

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

**Sept. 23 - 27, 2024**

Dear Blair Families,





Thank you for attending our Meet the Staff event at Blair this past Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many of you in the school! As our beginning of the year routines and expectations are established, please expect communications from your child’s teacher about the year ahead.

Thank you to our teachers for organizing our Terry Fox Run, and to our community for raising money for cancer research! We have raised \$840 so far, and our fundraising page is still open:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/73324> We are looking forward to a great week ahead!

-Mr. Livingston

**Highlights For Next Week Include:**

<p><b>Monday</b> <b>Sept. 23</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual Student Photo Day</li> <li>• PAC Hot Lunch Day</li> </ul>	 
<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>Sept. 24</b></p>		<p><b>DON'T FORGET</b> School photos are a Canadian tradition to capture the school year and preserve your continued growth.</p> <p><b>GET REMINDERS</b> Sign up for notifications at <a href="http://edgimaging.ca/photo/day">edgimaging.ca/photo/day</a> to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.</p> 
<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>Sept. 25</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:00 PAC Meeting (virtual)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Thursday</b> <b>Sept. 26</b></p>		
<p><b>Friday</b> <b>Sept. 27</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orange Shirt Day; Truth and Reconciliation Assembly</li> <li>• PAC Hot Lunch Day</li> </ul>	

**Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:**

**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

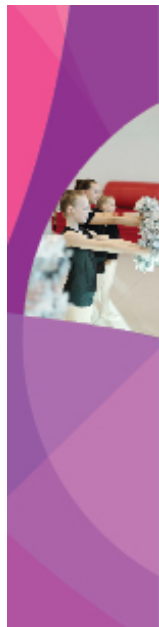
Gender Equality Week: Sept. 22-28

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/news/2024/09/early-literacy>



## Active Recreation & Sport Fund

For Richmond residents  
18 years and under



Provides funding for children and youth to participate in active recreation programs and sports where financial barriers impact inclusion.

[richmond.ca/subsidy](http://richmond.ca/subsidy)





# 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 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.

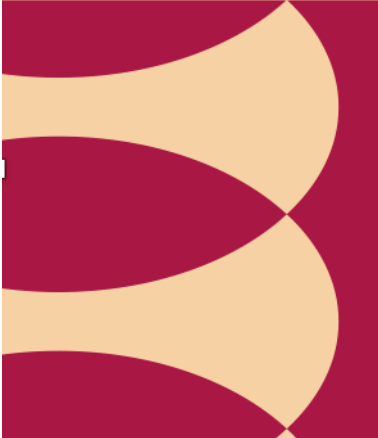
## Reporting Late Arrivals, Early Pick-ups, and Absences:

- **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.



## **GANG PREVENTION INFORMATION SESSIONS**

FREE for parents, guardians and caregivers

**Mon, Sep 23 from 6:00-8:00pm**  
**at Richmond City Hall**  
(6911 No. 3 Road)

**Tue, Nov 19 from 6:00-8:00pm**  
**at the Richmond Cultural Centre**  
(7700 Minoru Gate)

Learn how to protect and support  
your children.

For more info, visit [richmond.ca/BSCF](http://richmond.ca/BSCF).



## **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.





# Band Camp

OCT 4-5

@BURNETT 5011 GRANVILLE AVE

Oct 4 15:30 – 21:00

Oct 5 8:30 – 15:00

*Please bring your instrument(s), pencil, eraser, water bottle, sweater. Concert Friday night by Richmond Community Concert Band at 8:00 minimum donation for entry \$2. Free concert Saturday by students at 15:00. Remember to pack lunch on Saturday! There will be Pre-purchased pizza dinner on Friday.*

