

# THE WESTWIND WAVES NEWSLETTER

February 13, 2026

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## WESTWIND BAND CONCERTS

Congratulations to all the Grade 5, 6 & 7 students in Ms. Brulhart's, Mrs. Chum's, Mr. Wedgewood's, Mr. D'Avignon's, Mr. Rollins' and Ms. Whitelaw's classes for putting on two fantastic band concerts last week - one for the school and one for their parents! A huge thank you to Ms. Lam, our music and band teacher extraordinaire, for all of her work with the students, for organizing the concerts and for sharing her passion for music with us all. The dedication from our students and Ms. Lam was evident!



## Be Rainy Day Ready!

Westwind Waves love to play in all kinds of weather!  
Please be sure to send your child with:

- Boots
- A raincoat or waterproof jacket
- Extra socks
- Extra pants (just in case)



Thank you for helping keep your children warm, dry, and ready for a great day at school!

## DISTRICT NEWS



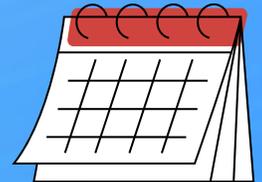
### STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2030

At its public meeting on January 21, 2026, the Richmond Board of Education approved the Richmond School District Strategic Plan 2026-2030. This plan represents a significant milestone for our district. Building on the successes of the previous strategic plan, the plan guides the district's efforts for the upcoming years.

For more details on the strategic plan, please visit: [RSB Strategic Plan 2026-2030](#)

### FEEDBACK NEEDED FOR SCHOOL CALENDARS 2026-2028

The Richmond School District welcomes feedback and comments until Tuesday, March 3 about the proposed calendars for the 2026/27 and 2027/28 school years. The calendars set out winter and spring breaks, as well as school closure days, including district-wide professional development days. Comments on the proposed school calendars can be submitted by email to [educationoffice@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:educationoffice@sd38.bc.ca). Thank you for your feedback.



### 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](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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# Significant Dates in our Community

February

2026



**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 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.

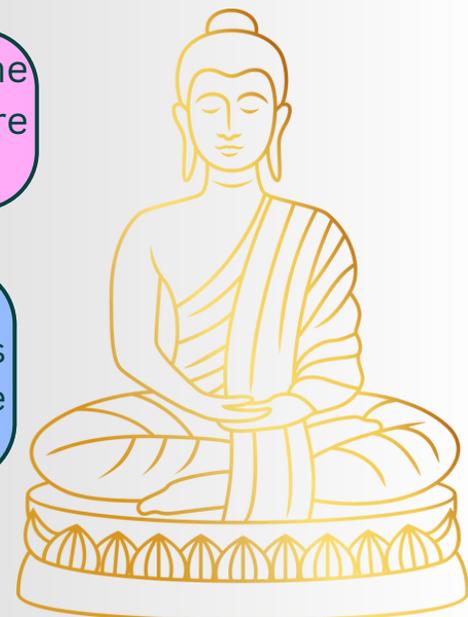
**February 17: Lunar New Year** - This date marks the start of the Year of the Horse, and celebrations typically continue for about 15 days, ending with the Lantern Festival on March 3, 2026.

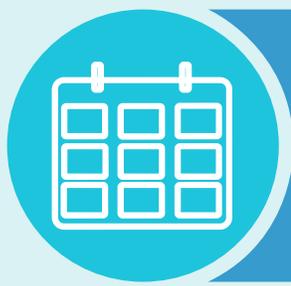
**February 17: Ramadan Begins** - Ramadan is a special month for Muslims around the world. It's a time when many Muslims fast, which means they don't eat or drink from sunrise to sunset each day. Fasting helps people practice self-control, gratitude, and kindness toward others.

**February 18: Ash Wednesday** - In Western Christianity, the first day of Lent, occurring six and a half weeks before Easter.

**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 2025-2026

## FEBRUARY

**13: Pro-D Day** – School not in Session

**16: Family Day Holiday**

17: Lunar New Year

17: Ramadan begins (Muslim)

17: Kind Mind Program begins

18: Ash Wednesday (Christian)

20: Spirit Day: Dress Like a Teacher Day

23: PAC Meeting on Teams @ 6:30pm

25: Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Day)

26: 1<sup>st</sup> Parent Education Event: Numeracy Edition

27: Outdoor Ed forms & 1<sup>st</sup> deposit are due to office

## MARCH

4: Holi “Festival of Colours” (Hindu)

8: Daylight Savings – Move clocks forward an hour!

13: Spirit Day: Tropical Day

13: Last Day before Spring Break

**16-27: Spring Break**

30: Back to School



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