

THE WESTWIND WAVES

NEWSLETTER

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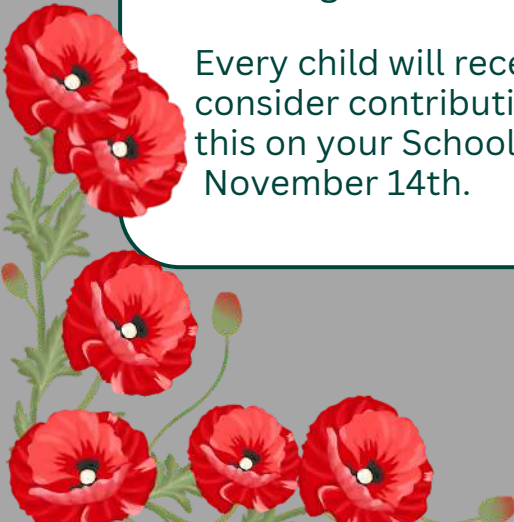


REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Our Remembrance Day assembly will take place on Monday, November 10th, starting at 10:45 am in the gym. Doors to the gym will open at 10:15 am for parents and guests. There will be guest seating at the back of the gym. Due to the solemn nature of this assembly, we ask guests to please turn devices off and to refrain from clapping during the assembly. If you need to leave before the end of the assembly, please try to exit at a natural break. We appreciate your kind consideration.

Did you know...? National Indigenous Veteran's Day was created on November 8th, 1994 to honour the distinct contributions of Indigenous soldiers, including First Nations, Métis, Inuit and other Indigenous service members. Before its establishment, the service of Indigenous veterans often went unrecognized in broader national commemorations. While they fought alongside their fellow Canadians during major conflicts, their experiences and sacrifices were frequently overlooked. The creation of a distinct Indigenous Veterans Day emerged from efforts to address these historical oversights and provide a dedicated time to recognize the thousands of Indigenous soldiers who served in World War I, World War II and the Korean War. This day also seeks to address the systemic inequalities and challenges that Indigenous veterans faced when they returned home.

Every child will receive a poppy from their teacher for our assembly. Please consider contributing to The Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund. You can do this on your School Cash Online account. Our poppy campaign will run until November 14th.



HALLOWEEN FOR HUNGER

A Big Thank You, Westwind Waves!

The Grade 7 Leadership Team would like to give a huge THANK YOU to our entire school community for supporting our Halloween for Hunger Food Drive in collaboration with Hugh Boyd Secondary School. Because of your generosity, we collected an amazing number of non-perishable food items to donate to the Richmond Food Bank Society.

Your kindness will help families in our community who need extra support. Every can, box, and bag made a difference, and we are so grateful for your help.

Thank you, Westwind Waves, for demonstrating what it means to ride the Wave of Kindness and showing kindness to others.



Have you ever wondered what our Westwind Wave logo represents?

Ms. June Chiba, a former Principal at Westwind, designed our Westwind Wave school logo! The colour **blue** in the design represents **our school's proximity to the Fraser River**. The **yellow** in the design represents **the sun**. The combination of both the **water and sun** are crucial elements in our ecosystem that are **required for growth**. The **wave** represents **momentum and the everchanging tide of teaching and learning**, and the logo's shape is **circular** to represent **forward momentum**. Go, Westwind Waves, go!

LOST & FOUND



There are still many items left in our Lost and Found bin! If you are joining us at the Remembrance Day assembly, please take a moment to look at our tables. We will keep these items until the end of November, at which point we will donate the remaining items to a local charity.





SCHOOL-WIDE PICKLEBALL LESSONS

Tennis XL Agency Inc. is a leading provider of children's in-school and after-school programs, and we are excited to have them return to Westwind for pickleball lessons for all of our students! Pickleball has become one of the fastest-growing sports in North America. It is easy to learn and can be played almost anywhere, from dedicated courts to driveways. Paddles and balls are relatively inexpensive, making it an accessible sport for many people. It is a social sport and people can play with family and friends of different age groups and fitness levels.

Every class will have 4 lessons with a pickleball instructor between November 21 - December 5. THANK YOU to our PAC for covering the cost of these lessons for every student! We hope that the lessons will inspire our Westwind students to play pickleball outside of school time too!

PICKLEBALL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Tennis XL is also offering a Pickleball After-School Program on the days that the in-school lessons will occur. Students registered in the after-school program will have an opportunity to further develop the skills learned at school. Please click on the icon below to register!

Location: Westwind Gym
(Pick up at Door #4 or #5)

Who: Grade 2 - 7 students @ Westwind

Dates:

Fri. Nov. 21
Mon. Nov. 24
Wed. Nov. 26
Fri. Nov. 28
Wed. Dec. 3
Fri. Dec. 5
(No class on Mon. Dec. 1)



Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Price:

- 6 lessons for \$115.00
- Drop In: \$25 per class

INFORMATION & RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES LEARNING TO NAVIGATE THE DIGITAL WORLD

Safer Schools Together and ERASE have provided important information and resources for families learning to navigate the digital world. Click on the links below:

- Raising Digitally Responsible Youth: [A Guide for Parents & Caregivers](#)
- [Information and Resources for Parents & Caregivers](#)
- [Family Sessions](#) designed to support families and caregivers.

Kindergarten 2026

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

The Richmond School District is excited to **welcome Kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2021, turning 5 in 2026**. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2026.

Beginning November 1, Richmond residents can use the [online registration form](#) to submit an application for the 2026/27 school year. After completing the registration form, a staff member will contact the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) by phone to discuss the next steps. The District's Central Registration Office is open between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily.

Families are encouraged to register any time during the Priority 1 registration period (November – January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications completed any time during the priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions via emails from the school by February 6, 2026.

Click on the link for current 2025/26 [enrolment and registration](#) situations for elementary schools.

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



EARLY LEARNING EVENTS FOR FAMILIES

Do you have a 0-5 year old child? The SD38 Early Learning Program offers four FREE Early Learning Family Events for families with children aged 0-5 supported by Ready, Set, Learn Funding. It is aimed at fostering positive connections between families, schools and local community agencies.

Held throughout the year at elementary schools across the district, these events feature activity stations, opportunities to connect with other families, participation from community partners, and live performances for children.

The first event is happening on November 27 at Mitchell Elementary. Click [HERE](#) for a brochure of all upcoming events. Hope to see you there!

CROSS-COUNTRY FUN RUN



PUMPKIN CARVING



HALLOWEEN HIGHLIGHTS





Important Dates 2025-2026

Mon. Nov 10: Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:45am

Tue. Nov 11: Remembrance Day – No School

Thurs. Nov 13: Spirit Day – Inside Out Day

Thurs. Nov 13: PAC Snack Day

Mon. Nov 17: PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm

Nov 21-28: School-Wide Pickleball Lessons

Mon. Dec 1: Pro-D Day – No school

Dec. 2-5: School-Wide Pickleball Lessons

Wed. Dec 3: Westwind Family Hangout @ 2:50pm

Dec 8-12: School-Wide K-Pop Dance Lessons

Fri. Dec 12: K-Pop Dance Performance – 1:30pm

Thurs. Dec 18: Learning Update #1 (on MyEd Parent Portal)

Fri. Dec 19: PAC Snack Day

Fri. Dec 19: Spirit Day – PJs & Stuffies

Fri. Dec 19: Last day of school before Winter Break

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At Westwind, we show kindness to self, others and place.