

THE WESTWIND WAVES NEWSLETTER

April 17, 2025

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BIG Banana Bonanza

A Big Thank You for a Big Banana Bonanza! 🍌

Huge thanks to Mr. McLeod for hosting our second annual school-wide Big Banana Bonanza! Yesterday morning, students brought in bananas and had a blast measuring their length and circumference in class. After comparing all the top contenders, we crowned school-wide winners with the biggest banana!

Shout-out to our Top Bananas:

Leo in Division 8

Halle in Division 14

Lucas in Division 19

And the biggest banana of them all...

Welkin in Division 7

Biggest Banana from Staff: Ms. Moorehead

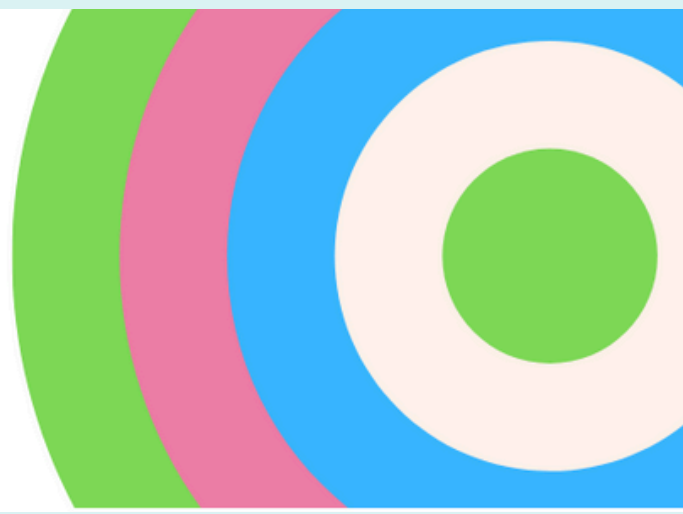
Thanks to everyone who participated and made the event a-peeling and fun!



2025

GRADES 4-7

READER'S CHOICE



The Westward Library is hosting our fourth annual Reader's Choice Event. Students sign-up to read at least 3 of the 10 selected titles. At the end of the school year we will meet for a celebration and to vote for our favourite title. Small prizes are awarded bi-weekly, and during our final vote/celebration. This year we have a record 92 students who have signed-up!

As the number of copies of each title is limited, many have requested copies from the public libraries as well. 5 of the titles are also available electronically through our school library online catalogue. Books are selected to appeal to a variety of interests and reading levels.

This year's titles are:

Maggie Lou Firefox by Arnold Dufour Bowes

Game Face by Shari Green

Ruby Lost and Found by Christina Li

Millionaires for the Month by Stacy McAnulty

Select by Christina Matheson

The Pun Keeper by Michael Morpurgo

Up for Grabs by Michelle Mulder

Billy and the Giant Adventure by Jamie Oliver

The Cricket War by Pham Tho

Last Gamer Standing by Katie Zhao

Ms. Nunn thanks you so much for your ongoing support!



CLASS AND TEAM PHOTO DAY

On Thursday, April 24th all classes will have their photos taken together. We will also take Team photos and an all school panorama photo! Bring your smiles on Thursday!

A flyer including a complimentary high-resolution digital group photo download code will be provided once our group photos have been processed.

EARTH DAY



Earth Day, observed annually on April 22, is a global event dedicated to environmental protection. The 2025 theme, “Our Power, Our Planet,” highlights the connection between climate action and clean energy, emphasizing the role of individuals and communities in driving meaningful environmental change. [Please click the link to see how you can get involved with Earth Week Celebrations around Richmond.](#)

SUMMER LEARNING IN RICHMOND

Registration starts on April 21. [Click the link here for more information](#) on Elementary programs, Secondary Enrichment programs and Academic Full Credit programs.

SUMMER





Signing in to the MyEducation Parent Portal Term 2 Learning Updates will be published Tuesday, April 29

Learning Updates will be published in your MyEducation Parent Portal at the end of the day on Tuesday, April 29. 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 log on to troubleshoot any issues before our Learning Updates are published!



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.

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Richmond Board of Education
**Strategic Plan
2025–2030**

Shaping the Future, Together.

***In-person and
virtual open houses
scheduled in April***

RICHMOND
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38



The Richmond School District is hosting a series of open houses in April to engage parents and caregivers in the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan process. These sessions will provide an opportunity to learn more about the plan, ask questions, and share feedback that will help shape the district's priorities for the next five years.

For more details and ongoing updates on the strategic planning process, please visit sd38.bc.ca/strategicplan.

UPCOMING OPEN HOUSES

April 24 6:00-7:30pm at Cambie Secondary School

April 28 6:00-7:30pm Online Session

LAST CHANCE



online now until
MAY 3RD

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 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".

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.

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 2025



April 18: Good Friday is the Friday before Easter, the day on which Christians annually observe the commemoration of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

April 20: Easter Sunday The principal festival of the Christian church, which celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his Crucifixion.



April 21: Easter Monday is the second day of Eastertide.




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.

April 23-24: 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.



IMPORTANT DATES 2024-2025

- Apr 18: Good Friday - School Not in Session
- Apr 21: Easter Monday - School Not in Session
- Apr 23: WW Family Hangout, 2:50 pm @ Westwind Playground
- Apr 24: Class & School Panorama Photos
- Apr 25: PAC Movie Night
- Apr 29: K & Grade 6 Immunizations
- Apr 29: Term 2 Learning Updates published to MyEd Parent Portal
- May 2: PAC Spring Plant Fundraiser Pick Up
- May 7: WW Family Hangout, 2:50 pm @ Westwind Playground
- May 9: PAC Snack Day @ 2:50 p.m.
- May 10: Westwind PAC Parent Dance @ Steveston Hub
- May 16: Non-Instructional Day - School Not in Session
- May 19: Victoria Day - School Not in Session
- May 21: Welcome to Kindergarten Event
- May 21: WW Family Hangout, 2:50 pm @ Westwind Playground
- May 26: PAC AGM on Teams @ 6:30pm
- May 26: District Track & Field Meet at Minoru - Grade 4 - 7 students only
- June 4: Band Concert for Div. 1-5 Parents @ 1:30 pm
- June 4: WW Family Hangout, 2:50 pm @ Westwind Playground
- June 6: Sports Day
- June 20: Year-End Assembly
- June 26: Grade 7 Farewell Assembly
- June 26: Final Learning Update Published to MyEd Parent Portal
- June 26: Last Day of School for Students

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