



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): November 20th – 24th



Students this week were engaged in so many different learning opportunities- literacy and connecting with Buddies, fun physical health activities in the gym, music, visual arts, goal-setting, hands-on numeracy, gardening, drama workshops...

We also continue to learn about kindness to self, others, and the environment. We are teaching our students to treat the trees on our school property with respect- small branches and sticks on the ground are fun to play with imaginatively, but we may not use them as pretend weapons, as that can be scary and unsafe.

Enjoy the long weekend, and we will see you all on Tuesday!

Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday Nov 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Development Day No School in Session
Tuesday Nov 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Richmond Art Truck after school program in the gym for registered students gr 4-7
Wednesday Nov 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volleyball Game McKay @ Blair Go Mustangs!
Thursday Nov 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 & 7 Immunization Clinic
Friday Nov 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FreshSlice Pizza lunch for those who ordered

VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE.....

If your child will be absent or late for school please inform the office directly by calling the early warning line as soon as possible at 604.668.6572.

Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

Wed Nov 29

Colts Volleyball Tournament 3:15-6:45pm

Tues Dec 5
Thurs Dec 21
Fri Dec 22
Mon Jan 8

PAC Meeting @ 7:15 on Zoom
Written Learning Update (Report Cards)
Last day of school before Winter Break
First day of school after Winter Break

Significant Dates in our Community

November 20th: National Child Day



November 20th: Transgender Day of Remembrance



November 24th: Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur



Information Items for Families:

Family Erase Sessions for Safe, Caring and Respectful Digital Communities

Three free virtual *erase* learning sessions for families will be held on November 8, 28, and 30, focusing on establishing safe, caring, and respectful digital communities. These sessions are best suited for families and youth aged 10 and above. Families may register at this link: [📄 erase family sessions november 2023.pdf](#). Please contact erase@gov.bc.ca with any questions or for more information.



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!



Rain gear



Boots



Extra clothes

The Richmond School District is implementing a new communication tool that will enable both the district and your child's school to send you text messages. This is being implemented to improve the ability to deliver time-sensitive information to you, including emergency notifications. Given the significance of this communication tool, we strongly encourage you to opt-in for this service. You can choose to opt-in by texting 978338 with a Yes. Please complete this action before November 30, 2023.

To opt-in, please send a text message with a Y or YES to 978338



Once you have opted in, you should receive a confirmation text message from School Messenger. School Messenger is fully compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge, ensuring the safety and confidentiality of your information. Your data will never be shared or sold to any third party.

Thank you for staying connected with us through this new communication tool.



RECENTLY, THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED A NEW FEEDING FUTURES SCHOOL PROGRAM FUND, DESIGNED TO ASSIST SCHOOLS IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT OF SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS AND OTHER NUTRITIONAL SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL, PLEASE REACH OUT TO MS. LIVINGSTON (MLIVINGSTON@SD38.BC.CA). WE ARE GATHERING INFORMATION AND LOOKING TO PROVIDE ONGOING SUPPORT WHEREVER POSSIBLE. IMPLEMENTATION PLANS ARE UNDERWAY, AND WE WANT TO ENSURE FAMILIES ARE AWARE, AND AS ALWAYS, ABLE TO REACH OUT IF THEY REQUIRE SUPPORT. ALL REQUESTS WILL BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND YOUR PRIVACY WILL BE RESPECTED.

WE WANT TO WORK WITH FAMILIES TO ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILDREN HAVE EVERYTHING THEY NEED IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESSFUL AT SCHOOL. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT IF WE CAN HELP.



COMMUNI "TEA"

Dear Newcomer Parents and Caregivers,

You are invited to attend an informal gathering with SWIS (Settlement Worker in Schools), Ruby Wang, for a morning tea, refreshments, and conversation. Also visit the Currie Heritage School House, which has over a century of history. Come to meet other parents and ask questions you may have about our schools and parenting skills. Translation in Mandarin will be provided.

Date: Tuesday Nov 21st 10AM-11:45AM

Location: Currie Heritage School House (8220 General Currie Rd, Richmond)
/ Parking: street parking along General Currie Road

亲爱的新移民家长们：

我们邀请您参加一次轻松的聚会，与学校的移民安顿辅导员Ruby Wang一起共享下午茶，品尝点心，畅谈。同时参观具有超过百年历史的Currie Heritage School House。您还可以结识其他家长。届时对您们提出的关于学校的各种事宜以及育儿问题，Ruby会尽量作答。并将提供普通话翻译服务。

时间：11月21日周二上午10点到11点45分

地点：Currie Heritage School House (8220 General Currie Rd, Richmond) /
Parking: street parking along General Currie Road (沿着General Currie road有路边免费停车位)

Registration Link 报名链接

<https://survey.sd38.bc.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=98MJ375M&Preview=true#>

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Richmond School District

Kindergarten Registration

November–January



[sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten](https://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten)

RICHMOND
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

The Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome **Kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2019, turning 5 in 2024**. These children will begin Kindergarten in September 2024. Online registration opens on November 1, 2023. Please visit our website www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

We encourage families to complete their registration within the Priority 1 registration window, which spans from **November to January**, in order to maximize their chances of securing a spot at their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 2, 2024.

Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available on our District website, providing new parents with guidance on the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori). These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten.

Finally, there will be a **Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of students with disabilities and diverse abilities** on Zoom held on November 8th from 6:30 – 7:30pm. A link to the Zoom is available on our District website www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten.

Thank you and please share this information with your friends and family who have Kindergarten aged children!

Community-Led Collaboration Project

We want to hear from families with children and youth with disabilities or support needs.

Families in Richmond are invited to participate in a conversation about services and supports for children and youth with disabilities or other support needs in your community.

We want to know what is working for families, what is missing and what a better network of services and supports could look like in Richmond.

Family Session #1 (in Mandarin 中文)

- **Wednesday, November 15** (6 – 8 pm)
 - **Richmond Caring Place Society**
 - 7000 Minoru Blvd, Richmond, BC

Family Session #2 (in English)

- **Thursday, November 16** (6 – 8 pm)
 - **Hugh Boyd Secondary School**
 - 9200 No 1 Rd, Richmond, BC

Family Concurrent Sessions #3 (in English)

- **Saturday, November 18** (10 am – 12 pm)
 - **Seedlings Early Childhood Development HUB**
 - 6380 No. 3 Rd, Richmond, BC
 - **East Richmond Community Hall**
 - 12360 Cambie Rd., Richmond, BC

All these sessions are FREE.
Options to attend in-person or virtual.
Food will be provided at in-person sessions.
Support for transportation and childcare will be available.



To register and for more information*:

www.inclusionbc.org/campaigns/clcp-richmond

*If you can't attend in person, there are other ways to participate. Please visit the website or call us at 1-844-488-4321.