

**Blair’s Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG) for Families:**  
**February 17-21, 2025**

Dear Blair Families,

With the Family Day long weekend ahead of us, we hope that all families will have a chance to pause, and reconnect with each other around joyful family activities.

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. 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Family Day – No School for students</b></li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> Feb. 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young Actors Project</li> <li>• 3:00 Boys’ Basketball Home Game vs Brighthouse</li> <li>• 3:00 Girls’ Away Game vs Brighthouse at Brighthouse</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> Feb. 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young Actors Project</li> <li>• Boys’ Basketball Home Game vs Garden City</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b> Feb. 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girls’ Basketball Home Game vs Ferris</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b> Feb. 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young Actors Project</li> </ul>

**Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:**

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

# Significant Dates in our Community



## February is Black History Month

Nirvana Day: Feb. 15

Family Day: Feb. 17

World Day of Social Justice: Feb. 20

International Mother Language Day: Feb. 21



Nirvana Day, also known as Parinirvana Day, is a Buddhist observance held on February 8 or 15 (depending on tradition) to commemorate the Buddha's passing into final Nirvana after his death. It is a day for reflection on impermanence, enlightenment, and the cycle of birth and rebirth. The day is widely observed in countries with strong Buddhist traditions, including Japan, China, Vietnam, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, and Tibet, as well as by Buddhist communities in the UK, the US, Canada, and Australia. Observances often include meditation, chanting, temple visits, and readings from the Parinirvana Sutra, which describes the Buddha's final moments. Many also engage in acts of kindness and charity, honoring the Buddha's teachings on compassion and detachment from suffering.



World Day of Social Justice, observed annually on February 20, is a United Nations initiative that promotes efforts to address poverty, inequality, and social exclusion worldwide. It highlights the importance of fair opportunities, human rights, and social protections for all, regardless of gender, race, or economic status. The day serves as a call to action for governments, organizations, and individuals to work toward inclusive development, fair labor conditions, and justice for marginalized communities. Various events, discussions, and campaigns take place globally to advocate for a more just and equitable world.



International Mother Language Day, observed annually on February 21, is a UNESCO initiative that promotes linguistic diversity and the preservation of mother tongues worldwide. Established in 1999 and first celebrated in 2000, it honors the importance of multilingualism in education, cultural identity, and social inclusion. The day also commemorates the 1952 Bengali Language Movement in Bangladesh, where students sacrificed their lives advocating for their right to use their mother language. Across the world, events, discussions, and cultural programs emphasize the need to protect endangered languages and foster appreciation for linguistic heritage.

## PAC Hot Lunches

February Hot Lunch Orders are available on MunchALunch.

Please also note new vendors!

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



**Blair Elementary School**

# After School Hangout

GRADES K-7

Connect with other kids with fun and interactive activities after school. For Blair Elementary students only. Please provide a healthy peanut free snack for your child.

**Tuesdays & Thursdays**  
Apr 01 – Jun 26  
2:45 – 5:00 PM  
\$514.80 / 26 sess  
#00400224

**3 WAYS TO REGISTER:**

Online at [www.richmond.ca/register](http://www.richmond.ca/register)  
Over the phone, Monday to Friday, 8:30AM - 5:00PM, at 604-276-4300  
In-person at Thompson or any other community facility.

Please contact Hana Hekal, Community Development Coordinator, for any question at [hhekal@richmond.ca](mailto:hhekal@richmond.ca) or 604-238-8426.



## Dress for the weather!



winter coat



rain coat



rain or waterproof snow boots



mittens



hats



scarf



extra clothing including socks

# Richmond Board of Education **Strategic Plan 2025–2030**



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**RICHMOND**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38



# SPRING + SUMMER BIKE, SOCCER, SWIM & TRAIL



## PAC FUNDRAISER

PEDALHEADS WILL DONATE \$25 TO YOUR SCHOOL PAC WITH EVERY CODE USED.

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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**

*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

**REGISTER NOW**

Scan the QR  
Code to Register



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.

# STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

## Financial Protection for your family in case of accidents



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