

THE WESTWIND WAVES NEWSLETTER

February 27, 2026

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February was a busy month at Westwind. We had a Professional Development Day, Family Day, Valentine's Day, Dress Like a Teacher/ Student Day, Pink Shirt Day, Leadership Activities, and lots of Basketball. The next two weeks will also be quite busy as we approach Spring Break. We have several news items to share with you. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out.

2026-2030 Strategic Plan

The Process and How We Got Here

- The Richmond Board of Education began the development of the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan by seeking meaningful input from those who understand our district's strengths, needs and aspirations.
- Over several months, the board held focused conversations and gathered feedback through meetings, surveys and discussions across the district.
- The experiences and perspectives that were shared helped build a clearer picture of how the district can continue to grow.
- This guidance informed the development of the plan and supported the identification of the four strategic priorities that will direct our work in the years ahead.



Track and Field - Date will be communicated prior to Spring Break

The Richmond Elementary School Athletics Association is pleased to announce a revised format for this year's Elementary School Track Meets. The revised format will feature grade-level rotations designed to maximize participation and inclusion. We received valuable feedback from students, staff, and our community members about our track meet structure, and the revised format has been created to reflect the values of our community. In each event, students will now have the choice between an "Open Competitive" event for those aiming for higher competition and an "Open Recreational" event focused on fun and movement. This new model ensures that every student, regardless of ability, can participate meaningfully.

Universal Hot Lunch Program Begins in April!

The goal of the Universal Hot Lunch program is to provide a nutritious hot lunch to all learners 1 to 2 times a month. This is **FREE** to all students. We'll have six UHL lunch days between April and June. Please log in to Munch A Lunch to sign your child up to receive a hot lunch.

Let's get to it...

The screenshot shows the Munch A Lunch website for Westwind Elementary. The header includes the school name and a 'switch account' link. Below the header, there are navigation links: 'My Family', 'Order Lunch!', 'Fundraising Closed', 'My Account: \$0.00', and 'Contact Us'. A 'Logout' button is also present. The main content area is divided into three sections:

- Lunches!**: A section with a 'Click below to order Lunch.' button and a 'Lunch Session: February - June 2026' button. Below this, it says 'Lunch Dates: Feb 9 - Jun 30'.
- Menus:**: A section for 'Kyoko Takahashi' showing the 'February - June 2026' menu. It includes a 'Note to parents' and a 'PLEASE NOTE: You may select ONE MEAL per child.' section. Below this, it says 'First Lunch Date Available is: Feb 12, 2026'.
- Menu Available:**: A section with a table of available meals. The table has columns for 'Menu' and 'Price'. The meals listed are: 02/12 (Thu) - Hot Lunch, 02/18 (Thu) - Hot Lunch, 02/25 (Thu) - Hot Lunch, 03/02 (Thu) - Hot Lunch, 03/09 (Thu) - Hot Lunch, 03/16 (Thu) - Hot Lunch, 03/23 (Thu) - Hot Lunch, 03/30 (Thu) - Hot Lunch, 04/06 (Thu) - Hot Lunch, 04/13 (Thu) - Hot Lunch, 04/20 (Thu) - Hot Lunch, 04/27 (Thu) - Hot Lunch, 05/04 (Thu) - Hot Lunch, 05/11 (Thu) - Hot Lunch, 05/18 (Thu) - Hot Lunch, and 05/25 (Thu) - Hot Lunch. The prices are listed as \$2.00, \$2.00, \$2.00, \$2.00, \$2.00, \$2.00, \$2.00, \$2.00, \$2.00, \$2.00, \$2.00, \$2.00, \$2.00, \$2.00, \$2.00, and \$2.00. A 'Next >' button is at the bottom.

Parent Numeracy Night!

Thank you to the PAC, teachers, and parents who came out to learn what numeracy looks like in our classrooms. We look forward to learning together again soon!





A Parent/Guardian Guide to Emergency Preparedness

Introduction

The Richmond Board of Education places the safety of students and staff at the centre of its work. The district is responsible for ensuring that emergency management procedures are in place and activated in accordance with provincial legislation and regulations.

Preparing for emergencies requires ongoing planning, training and coordination. Schools work closely with first responders and community agencies to ensure that staff are ready to respond effectively in a range of situations. Each school has trained staff who are supported by district personnel as part of a coordinated emergency management system.

This document outlines how the district prepares for and responds to emergencies. While critical incidents and disasters are unpredictable, schools must be prepared to act quickly and thoughtfully to protect students and staff. Clear procedures, trained staff, and coordinated communication help ensure that we maintain the confidence families place in us each day.

District Approach

The district's emergency procedures are guided by the British Columbia Emergency Response Management System, or BCERMS, which outlines the following priorities:

- Keep students and staff safe.
- Make sure that staff understand clear and consistent standards and procedures to follow.
- Clearly define roles and responsibilities.
- Ensure that communications and protocols are aligned with community partners (e.g. First Responders).
- Minimize disruptions and return to normal as soon as possible.

The district also follows the Ministry of Education and Child Care's Emergency Management Planning Guide for Schools, Districts and Authorities. This guide outlines the key stages of the emergency management cycle including:

Pre-Event Planning

Effective emergency management begins with ongoing assessment, prevention, planning, and training in preparation for the potential of an emergency situation.

Emergency Event and Response

In the event of an emergency, the district follows an all-hazards approach to emergency management.

This approach includes five standard response actions that may be activated depending on the nature of the situation.

Please go to the Westwind Website to read about the five standard response actions, so you know what to expect if an emergency situation occurs while your children are at school.

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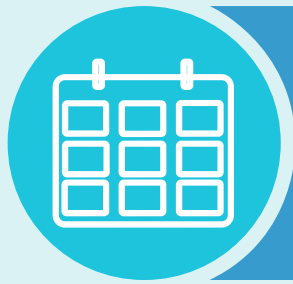
2026



Kindergarten and Grade 1 students in
Ms. Chan's class celebrating Lunar New
Year with a Dragon Dance!

Just be Kind





Important Dates 2025-2026

FEBRUARY

27: Outdoor Ed forms & 1st deposit are due to office

MARCH

4: Holi – “Festival of Colours” (Hindu)

6: Big Banana Bonanza

8: Daylight Savings – Move clocks forward an hour!

13: Spirit Day: Tropical Day

13: Last Day before Spring Break

16-27: Spring Break

30: Back to School



APRIL

1: Passover (Jewish)

3: Good Friday

5: Easter Sunday (Christian)

6: Easter Monday Holiday

13: PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm on Teams

23: Learning Update #2 Published to MyEd

23: Class & Teams/Clubs Photo Day

30: Spirit Day: Tie Dye Day

MAY

Track Meet Date TBA



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