

THE WESTWIND WAVES NEWSLETTER

April 4, 2025

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Play
time

FAMILY hang out

Play – especially outdoor free play – is one of the most important things for a child's development. In recognition of that, we're excited to invite you to our WW Family Hangout sessions, co-hosted by the school and the Westwind PAC.

When: April 9, April 23, May 7, May 21 & June 4 at 2:50 PM

Where: Westwind School playground

Meet your children on the playground, and feel free to invite grandparents, aunties, uncles, and caregivers! This is a great opportunity to connect with other members of the Westwind community. While the kids enjoy playing outside together, the PAC will provide some iced tea for the adults so they can enjoy some time to chat and connect.

Hope to see you all there!

DISTRICT TRACK & FIELD DATE - GRADES 4-7

Our Grades 4-7 students have been busy practicing in our Track Attack sessions on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Please bring runners and comfortable clothing on these days for the coming weeks!

All Grades 4 - 7 students will participate in the District Track Meet at Minoru on Monday, May 26th.

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

**SAVE
THE DATE**

SCHOOL WIDE RUNS

Now that the spring weather is getting better, we will resume our school wide runs on Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:45 p.m. (we'll add Fridays once our Track Attack stations have been completed). 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.



WESTWIND WAVES WEDNESDAYS

On Wednesdays, we show our school spirit by wearing our Westwind Waves Spirit Wear! We can show our school spirit not only during school spirit days, but also when participating in school events such as cross-country running, the District Track Meet and Sports Day. We encourage students who are new to Westwind to wear blue or yellow if you don't currently own spirit wear. (Typically we have a Westwind Spirit Wear sale in the fall, so look out for info then.)

**LOST &
FOUND**



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. We will keep these items until the Thursday before the Easter long weekend - Thursday, April 17, at which point we will then donate the remaining items to a local charity store.



Signing in to the MyEducation Parent Portal Term 2 Learning Updates - 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 try to log on to troubleshoot any issues before our Learning Updates are published in just a few weeks!



MyEducationBC

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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DISTRICT INFORMATION

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.



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 6: Ram Navami is a Hindu Spring festival that falls on the ninth day of the month Chaitra according to the Hindu calendar.

April 12: Hanuman Jayanti is a Hindu religious festival that celebrates the birth of Hindu God Hanuman.

April 12-20: Pesach or Passover is a Holiday that commemorates the Jewish liberation and escape from Egypt.

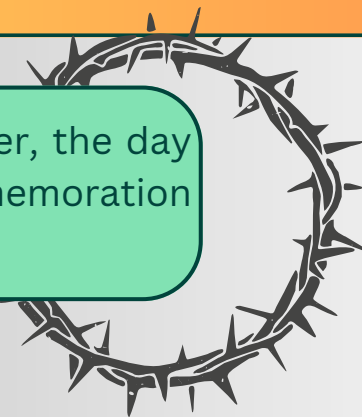


April 13: Baisakhi or Vaisakhi is harvest festival celebrated in India, mainly by the Sikh community.



April 14-20: Bangla Heritage Week is a week to celebrate the contributions and culture of the Bengali speaking people.

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



IMPORTANT DATES 2024-2025

Apr 7:	PAC Meeting on Teams @ 6:30pm
Apr 9:	WW Family Hangout, 2:50 pm @ Westwind Playground
Apr 16:	Big Banana Bonanza
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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