

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

**January 27-31, 2025**

Dear Blair Families,

Our students have been hard at work this week, engaging in a wide range of activities, both at our school and off-site. 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. Thank you, families, for your ongoing support. I hope you have a lovely sunny weekend!

-Mr. Livingston

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

<b>Monday</b> <b>Jan. 27</b>	<b>Pro D Day – NO SCHOOL for students</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Jan. 28</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Girls Basketball Game at Ferris</b></li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Jan. 29</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>9:35 Lockdown/Hold and Secure Drill</b></li> <li><b>Boys basketball game at Home vs. Ferris</b></li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>Jan. 30</b>	
<b>Friday</b> <b>Jan. 31</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>9:00 Missy D Francophone Performing Artist show</b></li> <li><b>12:00 PAC Sushi Lunch Day</b></li> </ul>

- 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 Learning Updates/Parent Teacher Conferences

# Significant Dates in our Community

## January is Tamil Heritage Month

International Holocaust  
Remembrance Day: Jan. 27  
Lunar New Year: Jan. 29

National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City  
Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia: Jan. 29  
Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia (Province of B.C.): Jan. 29



International Holocaust Remembrance Day is observed annually on January 27th to honor the memory of the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, as well as millions of others persecuted by the Nazi regime during World War II. The date marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp in 1945. Established by the United Nations in 2005, this day serves to promote education, commemorate the victims, and reaffirm the commitment to prevent future acts of genocide. It is a time for reflection on the atrocities of the past and a call to action against hatred, discrimination, and antisemitism.

National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia



The National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia, observed annually on January 29th, commemorates the tragic 2017 attack on the Islamic Cultural Centre of Quebec City, where six men lost their lives and many others were injured while at prayer. Established by the Canadian government in 2021, the day honors the victims, supports survivors, and acknowledges the lasting impact on their families and communities. It also serves as a call to action to combat Islamophobia, promote inclusion, and uphold the values of diversity and mutual respect in Canada.

National Day of  
Remembrance and Action  
Against Islamophobia

The Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia in British Columbia, observed annually on January 29th, highlights the importance of addressing Islamophobia. This day reaffirms the province's commitment to fostering inclusivity, diversity, and respect for all communities while acknowledging the harmful impacts of anti-Muslim hatred. It serves as a call to action to combat discrimination and build a safer, more equitable society for everyone.



Lunar New Year 2025, celebrated on Wednesday, January 29th, marks the transition into the Year of the Snake in the lunar calendar. It is a major holiday for many Asian cultures, including Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Mongolian, Tibetan, and others, each with unique customs and traditions. The festival symbolizes renewal, family unity, and the welcoming of prosperity and good fortune. Common practices include family reunions, honoring ancestors, festive meals and the preparation of special dishes, exchanging symbolic gifts like red envelopes or tokens of luck, and engaging in cultural performances such as dragon or lion dances. Across Asia and beyond, Lunar New Year promotes themes of hope, renewal, and harmony.

## Dress for the weather!



winter coat



rain coat



rain or  
waterproof  
snow boots



mittens



hats



scarf



extra clothing  
including socks

## PAC Hot Lunches

January Hot Lunch Orders are available on MunchALunch!

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# Snacks & Facts

Learn how to build financial security through tax filing, accessing benefits and tax credits and putting your money to work through saving and investing.



## ➤ Building Financial Security Tuesday, January 28, 2025

*Presented by Family Services of Greater Vancouver*

- learn about government benefits that can put money in your pockets
- find out about saving with TFSAs, RESPs and RDSPs

## ➤ Income Tax Benefits and Credits Tuesday, February 25, 2025

*Presented by Canada Revenue Agency*

- find benefits and credits that you may be eligible for
- locate free tax clinics in Richmond

## Workshops will be held:

- 2:00 – 4:00pm
- Ironwood Library  
8200-11688 Steveston Hwy, Richmond
- Snacks provided,  
no registration needed



More information at:  
[richmond.ca/CommunityResources](http://richmond.ca/CommunityResources)



RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

# PRO-D DAYS SPECIAL

Guests can receive up to **3 complimentary child/youth tickets** with the purchase of 1 paid adult ticket

JAN 24    JAN 27    FEB 14    MAY 16

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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9671 ODLIN RD, RICHMOND

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If you are interested in volunteering please contact [president@richmondlacrosse.com](mailto:president@richmondlacrosse.com)



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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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