

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

Sept. 30 – Oct. 4, 2024

Dear Blair Families,

Today we engaged in Orange Shirt Day at Blair, wearing orange as a symbol of our acknowledgement, compassion, and engagement in reconciliation. Monday September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, to honour the children who never came home, and Survivors of residential schools. We invite you to talk to your child about Truth and Reconciliation; learn together, be curious, and be open to a positive way forward together. Below are some weblinks to continue learning:

What is Reconciliation: <https://www.cbc.ca/kids/watch/video/1.6972894>

Orange Shirt Society; donate and support reconciliation: <https://orangeshirtday.org>

Government of Canada National Day for Truth and Reconciliation webpage:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-day-truth-reconciliation.html>

I wish all of our families a wonderful weekend.

-Mr. Livingston

Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday Sept. 30	Statutory Holiday for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation; School Closed
Tuesday Oct. 1	
Wednesday Oct. 2	
Thursday Oct. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Author Visit: Brenda Li (Div 6-10)
Friday Oct. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MunchaLunch orders due for Oct 7 PAC Hot Lunch



Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

- Mon Oct 7** **PAC Hot Lunch: Pizza**
- Oct 8-10** **Scholastic Book Fair in the Library**
- Mon Oct 14** **Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed**

Significant Dates in our Community



National Day of Truth and Reconciliation/Orange

Shirt Day: Sept. 30

National Seniors Day: Oct. 1

Rosh Hashana: Oct. 2-4

Navaratri: Oct. 3-12

National Day of Action to Honour

Missing Murdered Indigenous

Women, Girls, Trans and 2-Spirited: Oct. 4



School Flag Half-Masting Notice

In observance of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, please be advised that all Richmond schools and district sites will lower the Canadian and BC flags to half-mast. As this day falls on a holiday, the flags will be lowered on the evening of September 27 and be raised again on the morning of October 1.

ANNEX A

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

DESCRIPTION OF VISUAL ELEMENTS

Among the various visual elements illustrating Indigenous cultures, the circle is at the centre, which represents being together in spirit of reconciliation. The orange colour represents truth-telling and healing. The pathway represents the road to reconciliation. First Nations, Inuit and Métis are represented by the eagle, narwhal and beaded flower in the image. The stars represent the children who never made it home from residential schools.

***Smoke** is used in different ways by all three Indigenous groups in Canada. Whether it is to smoke fish and meat, to burn sage and tobacco or for sacred ceremonies, it is a significant symbol in Indigenous culture.

DESCRIPTION OF THE THREE ICONS



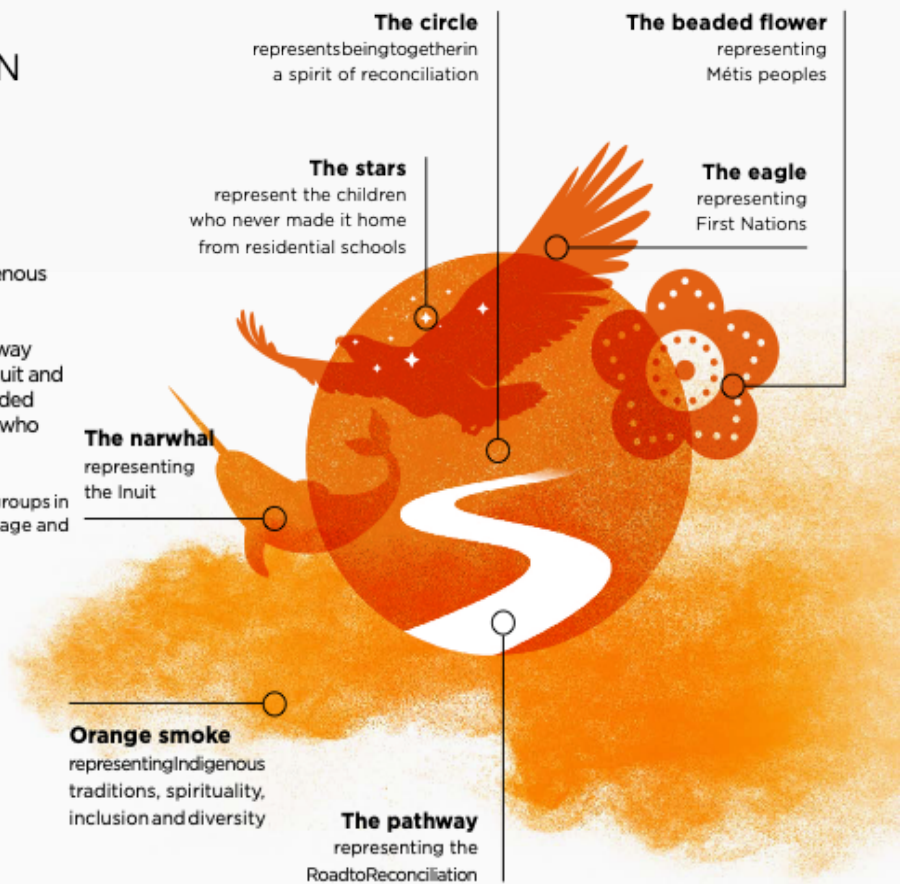
The eagle to represent the First Nations



The narwhal to represent the Inuit



The beaded flower to represent the Métis peoples



The circle
represents being together in
a spirit of reconciliation

The beaded flower
representing
Métis peoples

The stars
represent the children
who never made it home
from residential schools

The eagle
representing
First Nations

The narwhal
representing
the Inuit

Orange smoke
representing Indigenous
traditions, spirituality,
inclusion and diversity

The pathway
representing the
Road to Reconciliation



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Financial Support Available

Blair students and families are able to access the **Student and Family Affordability Fund**, intended to help offset some of the costs associated with school (such as school supplies, hot lunches, field trip fees, etc). For support, please reach out to the school Principal **Andrew Livingston**, alivingston@sd38.bc.ca.

Parking Lot Safety:

It is extremely important to:

- **PULL Forward in the pick up lane; do not block the entrance**
- **drive SLOWLY in the parking lot**
- **use the CURB LANE to drop-off your children**

If you need to leave your car, please park on the street; we have NO visitor parking in our lot.

Reporting Late Arrivals, Early Pick-ups, and Absences:

- **Please always use the Blair Early Warning Phone Line at 604-668-6318**
- If your child will be leaving school early for an appointment, please inform the teacher so that they can plan accordingly



[Get Involved in Shaping the Future of Our City: Richmond 2050 Official Community Plan](#)

Richmond is updating its Official Community Plan (OCP) to the year 2050 and is encouraging community members to get involved and help shape the city's future.

Join us in creating a vibrant, sustainable and inclusive community. Several engagement opportunities are being offered from September through November.

Learn about the many ways you can be involved including:

Online: Visit LetsTalkRichmond.ca/ocp2050 ([link](#)) to learn more and ask questions. An online survey will be available in the fall.

Get Snapping photo initiative: Submit photos of your favourite spaces in Richmond and be entered into a draw to win prizes. Visit LetsTalkRichmond.ca/get-snapping ([link](#)) to learn more.

In-person pop up booths: Visit a pop-up booth around the city to learn more about the project.

Open houses: Attend an in-person drop-in style open house.

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Please see the attached flyer below.

Get Involved with the Richmond Official Community Plan Update



richmond 2050
planning together



Richmond is updating its current Official Community Plan (OCP) and is encouraging residents and community members to learn more and provide input.

An OCP is a comprehensive document that outlines the long-term land use goals and objectives which enable the City to plan, coordinate and manage its environmental, social, and economic interests over the long term.



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- **In-person open houses:** Drop by one of the three in-person open houses and take a survey in November

