


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

**September 16-20, 2024**

### Highlights For This Week Include:

<p><b>Monday</b> Sept 16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>PAC Hot Lunch: Pizza Day</b></li> </ul> 
<p><b>Tuesday</b> Sept 17</p>	
<p><b>Wednesday</b> Sept 18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Meet the Staff Event at Blair: 5-6pm</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Thursday</b> Sept 19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Terry Fox Run at Blair: 2pm</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Friday</b> Sept 20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Pro- D Day; No School for Students</b></li> </ul>

### Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

**Mon Sept 23**                      **Individual Student Photo Day!**

**Fri Sept 27**                      **Orange Shirt Day; Truth and Reconciliation Assembly**

**Mon Sept 30**                      **Statutory Holiday for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation; School Closed**

# Significant Dates in our Community






## September

Labour Day: Sept. 2  
 Ganesh Chaturthi: Sept. 7  
 International Literacy Day: Sept. 8  
 Mennonite Heritage Week: Sept. 8 - 14  
 Mawlid-al-Nabi: Sept. 15-16  
 Gender Equality Week: Sept. 22-28  
 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day: Sept. 30





How to support your child with Early Literacy strategies: <https://blair.sd38.bc.ca>

**Terry Fox Run: Donations for Cancer Research**

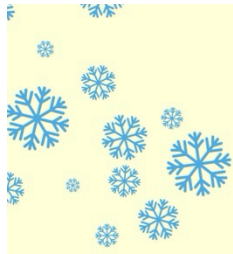
Archibald Blair Elementary Online Fundraising

Page: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/ArchibaldBlairElementary>



Archibald Blair Elementary is getting ready for the 2024 Terry Fox School Run! We're super excited to take part in this annual tradition that supports cancer research while building school spirit. Please support our student's fundraising efforts and donate today

at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/ArchibaldBlairElementary> #terryfoxschoolrun #nomatterwhat @theterryfoxfoundation



# 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!



Hats

Sunscreen (applied at home!)



rain gear



Extra clothes  
/layers

## Financial Support Available

Blair students and families are also 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](mailto: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

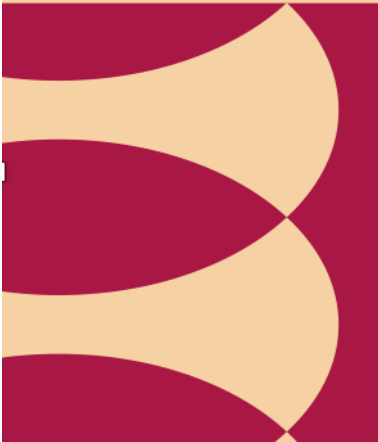
If you need to leave your car, please park on the street; we have **NO** visitor parking in our lot.

- **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

# Wear Orange for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30

NATIONAL DAY FOR  
TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION



The day honours the children who never returned home and survivors of residential school, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

## **District Code of Conduct: How We Learn and Work Together**

The Board of Education recognizes and welcomes its obligation to all members of the district community to provide a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment. As we learn and work together, we will truly celebrate and support the rich diversity that is our district community.

It is our collective responsibility and expectation that all district community members (students, staff, parents, and guests) comply with and enact the purpose and spirit of the British Columbia Human Rights Code, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Canadian Human Rights Act including not engaging in discriminatory conduct on the basis of race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age of that person or that group or class of persons.\* (BC Human Rights Code 2017).

To that end, we are committed to the expectation that all members of the district community will conduct themselves in an ethical and lawful manner that demonstrates respect for self, others, property and the environment.

# All about early literacy



When we talk about early literacy, we're talking about what children learn about reading and writing *before* they can fully read and write. Before starting school, your child begins to build their first literacy skills that are essential for their success in school and beyond. In the early grades (Kindergarten to Grade 3), your child will continue to develop these skills and become readers and writers. You can support this development at home and help reinforce their learning at school.

This brief guide will provide you with:

- Helpful tips to build your child's early literacy skills at home;
- An explanation of how teachers will support your child's early literacy in school; and
- Steps you can take if you think your child needs extra support.

## Ideas to try at home:

- **Talk to your child** – right from birth, have conversations and ask them questions.
- **Read to your child** – bedtime stories count!
- **Have books and audiobooks in your home** – the public library is a great resource for free books and audiobooks.
- **Ask your child questions about the books they are reading or listening to** – this builds their understanding.
- **Encourage your child to tell you stories** – spoken language is the start of learning to read and write.
- **Play together** – play is how kids explore new ideas and learn. Find ideas and activities in the [Let's Play: Activities for Families, Play Today](#), and [When I Go to Kindergarten](#) guides.
- **Have letter and number toys and games at home** – puzzles, magnets, and board games are fun ways to expose kids to letters, words, and numbers.
- **Play with rhymes** – rhyming books and games help kids learn the sounds of language.
- **Sing together** – songs are a fun way to learn language.
- **Have your child draw, craft, or play with playdough** – before your child can form letters, their hands need to be strong and these activities can help!
- **Point out words in their environment** – on signs, packages, clothing, or toys.
- **Label items at home** – the more words kids see, the stronger their vocabulary becomes.
- **Share new words** – it's not just big--it's also huge, giant, or massive!
- **Attend a class** – Find a [StrongStart](#) near you or check out your local community center or [public library](#) for free early learning activities.