

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

**February 16-20, 2026**

Dear Blair Families,

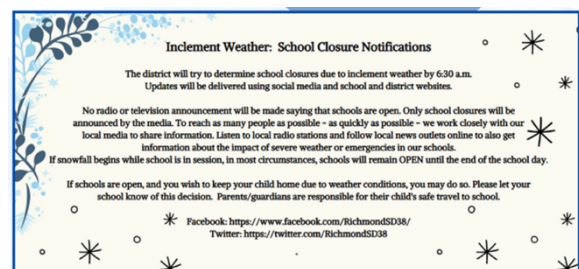
Thank you for supporting your child in their educational journey. We value your partnership and collaboration in your child's education. Through the work of SD38 and Blair staff, we want to continue to emphasize that all students are important members of our school community and that each individual has unique skills, strengths, and gifts to share to us all. Considering the recent school tragedy in Tumbler Ridge and moving towards Pink Shirt Day and Random Acts of Kindness week, being kind to ourselves, each other, and our community has never been more important. Hold each other close and have a wonderful Family Day long weekend with friends and loved ones. -Mr. Livingston

### Highlights For This Week Include:

<b>Monday</b> February 16	<b>Family Day – School Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> February 17	
<b>Wednesday</b> February 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 PAC Hot Lunch</li> <li>3:00 Girls' Basketball Home Game vs Dixon</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b> February 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CITE Teacher Candidates here</li> <li>Universal Hot Lunch Program @ Blair (order by Saturday February 14)</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b> February 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:45 Blair Morning Walk</li> <li>12:00 PAC Hot Lunch</li> </ul>

### Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

<b>Feb 23-24</b>	<b>Rocks and Rings Curling program at Blair</b>
<b>Wed Feb 25</b>	<b>Pink Shirt Day</b>
<b>Thurs Feb 26</b>	<b>Learning Update #3/Parent Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal: 11:50am</b>
<b>Fri Mar 13</b>	<b>Blair's Got Talent Show: 10:30am</b>



# Significant Dates in our Community



Family Day: Feb. 16  
Lunar New Year: Feb. 17  
Ramadan: Feb. 17- Mar. 18  
Ash Wednesday: Feb. 18



World Day of Social Justice: Feb. 20  
Louis Riel Day: Feb. 20  
International Mother Language Day: Feb. 21



In 2026, Lunar New Year officially begins on Tuesday, February 17, marking the start of the Year of the Fire Horse. The celebrations typically last for 15 days, concluding with the Lantern Festival on March 3, 2026.

#### Key Details for 2026

- **Zodiac Animal:** The Year of the Fire Horse occurs once every 60 years. It is characterized by high energy, independence, and rapid change.
- **Duration:** While New Year's Day is Feb. 17, cultural festivities—often called the Spring Festival—officially run from Feb. 17 to Feb. 27, followed by the Lantern Festival preparations.



Ramadan is the holiest month in Islam, observed by Muslims worldwide as a time of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community. It falls in the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar and lasts 29 or 30 days, depending on the sighting of the moon. During Ramadan, Muslims fast from dawn to sunset, abstaining from food, drink, and other physical needs, focusing on spiritual growth, self-discipline, and devotion to God. Nights are spent in prayer, including Taraweeh (special nightly prayers), and the Quran is recited. The month concludes with Eid al-Fitr, a festival of feasting and gratitude. Ramadan fosters charity, compassion, and a deeper connection with faith.



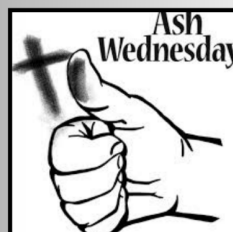
Family Day is a provincial statutory holiday in several Canadian provinces, observed on the third Monday of February. The holiday is intended for people to spend quality time with loved ones during the mid-winter break.

#### Common activities include:

- **Outdoor Winter Sports:** Ice skating, sledding, skiing, and snowshoeing.
- **Community Events:** Many cities host free festivals, carnivals, and museum exhibitions.
- **Indoor Fun:** Board games, movie marathons, and cooking special meals like pancakes with maple syrup.



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.



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and reflection for Christians leading up to Easter. Observed by receiving ashes on the forehead in the shape of a cross, it symbolizes repentance and mortality. It is a day of reflection, repentance, and spiritual renewal.

Journée  
Louis Riel  
Day



Louis Riel Day is celebrated in Métis homelands to commemorate the anniversary of Métis leader Louis Riel's execution in 1885. The day honors his legacy and celebrates Métis culture, traditions, and contributions to Canada. It is also observed as Family Day in other Canadian provinces, such as Manitoba, in February.

## Stay Informed with SchoolMessenger Text Alerts (Opt-In)

Our District uses SchoolMessenger to share important school and district updates, including weather closures, emergency notifications, reminders, and time-sensitive announcements.

All families with a current cell phone number in our MyEdBC database will receive a text message from SchoolMessenger (Text #: 978338) in February 2026. To start receiving text alerts, you will need to opt in.

### How to opt in:

1. Watch for a text from SchoolMessenger (Text #: 978338).
2. Reply with "Y" to 978338.
3. You will receive a confirmation message letting you know you're successfully subscribed.

### *Want alerts on more than one device?*

To receive text alerts on multiple phones, each phone number must opt in separately by replying "Y" to 978338.



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# 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**

**Mar 31 - Jun 25**

**2:45 - 5:00 PM**

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**REGISTRATION OPENS  
TUE, FEB 17, 9:00PM**

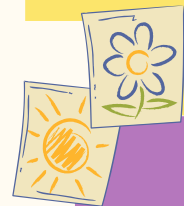
**3 WAYS TO REGISTER:**

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.*







**COME AND TRY  
SOFTBALL!**

**Free Entry!**



**McRoberts Secondary School**

**February 18th, 2026**

**5-11 years old: 6:00pm-7:30PM**

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