

THE WESTWIND WAVES NEWSLETTER

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STUDENT-LED FUNDRAISER FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Four students in Division 5 came up with an idea to raise money for BC Children's Hospital. Colin, Haydn, Remy and Aiden proposed their idea of selling snacks and drinks each week and, with a few tweaks, their plan was ready to be implemented. With their hard work and enthusiasm, and with the support of Mr. Rollins, the boys exceeded their expectations and raised a grand total of \$528.60 for Children's Hospital!! Thank you to all those who purchased snacks and helped to support this great cause.



PINK SHIRT DAY - SPREADING KINDNESS AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Our Grade 7 Leadership team organized a meaningful Pink Shirt Day event to promote kindness, inclusion, and to stand up against bullying within our school community. Students participated in a variety of activities, including creating friendship bracelets and writing positive chalk notes around the school. Through these efforts, students not only spread positivity but also raised funds for an important cause. All proceeds were donated to Chimo Community Services in support of their Nova Transition House. Nova Transition House provides safe, temporary shelter and support for women and children who are fleeing violence. It offers a secure and confidential space, along with access to essential services such as housing support, counselling, childcare, and crisis assistance. We are incredibly proud of our students for taking initiative, showing leadership, and demonstrating that even small acts of kindness can make a big impact in the lives of others.

NEW FORMAT FOR DISTRICT TRACK & FIELD MEET

You may have heard that there is a new format for District Track and Field Meets. To give some context, our school district policy states that all students have the right to participate in Physical Education classes and extra-curricular sports/activities in a manner that respects and embraces their gender identity. It is also recognized that access to sport opportunities, whenever possible, should be as inclusive and gender neutral as possible.

The District Elementary Athletics Committee has shared the purpose and vision for elementary track and field meets:

- Maximize participation, everyone who wants to play is welcome.
- Have fun and focus on joy, fair play, and teamwork.
- Provide an opportunity for students to build skills and competencies through sport.
- Stay healthy and build lifelong enjoyment of physical activity.
- Respect others and build a connected community within Richmond Elementary Schools.

The new format will allow all grade 4-7 students to rotate through and participate in all stations, which will include running, jumping and throwing events. Students will move through the stations in grade groups and will do “Challenge by Choice,” which means having the choice of participating in a competitive group or a recreational group.

All grade 4-7 students will be learning the skills needed to participate in these events in the coming weeks during their PHE classes and/or grade group sessions at school.

All Grades 4 - 7 students will participate in the District Track & Field Meet at Minoru on Thursday, May 21st.

**SAVE
THE DATE**

A more detailed information letter and consent form will be coming home in the weeks to come.

SCHOOL WIDE RUNS

School wide runs happen on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1:45 p.m. Our goal for primary students is to be able to run/jog once around the track without stopping and our goal for our intermediate students to run/jog twice around the track without stopping! This will no doubt create a solid foundation for our cardiovascular fitness and overall health and wellness. Please make sure that your child has suitable running shoes so that they will be comfortable being active.



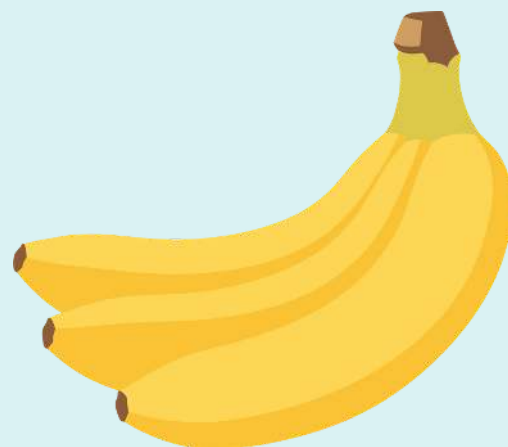


DONATION OF JAPANESE CULTURAL BOOKS

On behalf of the staff, students, and families of Westwind Elementary, we would like to pass on a huge thank you to Kelvin Higo and The Steveston Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre for the generous donation of books to our school library! Recently, Ms. Nunn was able to visit the Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre in Burnaby to select a variety of books that highlight Japanese Culture and History. We look forward to having our students enjoy these books in the coming weeks!

BANANAS WANTED ON APRIL 15TH FOR THE BIG BANANA BONANZA I

Get ready for our Big Banana Bonanza! Next week, students will be putting their math skills to the test by measuring and comparing bananas of all shapes and sizes. Mr. McLeod and the Grade 4 & 5 students in Division 8 are inviting everyone to bring the largest banana they can find to join in the fun!



LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found bin is overflowing again! Please free to take a look in the bin by the office if your child is missing clothing or coats. There are also several water bottles and lunch containers that are unclaimed.

DISTRICT INFORMATION



Signing in to the MyEducation Parent Portal for Term 2 Learning Updates - published Thursday, April 23

Learning Updates will be published in your MyEducation Parent Portal at the end of the day on Thursday, April 23. The MyEd Parent Portal is used to view and access these updates. Paper copies of Learning Updates are not sent home. Your MyEd Parent Portal account also gives you access to attendance records and student/pupil numbers. A quick link is available on our school website, as well as instructions on how to register for and access the MyEd Parent Portal. NOW is the time to try to log on to troubleshoot any issues before our Learning Updates are published in just a few weeks!



PARENT TECH SUPPORT

If you need tech support with your MyEd Parent Portal account, please email the SD#38 parent tech help desk: myedparentportal@sd38.bc.ca



Learning Updates are only available on MyEd for a limited time.

Please print a copy or save to your computer for future use.

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY 2026 PARENT INPUT NEEDED!



The Student Learning Survey (SLS) has been administered every year in BC public schools since 2001. Prior to 2016/17 it was known as the Satisfaction Survey. It is the only source of province-wide information of children's learning experiences. The results of this survey will be shared back to the school district and school leaders to promote the best pedagogical practices around the province, as well as being used to inform the Ministry of the implementation of the curriculum and of overall student growth and well-being. Your perspective as a parent is valued, and your participation is an important contribution to improving the educational experiences of children.

Parent Access:

1. Go to the following website: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
2. Click on the "Parents" icon.
3. Select your child's district, school name and language of preference.
4. Complete the survey and click "Submit".

**online now until
MAY 1ST**

Significant Dates in our Community

Sikh Heritage Month: A month to recognize and highlight the important contributions that Sikh communities have made and continue to make to Canada's social, economic, political, and cultural heritage.



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Autism Awareness Month: A month to come together to increase understanding and awareness of autism and to help end the stigma and discrimination that some Autistic people experience.



April 1-9: Pesach or Passover is a Holiday that commemorates the Jewish liberation and escape from Egypt.



April 2: Hanuman Jayanti is a Hindu religious festival that celebrates the birth of Hindu God Hanuman.

April 3: Good Friday is the Friday before Easter, the day on which Christians annually observe the commemoration of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ.



April 5: Easter is the principal festival of the Christian church, which celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his Crucifixion.

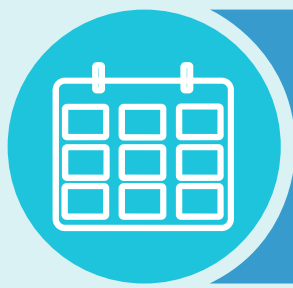
April 13-14: Yom Hashoah is a Day of (Remembrance of) the Holocaust and the Heroism. This annual day of remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust is observed by Jewish communities worldwide.



April 14: Baisakhi or Vaisakhi is harvest festival celebrated in India, mainly by the Sikh community.

April 20 - May 2: Festival of Ridván is a twelve-day festival in the Bahá'í faith commemorating Bahá'u'lláh's declaration that he was a manifestation of god.





Important Dates 2025-2026



APRIL

Sikh Heritage Month

13: PAC Meeting on Teams @ 6:30pm

14: Vaisakhi

15: Big Banana Bonanza Day

16: Universal Hot Lunch Delivery

17: MAL – Sushi Lovers

22: Earth Day, Kind MInd Celebration

23: Written Learning Update #2 Published to MyEd

23: Class Photo & Team Photo Day

24: Grade 7 Movie Night

29: Administrative Professionals' Day

30: Spirit Day: Tie Dye Day

MAY

Asian Heritage Month

Jewish Heritage Month

4: Spirit Day: Star Wars Day

5: Red Dress Day

11: Universal Hot Lunch Delivery

15: Non-Instructional Day

18: Victoria Day

21: Gr. 4-7 Track and Field Meet

27: Grade 7 Fun Day @ SLSS

28: Spirit Day – Multiples Day

29: Grade 7 Fun Day @ McMath



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

