

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

October 6-10, 2025

We are now fully into the month of October and beginning to see autumn seasonal changes all around us. I hope everyone had a chance to have meaningful reflection for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation this past Tuesday we work towards a positive future. We are looking forward to our Book Fair, PAC October hot lunches, student volleyball games, and Parent Teacher conferences coming up... there is a lot going on at Blair! Enjoy a sunny weekend. -Mr. Livingston

Highlights For This Week Include:

Monday October 6	12:00 pm PAC Hot Lunch – (orders due by Friday Oct 3)
Tuesday October 7	Scholastic Book Fair! (Before and after school in the library)
Wednesday October 8	9:00 am Kindergarten hearing screening - Scholastic Book Fair! (Before and after school in the library)
Thursday October 9	2:50 pm – 3:45 pm Home Volleyball Game vs Brighthouse
Friday October 10	8:45 am Blair Friday Morning Community Walk - Scholastic Book Fair! (Before and after school in the library)

Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

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).

Significant Dates in our Community

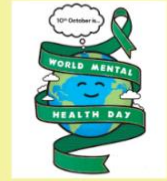


Sukkot: Oct 8-13

World Inclusion Day: Oct 10

World Mental Health Day: Oct 10

International Day of the Girl: Oct 11



Sukkot (also known as the Feast of Booths) is a Jewish holiday that is a combination of a thanksgiving festival and a commemoration of the Israelites' 40 years of wandering in the desert after their Exodus from Egypt. During the week-long holiday, which occurs in the autumn, Jews build and dwell in temporary huts called sukkot (singular: sukkah), a practice that symbolizes the fragile, temporary shelters the Israelites lived in. It also celebrates the fall harvest and is known as the "Season of Our Rejoicing" (Z'man Simchateinu).



World Inclusion Day is an annual event celebrated on October 10th to promote the acceptance, fair treatment, and inclusion of all people, regardless of their abilities, backgrounds, or characteristics. Founded by The Garden Foundation, the day encourages understanding and acceptance of differences, aims to remove societal barriers, and supports creating a more diverse and innovative society.



World Mental Health Day is an annual, internationally observed event on October 10th dedicated to raising awareness about mental health issues and mobilizing support for mental well-being worldwide. It serves as an opportunity to learn about mental health, reduce stigma surrounding mental illness, and promote efforts to improve access to mental health services for everyone.



Observed annually on 11 October, International Day of the Girl is a key global moment on which to celebrate girls everywhere, amplifying their voices, actions and leadership.



Dear Blair Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. And every purchase at the Fair benefits our school. It will take place from **Tuesday October 7th to Friday October 10th** at the **Blair Library**.

PRIZES!

There will be one **Golden Ticket** hidden in every classroom! Each Golden Ticket is worth \$15 Scholastic Dollars. More information will be shared with the students on Monday October 6th.

All students will be entered to win a book gift certificate for themselves and their teacher. No purchase necessary! The Prize will be drawn Friday morning during our morning announcements.

And, anyone who buys a book for their classroom teacher from their Teacher's Wishlist will get a chance to spin the Wheel of Prizes and win a prize. Thank you for helping to build your child's classroom library!

WHEN AND WHERE:

The Book Fair is from **Tuesday October 7th to Friday October 10th** at the **Blair Library**.

The Book Fair is open to families during these times:

	Tuesday October 7	Wednesday October 8	Thursday October 9	Friday October 10
Before School	8:15-8:45am	8:15-8:45am	Closed	8:15-8:45am
After School	2:45-4:00pm	2:45-4:00pm	Closed	2:45-4:00pm

Every student will also visit the book fair with their class. Students in Divisions 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be able to preview the fair and make a wish list of books they like. Students in Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be able to purchase items during their visit; please feel free to send them with cash, if you feel comfortable.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. I can be reached at kballos@sd38.bc.ca

Happy reading,
Ms. Katya Ballos
Teacher Librarian

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



Hey there, how are you doing?

As autumn settles in, we know October can carry both beauty and challenge. The crisp air and changing leaves can feel refreshing, but we also know how complex things can feel for families like ours.

This month, FamilySmart is here with spaces for you to connect, learn, and feel supported:

[Family Smart.ca](https://www.familysmart.ca)