

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

**October 14-18, 2024**

Dear Blair Families,

Thank you to everyone who supported our Scholastic Book Fair this past week! Ms. Wood and our PAC volunteers worked hard to organize the fundraising event, and we are so happy to have many more books in the hands of our students! As we move into the Thanksgiving long weekend, I would like to express gratitude for having the opportunity to work in such a lovely school community. Our families and staff are so dedicated and supportive, and I appreciate how you all contribute to our school in different ways.

I wish all of you a lovely weekend, full of rest, rejuvenation, and time with family and friends.

-Mr. Livingston

### ***Highlights For Next Week Include:***

<p><b>Monday</b> Oct 14</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> Oct 15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grade 6/7 Immunization Clinic</b></li> <li>• <b>2:45 Home Volleyball Game vs Grauer</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> Oct 16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2:45 Home Volleyball Game vs Spul’u’kwuks</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Thursday</b> Oct 17</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill 10:30am</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Friday</b> Oct 18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kindergarten Hearing Testing 9-11am</b></li> </ul>

### **Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:**

- Oct 24**      **Early Dismissal 11:50am for Conferences**
- Oct 25**      **Provincial Pro-D Day – No school for Students**
- Oct 30**      **PAC Meeting 8pm (virtual)**

# Significant Dates in our Community



Thanksgiving Day: Oct. 14  
 International Pronouns Day: Oct. 16  
 World Food Day: Oct. 16  
 Sukkot Begins: Oct. 16-23  
 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty: Oct. 17  
 Spirit Day: Oct. 17  
 Persons Day: Oct. 18



Sukkot is a week-long Jewish festival that celebrates the harvest and commemorates the Israelites' 40-year journey in the wilderness after leaving Egypt. It usually falls in the autumn, beginning five days after Yom Kippur. During Sukkot, families build temporary huts called "sukkahs" to symbolize the fragile dwellings the Israelites lived in. People eat and sometimes sleep in the sukkah to remind themselves of the journey. It's also a time to give thanks for the harvest and is one of the three major pilgrimage festivals in Judaism.



"The purpose of a woman's life is just the same as the purpose of a man's life: that she may make the best possible contribution to her generation."  
 — Louise McKinney (1868-1931)

**Yes, Women are Persons!**

Persons Day | October 18 #PersonsDay

Persons Day is a Canadian holiday celebrated on October 18th each year, marking a significant legal victory for women's rights. On this day in 1929, the "Famous Five"—a group of Canadian women—won a case that allowed women to be legally recognized as "persons" under Canadian law. This victory meant that women could be appointed to the Senate and participate fully in political life. Persons Day honors their fight for gender equality and is an important milestone in the women's rights movement in Canada.

## Parking Lot Safety:

It is extremely important to:

- **PULL** all the way 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.

## 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)*.

## 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 also inform the teacher so that they can plan accordingly



# 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**



**GET YOUR  
GRADE 5  
ACTIVE!  
PASS  
TODAY**

[richmond.ca/Grade5Pass](http://richmond.ca/Grade5Pass)





# Early Learning for Families Events

Do you have a 0-5 year old child?

The Richmond School District welcomes your family to the Early Learning for Families (ELFF) events. Join us for fun and engaging learning experiences while meeting new friends and building home to school connections. It's also a great opportunity to ask questions all about Early Learning.

Event Date & Time	Theme	Elementary School	Address	Special Guest
<b>November 22, 2024</b> 9:30am - 11:00am	Arts: Create & Imagine	Tomsett Elementary	9671 Odlin Rd, Richmond BC	Kellie Haines
<b>January 22, 2025</b> 9:30am - 11:00am	Early Learning Event	Hamilton Elementary	5180 Smith Dr, Richmond BC	Will's Jams
<b>February 12, 2025</b> 1:00pm - 2:30pm	Literacy & Numeracy: Play & Learn	Garden City Elementary	8311 Garden City Rd, Richmond BC	Will's Jams
<b>April 8, 2025</b> 4:00pm - 5:30pm	Outdoor Event: Build & Grow	Homma Elementary	5100 Brunswick Dr, Richmond BC	Sand Northrup

## Special Guests



Kellie Haines  
*Ventriloquist*



Will's Jams  
*Musician*



Sand Northrup  
*One Woman Circus*



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# Caregiver Info Sessions

Join us for a series of virtual Caregiver Information Sessions designed specifically for parents of children aged 0-5. These sessions aim to provide valuable insights, practical tips, and supportive resources to help you navigate the early years of parenting in the areas of supporting literacy, numeracy, the importance of play and in preparing for kindergarten. Our SD38 Early Learning Program is committed to supporting you in creating nurturing and enriching environments for your child's growth and development.

## Early Literacy at Home

October 17, 2024  
(6:00pm - 7:00pm)



Lisa Schwartz  
Early Learning Administrator &  
DeBeck Elementary Principal  
*SD38 Presenter*

## Early Numeracy at Home

January 29, 2025  
(6:00pm - 7:00pm)



Janice Novakowski  
Teacher Consultant  
(Mathematics & Numeracy)  
*SD38 Presenter*

## The Importance of Outdoor Play

March 4, 2025  
(6:00pm - 7:00pm)



Megan Zeni  
Teacher Consultant (Early Learning  
& K-7 Curriculum Implementation)  
*SD38 Presenter*

[Register now!](#)



## Starting Kindergarten

June 10, 2025 (1:00pm)

June 10, 2025 (6:00pm)

SD38 Early Learning Team

Registration for this event will be communicated at a later date.



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# 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.



For more information on how to participate, visit [LetsTalkRichmond.ca/ocp2050](https://LetsTalkRichmond.ca/ocp2050) or email [communityplanning@richmond.ca](mailto:communityplanning@richmond.ca)

**Join us in creating a vibrant, sustainable and inclusive community.**

Opportunities to get involved from September through November:

- **Online:** Visit [LetsTalkRichmond.ca/ocp2050](https://LetsTalkRichmond.ca/ocp2050)
- **Get snapping:** Submit your photos and be entered into a draw to win one of multiple prizes
- **In-person pop-up booths:** Pop-up booths will be located around the City for you to learn more about the project
- **In-person open houses:** Drop by one of the three in-person open houses and take a survey in November

