



## Gilmore Elementary School

*Caring For Each Other, Learning For A Lifetime. Prendre Soins De L'autre - L'apprentissage Pour La Vie*

### James Gilmore Elementary

8380 Elsmore Road  
Richmond, BC  
V7C 2A1

**Trevor Shuto**  
Principal

#### School Schedule:

8:45 - Classes Begin  
9:55-10:10 - Recess  
12:00-12:50 - Lunch  
2:45 - Dismissal

**School - 604-668-6268**  
**Early Warning**  
**604-668-6637**

## March 27th Week at a Glance

Monday	Hot Lunch - Pizza
Tuesday	
Wednesday	6:00 PAC Meeting
Thursday	
Friday	

## Important Dates!

Mar 10	Last Day of School Before Spring Break
Mar 27	Back to School
Mar 27	Hot Lunch - Pizza
Apr 7	School Closed - Holiday
Apr 10	School Closed - Holiday

Dear Gilmore Families,

Newsletters in this format will be one of the main sources of communication that you can expect to receive from the Gilmore office once again this year.

#### Thank you!

As Spring Break is upon us, I want to let you all know how much we enjoy spending our days with your children. We enjoy teaching them, supporting them, and spending time with them. We appreciate your support in working together to support them academically, socially, and emotionally. We will miss them over the break and look forward to seeing you all back at Gilmore on Monday March 27th.

#### Learning Update - Reports:

As usual, you can access your child(ren's) report via your account on the MyEd Parent Portal. Reports will be available on March 9th at 3:00pm. Please download, screenshot or save the report as it will only be "live" in your account until the end of April.

#### Hot Lunch Orders (April - June):

Please see attached for information from the Gilmore PAC about Hot Lunch Dates and order information for orders from April until June.

#### PAC Purdys Fundraiser:

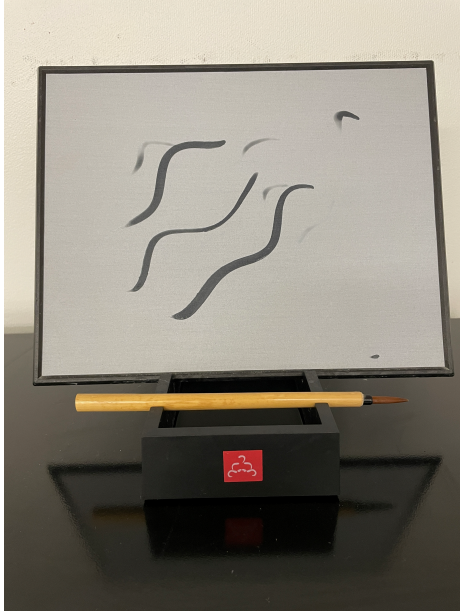
Please see attached for information about the most recent Purdy's PAC Fundraiser.

#### Affordability Fund Reminder:

A reminder that the Provincial Government announced a new, one time Student and Family Affordability Fund. This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs such as school and course fees, workbooks, specialty supplies, field trips and other school-related charges and costs. Please reach out to Mr. Shuto if you could benefit from this fund. Thank you. As always, we thank you for your support and are enjoying teaching, learning with, and supporting our Gilmore students this year.

Sincerely,

Trevor Shuto and the Gilmore Staff

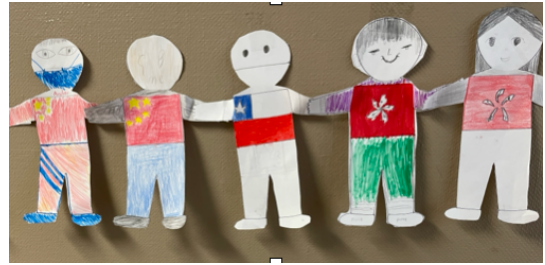


## Buddha Board

Many children have asked me about the “Buddha Board” that I have in my office so I thought that I would share with everyone. It is a fun artistic activity where you can paint on the board with water and then as the water dries, it disappears. This also serves as a calming technique when children are upset, frustrated, or sad. Wanted to pass along as this is an extremely helpful tool and fun activity.

## Family Teams - We Are All Connected

At Gilmore, we have 32 “Family Teams” which each consist of students from Grade K-7. Throughout the year, we meet to help build community and for kids to work together with other staff and students from all grades and classes. Our focus last time we met was how we are all connected. Students each made themselves and drew a Country, Nation, or Cultural flag that represented them and their family. It is great to see how diverse a population we are and realize how much we can learn from each other. We are so proud!



## Recess and Lunch

Gilmore Students are having a great time outside at recess and lunch. We are so lucky to have a large field with lots of options for play. We have recently added classroom equipment to each classroom to take out to use at recess and lunch. Students are enjoying that. Lots of fun and creativity happening outside!