

# THE WESTWIND WAVES NEWSLETTER

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## JERSEY SPIRIT DAY



### Richmond School District's 2025-2030 Strategic Plan

The Richmond School District's 2025–2030 Strategic Plan serves as a roadmap to guide our efforts over the next five years. Developed every five years in alignment with Policy 101-R, the plan identifies the district's strategic priorities and outlines goals to support student success.

At the heart of this plan is our shared vision of creating a thriving educational community where every student can succeed. Your input is essential in shaping our priorities, refining our goals, and ensuring the plan reflects the values of our community.

Click the links below to learn more about the public engagement process:

[RSD Shaping the Next 5 Years Together](#) (video)  
[RSD 2025-2030 Strategic Plan](#)



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Students celebrating Lunar New Year at Westwind



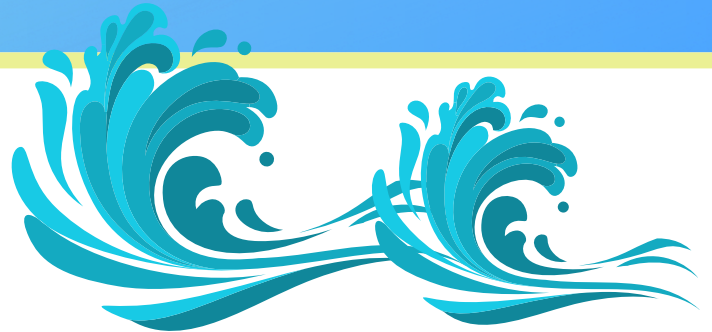


# THE WESTWIND LEADERSHIP CLUB Warm Clothing & Blanket Drive



On behalf of the leadership students, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you who contributed to our warm clothing and blanket drive. Your generosity made this event a great success and will make a meaningful difference to Pathways Clubhouse.

This drive is a wonderful reminder of the power of kindness and how small acts of compassion can have a lasting impact on others. Thank you for helping us spread warmth and care to our community!



*Westwind Waves for Cancer*

***Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far! With the generous donations we have received so far, incredibly, we have well surpassed our goal! Please continue to spread the word to send in donations and let's see how much we can raise in support of the BC Cancer Foundation.***

To make a donation online, use the link for our "Westwind Waves for Cancer" page below. This fundraising page will be open until February 20th, with our final wrap-up assembly happening on February 21st.

<http://donate.bccancerfoundation.com/goto/Westwindwaves4Cancer>

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## ARRIVING TO SCHOOL ON TIME

welcome bell: 8:40am / classes begin: 8:45am

Thank you for helping your children get to school on time. Arriving on time ensures a calm, stress-free start to the school day and sets your children up for success when they are able to enter the classroom with their classmates and hear important information that is given at the beginning of the day. Arriving a few minutes early is even better, as it provides a social opportunity for your child to connect with classmates before the day begins. Ideally, aiming to arrive at school by 8:35am is optimal.



## Parent Education Sessions

The Richmond School District is excited to offer the following Parent Education Sessions during the 2024/25 school year. Upcoming sessions include:

- Reclaiming Play: Revitalizing Childhood to Combat Anxiety and Aggression
- Cybersafe from Exploitation

These virtual sessions are open to all parents in the Richmond School District and will provide practical strategies, expert insights, and tools to support your child's well-being in the digital age. Please click [HERE](#) for detailed descriptions of each session and registration information. We look forward to your participation!



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# Significant Dates in our Community

February 2025

**Black History Month:** During Black History Month, people in Canada celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous country.



**February 2: Vasant Panchami** is a day that is believed to be the birth of the Goddess Saraswati, and is dedicated to this Hindu Goddess of knowledge, music, arts, wisdom and learning.

**February 5: Ash Wednesday** - In Western Christianity, the first day of Lent, occurring six and a half weeks before Easter.

**February 12:**

**The Lantern Festival** is Chinese celebration that marks the end of the Lunar New Year.

**Magha Puja Day** is a major holy day observed by most Buddhists on the first full moon day of the third lunar month. A day of prayers, chants, and offerings.

**February 15: On Nirvana Day** Buddhists commemorate the death of Buddha and his entry into final or complete Nirvana. A solemn day for reflection on death and impermanence.

**February 20: World Day of Social Justice**

The day is an opportunity to remember that social justice is necessary for peace, security, and development around the world.



## IMPORTANT DATES 2024-2025

- Feb 12: **Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm** for Conferences (Learning Updates)
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- Feb 14: Professional Development Day - No School
- Feb 17: Family Day Holiday - No School
- Feb 21: Westwind Waves for Cancer Wrap Up Assembly
- Feb 21: PAC Snack Day
- Feb 24: PAC Meeting
- Feb 26: Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 27: Band Concert for Div 1-5 Families - 1:30 pm
- Feb 28: Professor Wow! Performance for all students
- Mar 17- 28: Spring Break - No School



\*Check out our School Calendar on our website for these dates and more!

### Student Learning Survey 2025 - 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 a parent survey. It is the only source of province-wide information of current practices around the province, and the results of this survey will be shared back to the school district to promote 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.



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Parent Access:

1. Go to the following website: [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://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".

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