

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 September 29	• Orange Shirt Day • 9:00am School gathering outside: Land Acknowledgement • PAC Hot Lunch
Tuesday September 30	• National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – School Closed
Wednesday October 1	• Fruit and Veggie distribution day
Thursday October 2	• 10:00am Evacuation Drill
Friday October 3	• Friday morning community walk 8:45am • 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](mailto:alivingston@sd38.bc.ca).

**NATIONAL DAY FOR
TRUTH AND
RECONCILIATION**



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 self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children.



World Teacher's Day is a global celebration of the teaching profession. Since its inauguration in 1994, World Teachers' 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 7th-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