

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

September 3rd-6th, 2024

Welcome to the 2024 – 2025 School Year at Blair!

Blair Families, our new school year is officially underway! It was wonderful to meet and reconnect with so many of you today. I could feel the positive energy as students returned to school!

We anticipate moving to our new classes for grade 1-7 students on Friday September 6th, 2024 (Kindergarten students on Monday September 9th).

A Note About Class Placements

The thoughtful and professional staff at Blair do our very best to create optimal learning environments that support the growth and development of our students.

If your child happens to be concerned about their new class placement, it can help to reassure them that their feelings around the change of a teacher, classroom, or peers, is normal and experienced by lots of students. With a bit of time, students will settle into their classrooms, and we know that everyone will have a great year! Talking with your child's new teacher about how your child is feeling can help create an opportunity where you can work together to help build connections and help your child settle into their new classroom!

Let's Keep Each Other Safe and Healthy!

In order to keep each other safe and healthy, our Provincial Health Authorities, the Ministry of Education and the Richmond School District are reminding us to consider the following:

1. To help prevent the spread of illness, please stay home when you are sick
2. Please wash your hands as frequently and thoroughly as possible
3. If you need to cough or sneeze, please cover your mouth with a tissue (or into your elbow)

Blair Early Warning Phone Number:

If your child will be absent or late for any reason, please call the Blair Early Warning Line: **604-668-6318**.

Parking Lot Safety:

It is extremely important to:

- drive **SLOWLY** in the parking lot
- use the curb lane to drop-off lane to let your children
- keep driving forward as far as you can in the lane before you stop to drop off your child
- use the curb side of the car to drop off/pick up.

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

Staying informed:

We hope that you will feel well informed and connected to what is happening at your child's school. With that in mind...

- Check out our school website at www.blair.sd38.bc.ca, which provides information about our school and the Blair community.
- To keep up to date, and to help with your planning, please look for regular emails featuring:
 - Our "Week-At-A-Glance" (WAAG) and Calendars that highlight upcoming special events and important dates.
 - Blair Newsletters, with featured articles and stories about learning activities, and important information for our families.
- All Blair parents are welcome to join us for our regular monthly Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meetings, typically held on the last Wednesday of each month through Zoom.
- **Reporting Late Arrivals and Absences:**
 - Please always use the Blair Early Warning Phone Line at 604-668-6318

Highlights For This Week Include:

Monday Sept 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour Day Statutory Holiday
Tuesday Sept 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome Back! First Day of School
Wednesday Sept 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students in their last year's class/temporary class<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Please use the classroom doors/meeting place indicated by the teacher• Kindergarten students Group A and B Gradual Entry schedule
Thursday Sept 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students in their last year's class/temporary class<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Please use the classroom doors/meeting place indicated by the teacher• Kindergarten students Group A and B Gradual Entry schedule
Friday Sept 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 1-7 students begin in NEW classrooms today<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Please use the classroom doors/meeting place indicated by the teacher• Kindergarten students Group A and B Gradual Entry schedule

Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

- Friday Sept 13** **Welcome Back Assembly for students**
- Wednesday Sept 18** **Meet the Staff Event @ Blair: 5:00-6:00pm**
- Thurs Sept 19** **Blair's 2024 Terry Fox Run**
- Fri Sept 20** **Professional Development (Pro-D) Day: No School for students**
- Fri Sept 27** **Orange Shirt Day; Truth and Reconciliation Assembly**
- Mon Sept 30** **Statutory Holiday for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation; School Closed**

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).*

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.

HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to provide all members of our school district community with a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment.

As we learn and work together, we will...

- 1** Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.
- 2** Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.
- 3** Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.
- 4** Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.
- 5** Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property.
- 6** Respect the non smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.



Our expectations for how we learn and work together shall apply to everyone in our schools and at school functions.

The complete code of conduct
is available online at:
sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct