

THE WEEK AHEAD

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DUE THIS WEEK: Notice of Intent to Attend

In planning the 2023/24 school year, it's important for schools to know the number of students who will be attending each school in September in order to allocate staff and resources for the upcoming year.

Please return completed forms to the classroom teacher by Friday, January 20th

Lunar New Year is based on the lunar calendar. It's celebrated by eating symbolic dishes, getting together with family, and so much more!

On Friday, Jan 20th please send your child to school with a pair of wooden disposable chopsticks for an activity. We need 340 pairs!

Also on Friday at 1pm, we have invited performers from the Vancouver Chinese Lion Dance to perform and to teach us the history of the lion dance. Parents are welcome to join.



Our grade 7's get to look forward to the important transition to secondary school next September.

Below are our feeder schools' Parent Information Night dates. If you and your grade 7 child are interested in visiting another school's info night, send us an email and we can help you find out more!

- Hugh Boyd: January 26th @ 6:30pm (school tour @ 6:30pm, parent information event @7pm)
- McMath: February 16th @ 6:00pm

Black Excellence Day

Black Excellence Day was created by Ninandotoo Society and takes place on January 15th each year, or the preceding Friday if it falls on a weekend or holiday. This virtual event is an opportunity for students and staff to learn about the contributions of Black Canadians, and their ongoing civil rights struggle. The term "Black Excellence" was born out of the civil rights movement in the 1960's and honours great civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who was born on January 15, 1929.

Viola Desmond

Viola Desmond was a Black Canadian businesswoman who was born in 1914 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Viola stood up to racism by challenging the workers at a movie theatre that segregated black and white audiences. Viola is the first black person to be printed on Canadian currency. (her photo is on our \$10 bill!)



Dixon's Carnival is on Feb 10th! We still need your help collecting one gallon milk jugs to build our igloo.

Please rinse them well



Toonie Talent Show

Our Toonie Talent Show will take place on Jan 31 – Feb 3 and will follow the same format as last year: students will film their performance and their submissions will be shared within your child's classroom during that week. If your child is interested in participating, they should make sure to hand in their signed form to Mrs. Evans by Friday, Jan 20th.

Toonie donations can be made online through [SchoolCash Online](#)

The money raised helps to support our sister school project in the Philippines and the Richmond Food Bank.



Dressing for the Weather

Rain, rain, go away! Even when it rains, it's important for students to get outside for fresh air and play. Please make sure they are equipped for the weather with things like:

- A change of clothes – pants, socks, shoes
- Rain jackets, rain pants, boots
- mittens, gloves, and toques if it's cold

Don't forget!

Please send your child to school with a plate on Pizza Days. Our hot lunch program can no longer provide excess napkins or disposable plates.

The next Pizza Day is Feb 2nd

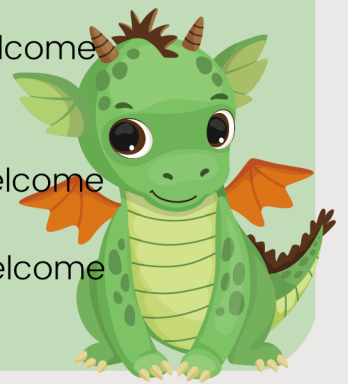


Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2018 and turning 5 in 2023. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2023. Online registration opens on November 1, 2022. Find more information at <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten>



Important Dates Ahead

- Jan 30: Pro D Day – No school for students
- Jan 31–Feb 3: Toonie Talent Show
- Feb 10: Winter Carnaval
- Feb 16: Early Dismissal @ 12pm – Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Feb 17: District Pro D Day – No school for students
- Feb 20: Family Day – School Closed
- Feb 23: Pink Day
- Mar 3: Movie Night 6pm in the gym – students with parents welcome
- Mar 9: Learning Summary #2
- Mar 11–26: Spring Break – School Closed
- May 5: Movie Night 6pm in the gym – students with parents welcome
- Jun 1: McMath Grade 7 Orientation
- Jun 16: Movie Night 6pm in the gym – students with parents welcome



Important PAC Dates

All PAC meetings start @ 7pm in the library. Our goal is to keep the meetings on about 1 hour in length.

- Jan 16: PAC Meeting
- Feb 27: PAC Meeting
- Apr 17: PAC Meeting
- May 15: Annual General Meeting
- Jun 19: PAC Meeting

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Dates

January

- Tamil Heritage Month
- Jan 1: New Year's Day
- Jan 5: Guru Gobindh Singh Birthday
- Jan 14: Maghi
- Jan 17: Raoul Wallenberg Day
- Jan 21: Lincoln Alexander Day
- Jan 22: Lunar New Year
- Jan 24: World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture
- Jan 26: Vasant Panchami
- Jan 27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- Jan 29: National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia