

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

**February 10-14, 2025**

Dear Blair Families,

What a week! We have experienced sustained wintery weather, and our students have really enjoyed playing, building, and exploring outside in the snow! Thank you for continuing to send your child with appropriate clothing for cold and wet weather.

We look forward to the rest of Term 2, including the next Learning Update (Parent Teacher Conferences) scheduled for the week of our February 25<sup>th</sup> early dismissal. -Mr. Livingston

### *Highlights For Next Week Include:*

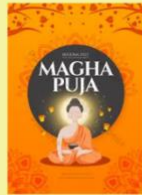
<b>Monday</b> Feb. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young Actors Project</li> <li>• PAC Pizza Day</li> <li>• 3:00 Girls’ Basketball Home Game Against Diefenbaker</li> <li>• 6:00 Burnett Grade 7 Info Night</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> Feb. 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young Actors Project</li> <li>• Boys’ Basketball Home Game vs Thompson</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> Feb. 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young Actors Project</li> <li>• 2:50 Boys’ Basketball Home Game vs McKay</li> <li>• 3:00 Girls’ Basketball Away Game vs Spul’u’kwuks</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b> Feb. 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2:50 Boys’ Basketball away Game vs Spul’u’kwuks</li> <li>• 3:00 Girls’ Basketball Home Game vs McKay</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b> Feb. 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pro D Day – <b>No School for students</b></li> </ul>

### Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

Feb 17	Family Day Holiday <b>No School in session</b>
Feb 25	11:50am <b>Early Dismissal</b> for Parent Conferences
Feb 26	Pink Shirt Day
Mar 14	Last day before Spring Break
March 31	School reopens after Spring Break
Apr 18-21	Good Friday <b>No School in session</b> Easter Monday <b>No School in session</b>
Apr 25	Term 2 Written Learning Updates/Report Cards published on MyEd

# Significant Dates in our Community

## February is Black History Month



Lantern Festival: Feb. 12  
Magha Puja Day: Feb. 12  
Valentine's Day: Feb. 14



### Lantern Festival

The Lantern Festival is a vibrant celebration observed across various Asian cultures, marking the first full moon of the lunar new year. Celebrated in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Vietnam (as Tết Nguyên Tiêu), South Korea (as Jeongwol Daeboreum), and parts of Southeast Asia, the festival symbolizes light, renewal, and hope. People illuminate the night with lanterns—floating them in the sky, on water, or carrying them in processions—while engaging in traditions like solving lantern riddles, eating symbolic foods such as tangyuan (glutinous rice balls) or red bean rice, and enjoying cultural performances like dragon and lion dances. The festival fosters unity, prosperity, and spiritual well-being across diverse communities.



### Magha Puja Day

Magha Puja, also known as Sangha Day, is an important Buddhist festival celebrated on the full moon day of the third lunar month (usually in February or March). It commemorates a significant gathering of 1,250 enlightened monks who assembled spontaneously to hear the Buddha deliver the Ovada Patimokkha, a fundamental teaching emphasizing morality, meditation, and wisdom. The day is marked by merit-making activities, chanting, meditation, and candlelight processions, symbolizing devotion and unity within the Buddhist community. It is especially significant in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar.



Valentine's Day, celebrated on February 14, is a global holiday dedicated to love and affection. Originating from ancient Roman and Christian traditions, it has evolved into a day for expressing love through gifts, flowers, chocolates, and heartfelt messages. While commonly associated with romantic relationships, many also celebrate friendships and familial bonds. Traditions vary worldwide, with some cultures focusing on gift exchanges, while others emphasize gestures of appreciation. Despite its commercialization, Valentine's Day remains a meaningful occasion for people to express love and connection in personal and cultural ways.

## PAC Hot Lunches

February hot lunches are available on

MunchALunch!

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



### 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



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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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# 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**

*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*



Scan here for more info and how to apply!

## 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.

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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

Scan the QR  
Code to Register



**REGISTER NOW**

We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the  
Ministry of Education and Child Care

## Who is Eligible?

Children are eligible for coverage if they are:

- a) more than 6 months old;
- b) less than 27 years old; and
- c) live in Canada, except the province of Quebec.

If a child is 14 years old or older at any time during the Coverage Period, they must be a full-time student within the 12 months prior to any claim. We define a full-time student as being enrolled in a minimum of 3 courses at the same time, during any 4-month period.

If you have children enrolled in different schools or school boards, they may all be insured under one policy.

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