

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

October 27-31, 2025

Our last week of October will have several special events that will be engaging and exciting for our students! Please see the WAAG calendar and flyers below for details for the PAC Fall Fair, Bookish Pumpkin decorating, Blair Spirit Wear, and a costume parade!

We also look forward to meeting with families to share our first Learning Update for students through the Parent Teacher Conferences this coming week. Thank you for your engagement in your child's learning!

-Mr. Livingston

Highlights For This Week Include:

Monday October 27	- Pre-packaged candy collection begins 8:30-8:40 Drop off decorated Bookish Pumpkin to library (door 10) 12:00 PAC Hot Lunch – Fortune Bamboo 2:45 PAC Fall Fair/Second Hand items Sale – in the Gym - Blair Spirit Wear order forms go home!
Tuesday October 28	8:30-8:40 Drop off decorated Bookish Pumpkin to library (door 10) 9:30 Family Teams gathering 11:50 Informal Learning Update – Conferences Early Dismissal
Wednesday October 29	8:00 pm PAC Meeting (virtual)
Thursday October 30	
Friday October 31	9am Halloween Costume Parade 12:00 PAC Hot Lunch – Just Poke

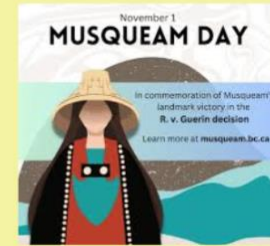
Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

Wed Nov 5	9:30am Hold and Secure/Lockdown Drill
Mon Nov 10	10:30am Remembrance Day Assembly
Tues Nov 11	Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday – School Closed

Significant Dates in our Community



Halloween: Oct. 31
Musqueam Day: Nov. 1



- The celebration is linked to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, which marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the cold, dark winter. Celts believed the boundary between the living and the dead blurred on this night.
- The name "Halloween" is derived from "All Hallows' Eve," the evening before All Saints' Day (November 1st).
- The holiday combines these pagan traditions with Christian observances, which include Allhallowtide, a three-day period dedicated to remembering the dead that starts on Halloween.



Musqueam Day is an annual holiday celebrated on November 1 by the Musqueam First Nations to commemorate the 1984 Supreme Court of Canada Guerin decision. This landmark ruling established the Crown's fiduciary duty to Indigenous Peoples and affirmed the government's obligation to act in their best interests. The day is a celebration of the ancestors' fight for justice and the protection of their inherent rights.



Dress for the weather!

Students will go outside for recess and lunchtime play in all weather.
Rain gear, layers, and extra clothing are helpful to stay comfortable!



warm gear



rain gear



Extra clothes



Blair Fall Market Fair



Join us for fun, community, and fundraising!



Date: Monday, October 27, 2025



Time: 2:45 – 4:00 p.m.



Where: School Gym



How to Participate



Sales Spots: \$30 per spot (table provided in the gym)



Students: May bring second-hand or hand-made items to sell



Keep your profits or donate them to the playground fund!



Please note: Food items cannot be sold at this event.



**Registration opens now until 11:59pm Friday, Oct 17
(first-come, first-served)**



Reserve your spot today!

For questions or registration, please contact:

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BOOKISH PUMPKIN CONTEST



AT BLAIR LIBRARY

BRING PUMPKINS TO THE LIBRARY
BEFORE SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 27-28

PRIZES FOR
MOST CREATIVE
PUMPKINS!

Decorate a pumpkin based on a book character.
Bring your painted and decorated pumpkin to the library.

No carved pumpkins please.

Winners announced October 31st.

*Drop off from 8:30-8:40 to the library through Door #10!



**MCMATH SECONDARY SCHOOL
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

HALLOWEEN CANDY DRIVE

**OCT 27TH TO NOV 7TH
BRING IN YOUR PRE-PACKAGED
CANDY**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH *THE GOOD SHEPHERD
MINISTRY*



Halloween

Halloween should and needs to be fun; however, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for all. Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices with colleagues and students and requires consideration. It is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other 'dress up' events. A few things to keep in mind:

It's good to keep in mind that the following are NOT costumes:

- RACE (*black face/brown face*)
- CULTURE (*Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks*)
- RELIGIOUS FAITH (*religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab*)
- GENDER (*gender switching for humour or to mock*)
- TRAUMA (*hangman's noose/weapons*)

Kindergarten Registration Applications for the 2026/27 school year!

Join us for an informative session focused on supporting students with disabilities and diverse abilities.

Topics will include:

- Understanding Inclusive Learning in Richmond School District
- Steps for Kindergarten Registration
- English Language Learner (ELL) Assessments and Welcome Centre
- District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori)

Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Hosts: Gordon Fitt, Liz Hayes-Brown, and Sarah Loat

To attend, please join via Zoom using this [link](#) and enter passcode: 6000.

Blair Dragon Spirit Wear is BACK with a new logo!

This year, our school would like to give parents the opportunity to purchase Blair Dragon clothing items for their children (and parents!) to wear to show their school spirit.

Short-Sleeve T-shirt

Price: \$13.00 <i>(Including taxes)</i>	 Royal Blue	 Irish Green
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Pull-over Hoodie

Price: \$30.50 <i>(Including taxes)</i>	 Royal Blue	 Irish Green
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Zip-up Hoodie

Price: \$43.50 <i>(Including taxes)</i>	 Royal Blue
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Early Learning for Families Events



Do you have a 0-5 year old child?

The Richmond School District welcomes your family to our Early Learning for Families (ELFF) events. Join us for fun and engaging learning experiences while meeting new friends and building home to school connections. It's also a great opportunity to ask your Early Learning questions to district staff.

Event Date & Time	Theme	Elementary School	Address	Special Guest
November 27, 2025 9:15 - 11:00 am	Early Learning for Families	Mitchell Elementary	3800 No. 5 Road Richmond BC	Ira Pettie
January 20, 2026 9:15am - 11:00 am	Early Learning for Families	Whiteside Elementary	9282 Williams Road, Richmond BC	Penny Pom Pom & Fae the Garden Fairy
March 5, 2026 1:15 - 3:00 pm	Early Learning for Families	Thompson Elementary	6211 Forsyth Crescent, Richmond BC	Will's Jams
May 20, 2026 12:45 - 2:30 pm	Outdoor Event: Indigenous Storytelling	Anderson Elementary	9640 Alberta Road, Richmond BC	Kung Jaydee

Special Guests



Ira Pettie
Performing Artist &
Entertainer



Penny Pom Pom & Fae
the Garden Fairy
Musicians



Will's Jams
Musicians



Kung Jaydee
Indigenous Storyteller



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