

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

**February 3-7, 2025**

Dear Blair Families,

Today we had an amazing performance by Missy D, a Francophone bilingual musical performer! Our staff and students loved the show, while learning some French words along the way! After enjoying what seemed like endless sunshine, we seem to be moving back to more typical winter weather in Richmond. Please help prepare your child for rainy and snowy weather by sending them to school with appropriate gear. We look forward to the rest of Term 2, including the next Learning Update (Parent Teacher Conferences) scheduled for the week around our February 25<sup>th</sup> early dismissal.

-Mr. Livingston

### *Highlights For Next Week Include:*

<b>Monday</b> Feb. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young Actors Project begins</li> <li>• PAC Rice Bowl lunch</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> Feb. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boys Basketball Game vs Spu’u’kwuks</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> Feb. 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fruit and Veggie Program delivery</li> <li>• Young Actors Project</li> <li>• Girls Basketball Game</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b> Feb. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boys Basketball away game</li> <li>• Girls Basketball game</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b> Feb. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young Actors Project</li> </ul>

### Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

Feb 14	Pro D Day – No School for students
Feb 17	Family Day Holiday No School in session
Feb 25	11:50am Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences
Feb 26	Pink Shirt Day

# Significant Dates in our Community




## February is Black History Month

UN World Interfaith Harmony Week: Feb. 1 - 7

Vasant Panchami: Feb. 2


Ash Wednesday: Feb. 5



UNITED NATIONS


World Interfaith Harmony Week

World Interfaith Harmony Week, observed each February's first week, promotes mutual understanding, respect, and peace among people of all faiths. Established by the UN in 2010, it fosters unity through interfaith dialogue, cultural exchanges, and acts of service.



HAPPY Vasant Panchami

Vasant Panchami, also known as Saraswati Puja, is a Hindu festival celebrated on the fifth day of Magha (January-February). It marks the arrival of spring and honors Goddess Saraswati, the deity of wisdom, learning, and arts. Devotees wear yellow, offer prayers, and participate in cultural activities, symbolizing knowledge and prosperity.



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and reflection for Christians leading up to Easter. Observed by receiving ashes on the forehead in the shape of a cross, it symbolizes repentance and mortality. It is a day of reflection, repentance, and spiritual renewal.

## PAC Hot Lunches

February Hot Lunch Orders are available on MunchALunch. DUE TODAY January 31<sup>st</sup> for February 3<sup>rd</sup> hot lunch!

Please also note new vendors!

[www.blair.sd38.bc.ca](http://www.blair.sd38.bc.ca)



02/03 (Mon) - Fortune Bamboo MENU		
Feb 03.		
Item Name	Item Description	Price
-- 1: Meals		
A2. Minced Pork on Rice with Half Marinated Egg (S)		\$10.00
A3. Minced Pork on Rice with Half Marinated Egg (L)		\$12.00
B2. Stewed Beef with Potato on Rice (S)		\$10.00
B3. Stewed Beef with Potato on Rice (L)		\$12.00
I2. Teriyaki Tofu on Rice (S)		\$10.00
I3. Teriyaki Tofu on Rice (L)		\$12.00
F2. Creamy of Corn Chicken on Pasta (S)		\$10.00
F3. Creamy of Corn Chicken on Pasta (L)		\$12.00
H2. Japanese Curry Tofu on Rice (S)		\$10.00
H3. Japanese Curry Tofu on Rice (L)		\$12.00
J2. Soy Chicken with Potato on Rice (S)		\$10.00
J3. Soy Chicken with Potato on Rice (L)		\$12.00
K1. Pork Buns (3PC)		\$10.00
L2. Minced Beef on Pasta (S)		\$10.00
L3. Minced Beef on Pasta (L)		\$12.00

### Inclement Weather: School Closure Notifications

The district will try to determine school closures due to inclement weather by 6:30 a.m.

Updates will be delivered using social media and school and district websites.

No radio or television announcement will be made saying that schools are open. Only school closures will be announced by the media. To reach as many people as possible - as quickly as possible - we work closely with our

local media to share information. Listen to local radio stations and follow local news outlets online to also get

information about the impact of severe weather or emergencies in our schools.

If snowfall begins while school is in session, in most circumstances, schools will remain OPEN until the end of the school day.

## Dress for the weather!



winter coat



rain coat



rain or waterproof snow boots



mittens



hats



scarf



extra clothing including socks



# SPRING + SUMMER BIKE, SOCCER, SWIM & TRAIL



## PAC FUNDRAISER

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# SPRING + SUMMER REGISTRATION

Camps & lessons for kids aged 2-12

JAN  
21

SPRING BREAK  
Bike, Swim, Soccer, Trail

FEB  
11

SPRING  
Swim and Soccer

APR  
8

SUMMER  
Bike, Swim, Soccer, Trail



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Nanaimo • North Vancouver • Port Coquitlam • Richmond •  
Surrey • Tsawwassen • Vancouver • Victoria • West Vancouver

# Need dental insurance?

If your children don't have dental insurance, they may be eligible for dental benefits.



## Canadian Dental Care Plan

Eligibility:

- ✓ Do not have access to dental insurance
- ✓ Have an adjusted family net income of **less than \$90,000**
- ✓ Be a Canadian resident for tax purposes
- ✓ Have filed your tax return in the previous year
- ✓ Children must be **under 18 years old**



Scan here for more info and how to apply!

*If your child has dental insurance through a provincial, territorial or federal government social program, **they can still qualify** for the Canadian Dental Care Plan*

## BC Healthy Kids Program

Eligibility:

- ✓ Must be eligible for Medical Services Plan (MSP) Supplementary Benefits
- ✓ Have an adjusted family net income of **\$42,000 or less**
- ✓ Children must be **under 19 years old**



Scan here for more info and how to apply!

Visit [www.vch.ca/dentalhealth](http://www.vch.ca/dentalhealth) for dental health services and resources.

For more copies, go online at [vch.eduhealth.ca](http://vch.eduhealth.ca) or email [phe@vch.ca](mailto:phe@vch.ca) and quote Catalogue No. **FJ.100.N55**  
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# SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION: MENTAL HEALTH & DECISION-MAKING

A **COMPLIMENTARY WEBINAR** FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS & CAREGIVERS

Join leading **adolescent Clinical Psychologist Dr. Hayley Watson** for an online event that aims to help parents, guardians and caregivers gain a **deeper understanding** of substance use prevention and learn **practical tools** for supporting youth mental health.



## Key Takeaways:

- ✓ Learn the factors that contribute to youth mental health/substance use
- 🧠 Understand the skills that youth need to overcome these needs
- 🤝 Acquire practical tools for empowering your child and youth to make positive choices
- 🤝 Increase your ability to support your own mental health

**Time:** 6-7:30pm PST

**Date:** 20th, 25th, 26th Feb 2025

**REGISTER NOW**

Scan the QR  
Code to Register



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Ministry of Education and Child Care

# Monthly Newsletter

**SWIS** RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Settlement Workers  
In Schools

[sd38.bc.ca /swis](https://sd38.bc.ca/swis)



The Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) program provides settlement support and services for immigrants, refugees, and newcomer families in the Richmond School District.

## *SWIS February Activities*

<p><b>Every Friday</b></p>	<p><b>Adult Conversation Circle – ACC</b> English conversation for adults every Friday morning <b>Time:</b> 10:00AM – 11:30AM <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/yRSPG1HxUn">https://forms.office.com/r/yRSPG1HxUn</a></p>	<p>Online via <b>Zoom</b></p>
<p><b>Every Tuesday</b></p>	<p><b>Youth Connections Cafe</b> A space for youth to hang out with peers and have fun. Snacks and games will be provided. <b>Time:</b> 4PM– 6:00PM</p> <p><b>Feb. 4 Board Game Night</b> <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/WZkErL9QnH">https://forms.office.com/r/WZkErL9QnH</a></p> <p><b>Feb. 11 Origami Workshop</b> <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/iq4JN4hrYy">https://forms.office.com/r/iq4JN4hrYy</a></p> <p><b>Feb. 18 Movie Night</b> <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/GxeC4CG1by">https://forms.office.com/r/GxeC4CG1by</a></p> <p><b>Feb. 25 TBA</b> <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/UhSuQQvynG">https://forms.office.com/r/UhSuQQvynG</a></p>	<p><b>General Currie Elementary</b> 8220 General Currie Rd</p>

<p><b>Every Thursday</b></p>	<p><b>Youth Conversation Circle</b>  English conversation for high school students.  <b>Time:</b> 4:15PM – 5:30PM  <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/aE8qeNPgKk">https://forms.office.com/r/aE8qeNPgKk</a></p>	<p><b>Brighthouse Library</b>  2nd Floor,  7700  Minoru Gate</p>
<p><b>Feb 1</b></p>	<p><b>Youth Field Trip -UBC Campus Tour (RESCHEDULED)</b>  Join us on a guided walking tour of UBC. An advisor will be on-site to answer questions regarding undergraduate programs, admissions, and scholarship opportunities.  <b>Time:</b> 9:00AM – 2:00PM  <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/AbS9VP31HE">https://forms.office.com/r/AbS9VP31HE</a></p>	<p><b>Meeting Point:</b>  Scotia Bank at Brighthouse Skytrain Station at 8:45AM</p>
<p><b>Feb. 5</b></p>	<p><b>Tax Preparation for Newcomers</b>  Learn how to prepare your taxes with the help of a CRA (Canada Revenue Agency) Outreach Officer.  <b>Time:</b> 9:30AM – 11:00AM  <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/gkihTmnrJk">https://forms.office.com/r/gkihTmnrJk</a></p>	<p><b>Richmond School Board</b>  (Boardroom )  7811  Granville Avenue</p>
<p><b>Feb. 5</b></p>	<p><b>Financial Workshop (Savings and Investments)</b>  In partnership with FSGV, learn about the Dos and Don'ts of investments and learn about Government benefits.  <b>Time:</b> 10:30AM – 12:00PM  <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/Q6C9LHg2SW">https://forms.office.com/r/Q6C9LHg2SW</a></p>	<p><b>Richmond Caring Place</b>  340-7000  Minoru Blvd</p>
<p><b>Feb. 11</b></p>	<p><b>Connect The Dots - Parenting Support For Children With Special Needs</b>  This group helps families of children with special needs by connecting them to local resources and service providers.  <b>Time:</b> 9:30AM – 11:00AM  <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/bkaaJbHwf9">https://forms.office.com/r/bkaaJbHwf9</a></p>	<p><b>City Centre Community Centre</b>  105-5900  Minoru Blvd</p>
<p><b>Feb. 13</b>  English (with Chinese Translation)  英文及中文翻</p>	<p><b>Tax Preparation for Newcomers</b>  Learn how to prepare your taxes with the help of a CRA (Canada Revenue Agency) Outreach Officer.  <b>Time:</b> 10:00AM – 12:00PM  <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/5B9Wfww6VJ">https://forms.office.com/r/5B9Wfww6VJ</a></p>	<p><b>Brighthouse Library</b>  1st Floor  (Kid's Program)</p>



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Feb. 18	<p><b>Single Moms</b> Meet other single moms in Richmond and learn about helpful services available to you. <b>Time:</b> 9:30AM – 11:30AM</p> <p><b>Registration:</b> Email <a href="mailto:mdadural@sd38.bc.ca">mdadural@sd38.bc.ca</a> or <a href="mailto:mbharaj@sd38.bc.ca">mbharaj@sd38.bc.ca</a></p>	<p><b>City Centre Community Centre</b> 105-5900 Minoru Blvd</p>
Feb. 19	<p><b>Field Trip Nutrition Tour</b> Join us for a nutrition tour with an experienced dietitian who will explain how to make balanced and nutritious choices, as well as how to read and understand food labels. 与经验丰富的营养师一起在超市进行营养之旅，她将解释如何做出均衡和营养的选择，以及如何阅读和理解食品标签。与与经验丰富的营养师一起在超市进行营养之旅。 <b>Time:</b> 10:00AM – 12:00PM</p> <p><b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/S6sLa1ui9y">https://forms.office.com/r/S6sLa1ui9y</a></p>	<p><b>PriceSmart Foods</b> 8200 Ackroyd Road</p>
Feb. 27	<p><b>Snack &amp; Talk – Travel Smart</b> This workshop by BC TransLink offers a variety of tools and resources to help you explore Metro Vancouver using eco-friendly, flexible, and efficient travel options. <b>Time:</b> 9:30AM – 11:00AM</p> <p><b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/Qsuj6w9qcr">https://forms.office.com/r/Qsuj6w9qcr</a></p>	<p><b>Cambie Community Centre</b> Board Room 12800 Cambie Rd</p>
Feb. 27	<p><b>Inclusive Education</b> This session provides parents with an overview of what the Richmond School District does to create vibrant learning communities that foster all students' engagement and well-being in inclusive learning environments. <b>Time:</b> 10:00AM – 12:00PM</p> <p><b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/MdFEwONE5r">https://forms.office.com/r/MdFEwONE5r</a></p>	<p><b>Brighthouse Library</b> 2nd Floor, 7700 Minoru Gate</p>