

Westwind Waves Week at a Glance

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MAY 31-JUNE 4, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

- June 25** - Grade 7 Farewell Virtual Assembly
- June 28** - Reports go home
- June 28** - Last Day of Classes
- June 29** - Professional Development Day (No School)
- June 30** - Administration Day - Office Open

Happy Birthday!

May 29	Reece G.
May 30	Hailey A.
May 30	Gary D.
May 30	Kyle H.
May 31	Devlin B.
June 1	Lincoln L.
June 2	Arianna B.
June 3	Ethni C.
June 4	Lucas B.
June 4	Lyndsey G.
June 4	Nicola M.
June 4	Kierah S.

2021/22 Calendar

Attached you will find a calendar of non-instructional days for the 2021-22 school year to aid in your planning. These dates are also stored on our school website for your future reference.

REMINDER: GRADE 7 FAMILIES!

The Westwind Grade 7 student Yearbook is available to order now until June 2nd! Hardcover book is \$29 (plus tax) and the softcover book is \$17 (plus tax). Here is the link to purchase: <https://store.shopyearbook.com/westwind>

All of the books will be delivered directly to the grade 7 students at school (they are being bulk shipped and then we will distribute). Any questions please contact our grade 7 yearbook coordinator Deb Viccars by email westwindgrads2021@gmail.com

CLASS PLACEMENT - PARENT INPUT

Many families wish to provide information to assist our staff in **Class Placements**. June is fast approaching and once again, the staff at Westwind Elementary School will be gathering and sharing information in preparation for student placement in September. As professionals, the staff devotes much time, care and effort in determining September placement for each child. Sometimes, parents are able to provide the school with new information about their child.

This input should **not include a request for placement with a specific teacher** but rather some important personal or educational data that will assist us with our decision. This could include:

- your child's learning strengths, interests and needs and/or their learning style.
- strategies and approaches that are effective in engaging and motivating your child, and
- peers that you believe might help your child to feel connected, to work productively and to be a successful learner.

Please note, while we take your information into account as part of our discussions, we are not able to guarantee requests.

Should you wish to provide the school with this information, please send a letter to Mrs. Ludwig (westwind@sd38.bc.ca) by Friday, June 4, 2021.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ludwig and Ms. Lai



Notice of Late Return

**Please find the Richmond School District's
NOTICE OF LATE RETURN FORM – 2021/22 attached.**

This form (attached to email) is to be completed for any student(s) who expects to return to school

LATER THAN 12:00 pm Wednesday, Sep. 8, 2021 AND ON or BEFORE Sep. 15, 2021 due to extenuating circumstances.

Please complete this form and return to the school principal before June 25, 2021 via email (westwind@sd38.bc.ca). Please attach a letter that contains an explanation of the extenuating circumstances for returning late in September.

COVID-19 Health and Safety Update

On Tuesday, we were all happy to hear the news of a four step process of being able to open up our communities with regards to COVID-19 Health and Safety guidelines. As a result of Dr Bonnie Henry's latest announcement, we all have questions and have been receiving questions from students, staff, and families.

Related to Tuesday's announcement, there has been communication with the Deputy Minister. The following information outlines the COVID-19 Health and Safety processes until the end of June.

- Currently all school districts are adhering to Stage Two of the COVID-19 Health and Safety guidelines. These guidelines remain in place until the end of June.
- The Ministry of Education is expecting that schools will return to Stage One in September which means we will be able to open and operate as we did pre-COVID.
- For next fall:
 - it is likely that the daily health check will remain in place
 - mask use may be voluntary but no decision has been made yet
- We are expecting more information regarding Health and Safety in mid-June.

The four stage re-opening guidelines are intended for communities and businesses. Education has its own set of guidelines which we have been following and will continue to follow until the end of the school year. Please feel free to connect if you have questions or concerns regarding our current COVID-19 Health and Safety guidelines.



Is your child interested in learning something new this summer?

Does your child want to pursue an area of interest?

Would you like your child engaged in a quality program this summer?

Richmond Continuing Education has a wide variety of courses and camps for elementary and secondary students, both credit and non-credit courses, from Grade 1 to Grade 12:

- subjects specific preview or review (e.g. business education, concert & jazz bands, English, ELL, French, math, physical education, science, socials)
- project & inquiry-based learning (Exploration, Innovation, Genius Hour)
- Fine Arts, including Dance & Drama
- camps such as badminton, baking, cooking and Essentials for Learning

Most courses & camps will be taught in-person in a Richmond School District school. There are some courses and one camp that will be taught online using Microsoft Teams.

MS. LUDWIG'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

I received a little love note today from a student who took the time to express their thoughts to me. In fact, it is just one of many little notes and cards I get from students on a regular basis. In most notes the little sweet ones use the word "love" in their expression or they include hearts. Our young ones have little reservation in using the word love. I remember being in grade 4 and LOVING Mrs. MacDonald. *Truly*. In fact, she is the reason I decided to become a teacher. When I unpack and explore the "L" word in school and can confidently say that I LOVE my learners. I LOVE my school. I LOVE my colleagues. I have space in my heart for different kinds of love! We all do.

I see love in the eyes of our learners as they look up to the teachers they admire. I see it in my students' eyes, when they think of their favourite teachers. It's in the eyes of our parents as you affectionately wrap a scarf around your child's neck, watch over their homework, or walk them to school. It is in the eyes of our UBC Teacher Candidates as they start to model their work on the very best practice they see around them. There is also a brotherly or sisterly love, the sense of solidarity amongst my staff and amongst our learners as they engage with their friends. I see it daily as a shared sense of enjoyment as our community members engage in shared activities!

I also see the toughest of all the loves. Our teachers patiently enduring the disruptive moments. Students awaiting classmates who are less than co-operative. Or community members sharing non-judgement and equanimity for those who share different perspectives and approaches.

What I know for sure is that the capacity to love and be loved is something we need to model and nurture.

From my experience the "L" word is rarely used in the workplace. Positive psychology research has also found that Love is one of five character strengths (the others are: Gratitude, Hope, Zest and Curiosity) that are robustly associated with life satisfaction. Imagine what the world of work might be like if more people demonstrated the capacity to love and be loved?

Maybe we can all notice how expressing our capacity to love and be loved makes you feel and the impact it has on the other person. I can honestly say I love my work, my students and my staff. AND I love using the "L" word in schools!



LILLY loved school.

She loved the pointy pencils.



And, most of all,
she loved her teacher,
Mr. Slinger.



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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Art Around the World Information

Footprints Youth Leadership Team
5900 Minoru Blvd #105, Richmond, BC9

Dear parents/guardians,

Footprints is a Youth Leadership Team under City Centre Community Association which holds 3 main events for youth and children focusing on arts, music and culture. On **Saturday, June 12th from 1 - 3:30 pm**, Footprints would like to invite children from the **age of 5 - 12** to our online event, **Art Around the World!** This is a **virtual event** that takes kids around the world through arts, crafts, and culture! Document your trips to China, Lebanon, Romania and Ghana in your personal passport supplied by Footprints! Pack your bags for an afternoon of fun activities! This is a great way to learn from friends and leaders representing different cultures in the community during this pandemic! Footprints care about the diversity in our community and having pride in everyone's unique backgrounds and stories!

The event fee is **\$5.50**. Families will need *access to Zoom* and be *required to pick up materials* from City Centre Community Centre. Parent supervision is not required, but strongly encouraged due to the use of scissors and tape! Emails will be sent out to registrants regularly to send out a timeslot form for picking up supplies and inform them of important information. Our team has worked incredibly hard on this event and would love to see lots of children there!

To go to the registration site, **scan this QR code:**



Or **search this link** to register:

[https://richmondcity.perfectmind.com/23650/Clients/BookMe4LandingPages/Class?widgetId=15f6a\[...\].1e-2cea-49e3-b949-c1e870395c14&occurrenceDate=20210612](https://richmondcity.perfectmind.com/23650/Clients/BookMe4LandingPages/Class?widgetId=15f6a[...].1e-2cea-49e3-b949-c1e870395c14&occurrenceDate=20210612)

The **deadline** to register is **June 6th, 2021 at 11:59 PM**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email footprintscitycentre@gmail.com

Thank you for showing your interest!



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