

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

October 21-25, 2024

Dear Blair Families,

We are looking forward to welcoming families to the school for a Learning Update (Parent-Teacher Conference) for your child! Most conference days are scheduled for this coming week. However, you are able to request another date and time if needed; just contact your child’s teacher. We value the learning partnership between home and school, so thank you for your scheduling a conference time!

-Mr. Livingston

Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday Oct 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC Rice Bowl lunch • 2:45 Volleyball Game vs Brighthouse
Tuesday Oct 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:45 Volleyball Game at Spul’u’kwuks
Wednesday Oct 23	
Thursday Oct 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:50am Early Dismissal for Conferences
Friday Oct 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial Pro-D Day – No School for students

Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

- Oct 28** **Hold and Secure/Lockdown Drill**
- Oct 30** **PAC Meeting**
- Oct 31** **Halloween; Students invited to wear appropriate costumes to school**

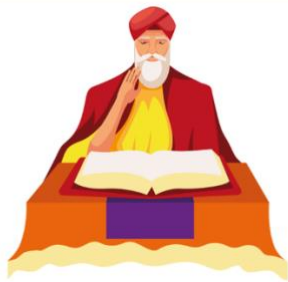
Significant Dates in our Community



Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth: Oct. 20
Simchat Torah: Oct. 24-25



Happy Simchat Torah



The Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth refers to the significant event in Sikh history when Guru Gobind Singh, the tenth Sikh Guru, declared the Guru Granth Sahib—the holy scripture of Sikhism—as the eternal and final Guru of the Sikhs in 1708. This marked the end of the line of human Gurus in Sikhism. The Guru Granth Sahib is a collection of hymns and spiritual teachings by Sikh Gurus and other saints, guiding Sikhs on how to live a life of truth, compassion, and devotion. The event emphasizes the centrality of the Guru Granth Sahib in Sikh worship and spiritual practice.



Simchat Torah is a Jewish holiday that celebrates the completion and the restarting of the annual reading cycle of the Torah, the Jewish holy text. It follows the festival of Sukkot and is a joyous occasion marked by dancing, singing, and processions with the Torah scrolls in synagogues. On Simchat Torah, the final portion of the Torah is read, and immediately afterward, the beginning is read again to symbolize the continuous cycle of study and learning. It is a time of celebration and gratitude for the Torah in Jewish life.

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!



warm gear



rain gear



Extra clothes



GLOW STICKS FOR SALE GLOW STICKS FOR SALE

WHAT: Halloween Fundraiser

WHEN: October 17 - 27

WHERE: munchalunch.com

Glow sticks will be delivered to classroom by end of day on Oct 30

**Price: \$1 for 1
\$5 for 6**



HALLOWEEN SHOULD AND NEEDS TO BE FUN; HOWEVER, WE NEED TO BE AWARE THAT CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN NEEDS TO BE FUN FOR ALL. HALLOWEEN OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS ABOUT COSTUME CHOICES WITH COLLEAGUES AND STUDENTS AND REQUIRES CONSIDERATION. IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THAT WE NEED TO BE SENSITIVE TO GROUPS THAT HAVE BEEN MARGINALIZED THROUGH MIMICRY AND CULTURAL APPROPRIATION DURING HALLOWEEN AND OTHER 'DRESS UP' EVENTS. A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:



IT'S GOOD TO KEEP IN MIND THAT THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT COSTUMES:

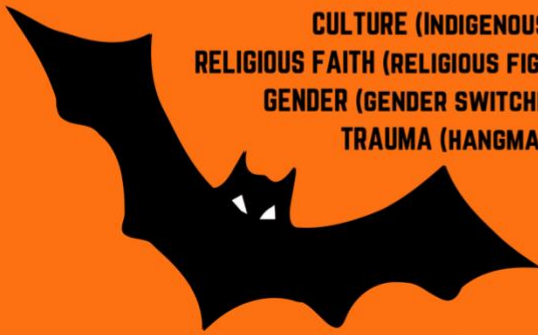
RACE (BLACK FACE/BROWN FACE)

CULTURE (INDIGENOUS REGALIA/DREADLOCKS)

RELIGIOUS FAITH (RELIGIOUS FIGURES/GODS/SAINTS/GURUS/HIJAB)

GENDER (GENDER SWITCHING FOR HUMOUR OR TO MOCK)

TRAUMA (HANGMAN'S NOOSE/WEAPONS)



A Message from our friends at McMath Secondary....

The Leadership students at McMath Secondary School, along with the The Good Shepherd Ministry, are looking for the help and support of the Richmond community. Together our goal is to help provide some assistance to those living on the downtown east side. We are asking for donations of pre-packaged candy that will be gifted to those in need.

Pre-packaged candy donations will be collected following Halloween!

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

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GRADE 5
ACTIVE!
PASS
TODAY**

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**\$25 FOR THEM,
\$25 FOR YOU**

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 \$25 WOULD BE DONATED TO THE P&C FUND.

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Swim Lessons**

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FOR FAMILIES OF BLAIR ELEMENTARY

PEDALHEADS

Use code **BLAIR25** for **\$25 off**

VALID FOR ANY PEDAL HEADS SWIM PROGRAM IN BC UNTIL DEC 31, 2024



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
November 22, 2024 9:30am - 11:00am	Arts: Create & Imagine	Tomsett Elementary	9671 Odlin Rd, Richmond BC	Kellie Haines
January 22, 2025 9:30am - 11:00am	Early Learning Event	Hamilton Elementary	5180 Smith Dr, Richmond BC	Will's Jams
February 12, 2025 1:00pm - 2:30pm	Literacy & Numeracy: Play & Learn	Garden City Elementary	8311 Garden City Rd, Richmond BC	Will's Jams
April 8, 2025 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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