenger:

As previously communicated, the Richmond School District is implementing a new communication tool that will enable both the district and your child's school to send you text messages. The purpose is to improve the ability to deliver time-sensitive information to you, including emergency notifications.

Between November 15 and 30, parents/guardians were requested to opt-in for this service by sending a text message with a Y or Yes to the number 978338. If you have not completed the opt-in process, we strongly encourage you to do so.

Any parents/guardians who have not opted-in by November 30 will receive one text message (sample below) on December 1. This will be the final opt-in message sent for the 2023/24 school year.

"Richmond School District messages. Reply Y to confirm, Help 4 info. Message & data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. [Schoolmessenger.com/smsca](https://schoolmessenger.com/smsca)"

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!



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

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School Flag Half-masting Notice

Following the flag protocol of the government of BC, please be advised that all Richmond school and district sites will fly the Canadian and BC flags at half-mast from sunrise to sunset on Wednesday December 6, 2023, to recognize the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women.

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

