

# THE WESTWIND WAVES NEWSLETTER

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## VOLLEYBALL SEASON has begun!

Our Grade 6 & 7 volleyball team has been honing their skills and preparing for games that started this week. Thank you to Mr. D'Avignon and Ms. R. Hansen for sponsoring and coaching the team. The time they spend above and beyond their workday is very much appreciated by the students and the community. We're looking forward to an exciting season!

## POKEMON CLUB

Pokémon Club meetings started this week and are hosted by Mr. McLeod. Every Thursday, students can participate by coming to the library with their Pokémon cards. No experience necessary. Hope to see you there!

## GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club is in full clean up mode! Ms. Bosma, Mrs. Spence and the keen Garden Club members have been cleaning up the garden beds and getting them ready for winter. This week, they planted some spring bulbs and perennials into our garden beds. Please remember not to step inside the beds so that our bulbs are not damaged. Thank you for showing "kindness to place". We are looking forward to lots of garden growth in the spring!



# SCHOOL

# SPORTS

# AND



# CLUBS



## SCHOOL-WIDE PUMPKIN CARVING ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

**Bring a pumpkin to school on Oct 31 emptied from the bottom!**

Every student is asked to bring a pumpkin and a reusable bag to school on Thursday, October 31st. The size of the pumpkin should be something that they can carry themselves to school, and home again after school. We do have some carving tools at school, but if students have **their own carving tools (from the Dollar Store), please bring them along.** Please do not bring knives to school.

To prepare your pumpkin for our carving activity, please **cut out a hole in the bottom of your pumpkin and scoop out the seeds before bringing it to school on the 31st.** In our Family Team groups, with the assistance of staff and student leaders, students will carve their pumpkins and we'll make a 450+ pumpkin display in the gym!

If your child needs help getting a pumpkin, please contact your child's teacher.

### TRICK OR TREATING WITH RESPECT...

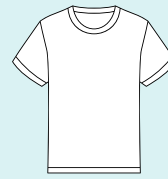
Halloween is one of the most exciting days of the year for many students. However, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for ALL and not at the expense of others. Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices. In doing so, it is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other 'dress up' events.

It's important to keep in mind that the following are NOT good choices for costumes...

- Race (black/brown face)
- Culture (Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks)
- Religious Faith (gods/gurus/hijab)
- Gender (gender switching for humour or to mock)
- Trauma (weapons)



**SALE**



## “GENTLY USED” SPIRIT WEAR SALE - MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

On Monday, October 21st after school, the PAC will be selling the “gently used” spirit wear! We have lots of short sleeve T-shirts, some pullovers and a few zip ups too.

If you still have gently used spirit wear that you forgot to drop off, please feel free to bring it Monday after school to swap for something else.

If you can't make it on Monday, please email: [wwupcycle@gmail.com](mailto:wwupcycle@gmail.com)

After this used spirit wear sale, we will plan for a NEW Westwind spirit wear sale!

## GRADE 6 & 7 OUTDOOR EDUCATION EXPERIENCE @ CAMP JUBILEE

One hundred and thirteen of our Grade 6 & 7 students attended Outdoor Education and had a fantastic time at Camp Jubilee last week!

A huge THANK YOU to the following staff members who attended the 3-day camp experience to help supervise the students: Mrs. Chum, Mr. Wedgewood, Mr. D'Avignon, Mr. Rollins, Mrs. Carswell, Ms. Bosma, Ms. Power, Ms. Wijayakoon, Ms. Reid and Mrs. Tse. THANK YOU also to Ms. Ng and Ms. Lam for teaching the students who remained at school.

The students at camp enjoyed the great weather and delicious food, and participated in many activities, including: high ropes, low ropes, kayaking, canoeing, orienteering, archery, team building, shelter building, hiking, marine beach exploration and, of course, campfire! We're sure the current Grade 4 & 5 students are looking forward to their camp experience in another couple of years.



# Lighting up the Dance Floor at the Halloween Dance!

What a spooktacular night we had at our first ever Kids Halloween Dance! Families lit up the room with their creative costumes, dancing the night away with glow sticks in hand. DJ "Rock and Beau" kept the energy high, spinning fantastic tunes that had everyone singing and on their feet.

A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who organized such a fun event, and to all the families who joined in for some early Halloween fun!

Click here to see a few photos and videos from the evening:

[Halloween Dance 2024](#)

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You are welcome to enjoy these with your family. Please remember not to share publicly or on any social media sites to respect the privacy of others. Thank you!



## ST. ALBAN'S REACHING HOME HAMPER PROGRAM

The Reaching Home Hamper program is a partnership between the Richmond School District and St. Alban's Outreach and Advocacy. Funding for this program is provided by SD38. The intent is to provide a weekly hamper through to June 2025 for any family that a school may deem vulnerable and would benefit from receiving a hamper.

If you have children attending school in Richmond and are in need support with food security, please register using the following link:

[St. Alban's Reaching Home Hamper Registration 2024](#)

or use the QR code displayed here.



Once the application is received, we will follow-up with school staff if we have not received prior recommendations. The application must contain accurate, current, up-to-date family contact information. Please note information received via the application is not shared beyond School District personnel. However, anonymized stats are gathered for the purpose of securing grants.

Applications are reviewed in order of receipt with priority given to families who are new to the program and families with multiple children in the SD38 system.

Note: Hamper size is determined by the number of children in the SD38 system and a maximum of two adults per family.

### STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent or late, please phone the Early Warning phone number to leave a message (no texting).

**EARLY WARNING VOICE MAIL: 604-668-6498**

Students who arrive late are asked to please sign in at the office upon arrival.



### SCHOOL MESSENGER

If you have not yet signed up to receive text messages from the school and district, send a text with "Y" to 978338 to opt-in!

Then, add this number above to your contacts and edit the name to "School Messenger".



# Kindergarten

# 2025

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION for September 2025

Richmond School District #38 is excited to welcome **Kindergarten registration** applications for **children born in 2020, turning 5 in 2025**. These children will begin Kindergarten in September 2025. Online registration opens on November 1, 2024. Please visit the Richmond School District [website](#) for more information about the online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

We encourage families to complete their registration within the Priority 1 registration window, which spans from November 1, 2024 to January 17, 2024, to maximize their chances of securing a spot at their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 7, 2025.

Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available on our District website, providing new parents with guidance on the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori). These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos [HERE](#)

Finally, there will be a Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of students with disabilities and diverse abilities on Zoom held on November 6th from 6:30 – 7:30pm. [A link to the Zoom is available on our District website](#)

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



***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!**

## IMPORTANT DATES 2024-2025

- Oct 21: "Gently Used" Spirit Wear Sale after school
- Oct. 21: PAC Meeting @ 6:30 on Teams
- Oct 21-24: Book Fair!
- Oct 22: District Cross Country Run (Garry Point)
- Oct 23-24: Early Dismissal (at 1:45pm) for Learning Updates
- Oct 25: Pro D Day - No School
- Oct 30: Westwind Family Hangout
- Oct 31: School-Wide Pumpkin Carving
- Nov 4: Student Photo Retakes
- Nov 8: Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 11: Remembrance Day - No School
- Nov 13: Westwind Family Hangout
- Nov 14-29: School-Wide Pickleball Lessons

Pack  
extra  
clothing



**Dress for the weather!**

						
winter coat	rain coat	rain or waterproof snow boots	mittens	hats	scarf	extra clothing including socks



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