

# Blair's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG):

# September 29-October 3, 2025

Thank you, Families, for your support as we learn and establish expectations and routines at Blair! We look forward to a wonderful year of learning together. On Monday, please encourage your child to wear orange for Orange Shirt Day, as we recognize and reflect on Canada's historical involvement in "Indian Residential Schools" and our path forward for healing as a nation through our National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We wish you a wonderful weekend ahead. -Mr. Livingston

### Highlights For This Week Include:

Monday	Orange Shirt Day
September 29	<ul> <li>9:00am School gathering outside: Land Acknowledgement</li> <li>PAC Hot Lunch</li> </ul>
Tuesday	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – School Closed
September 30	
Wednesday	Fruit and Veggie distribution day
October 1	
Thursday	10:00am Evacuation Drill
October 2	
Friday	Friday morning community walk 8:45am
October 3	PAC Hot Lunch

#### **Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:**

Tues-Fri Oct 7-10 Scholastic Book Fair

Mon Oct 13 Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed

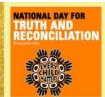
Thurs Oct 16 10:30am Great BC Shake Out/Drop, Cover, Hold on Earthquake Drill

Fri Oct 24 Pro-D Day – No School for Students

Tues Oct 28 11:50am Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences

#### **Financial Support Available**

Blair students and families are also 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.



# Significant Dates in our Community

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: Sept 30

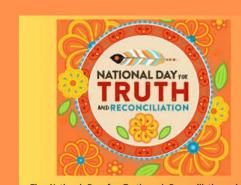


Dussehra: Oct 1-2 Yom Kippur: Oct 1-2

**International Custodian Day: Oct 2** 

World Teacher's Day: Oct 5





The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, observed on September 30, is a Canadian statutory holiday that commemorates the tragic history and ongoing impacts of residential schools on Indigenous peoples. The day honours Survivors, their families, and the thousands of Indigenous children who died in the residential school system that never returned home. It is also known as Orange Shirt Day, a time for Canadians to wear orange to symbolize the loss of culture, freedom, and selfesteem experienced by Indigenous children.



Day (WTD) has highlighted the vital contributions of teachers and the immense value they bring to our lives.

Yom Kippur, also known as the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. It takes place 10 days after Rosh Hashanah and is a day dedicated to seeking forgiveness for past mistakes and making amends. Many Jewish families observe this day with fasting, prayer, and reflection. Adults typically fast for 25 hours, while children may participate in age-appropriate ways. It is a time to pause, think about personal growth, and focus on being a better person in the coming year. Yom Kippur ends with a final prayer and the blowing of the shofar, signaling the close of this sacred day.



Dussehra, also known as Vijayadashami, is a major Hindu festival that celebrates the victory of good over evil. It marks the end of the Navaratri festival and the triumph of Lord Rama over the demon king Ravana, symbolizing the importance of righteousness and justice. The festival is observed with various cultural performances, including reenactments of the epic Ramayana, and the burning of large effigies of Ravana to represent the destruction of evil. It's a time for families to come together, share sweets, and enjoy festivities. Dussehra reminds us of the power of good and the importance of making positive choices in life.

# The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Blair October 7<sup>th</sup>-10th!

This is a great chance to support your child's interest in reading while also raising funds for the Blair library.

All students will visit the Book Fair with their class, and families can visit before and after school too! More information will be sent home with your child next week.

https://bookfairs.scholastic.ca/bf/archibaldblairelementary4





IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR A SCHOOL YEAR OF FREE, ACTIVE FUN!
ALL RICHMOND KIDS IN GRADE 5, INCLUDING THOSE HOME-SCHOOLED OR ATTENDING
PRIVATE SCHOOLS, CAN PICK UP A PASS.

EACH PASS INCLUDES FREE ADMISSION UNTIL JUNE 30, 2026 TO:

- DROP-IN PUBLIC SWIMMING AT MINORU CENTRE FOR ACTIVE LIVING AND
  WATERMANIA
- DROP-IN PUBLIC SKATING AT RICHMOND ICE CENTRE AND MINORU ARENAS (SKATE RENTALS ARE AN EXTRA FEE)
- WEST RICHMOND PITCH & PUTT WITH A PAYING ADULT (RENTALS ARE AN EXTRA FEE)
- VARIOUS DROP-IN PROGRAMS AT LOCAL COMMUNITY CENTRES (CHECK BACK FOR DETAILS)

IT'S SIMPLE TO REGISTER!

GRADE 5 STUDENTS JUST NEED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING TO A LOCAL RECREATION

CENTRE:

- BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR PASSPORT SHOWING THEY ARE 10 YEARS OLD AS OF
   DECEMBER 31, 2025; AND
- PROOF OF RESIDENCY OR CITY OF RICHMOND GRADE 5 CONFIRMATION LETTER
   RECEIVED IN SCHOOL IN OCTOBER.

## Meet the Staff Video!

Blair Staff 2025-2026.mp4

Password: Dragons

Expires: October 18, 2025