



**James Gilmore
Elementary**
8380 Elsmore Road
Richmond, BC
V7C 2A1

Trevor Shuto
Principal

School Schedule:
8:45 - Classes Begin
10:10 - 10:25 - Recess
11:50 -12:42 - Lunch
2:45 - Dismissal

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

Monday	School Closed - Family Day
Tuesday	
Wednesday	5:30 - PAC Meeting - Virtual
Thursday	
Friday	

Important Dates!	
Feb 26th	Hot Lunch - Sushi
Mar 3rd	Hot Lunch - Pies
March 8th	Movie Night
Mar 14	Last day of School Before Spring Break
Apr 2nd	First Day Back at School

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.

- Community Fridge** - Is open in the foyer of the school. The purpose is to ensure everyone has access to food when needed. Guidelines for the use of the community fridge centre around taking only what you need, ensuring that there is enough food for others, and that the fridge is there to provide food support for everyone in the building.
- PAC Meeting Feb 21st Virtual - Zoom Link Below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82873333437?pwd=WEhXalgwZXlBTk5OaWc3NWlRidUtadz09>
Meeting ID: 828 7333 3437
Passcode: 001122
- New WAAG Section Below** - Please scroll down to see some changes in the Parent WAAG including a new section about Events and Opportunities within the Richmond School District as well as the City of Richmond.
- Student Learning Survey** - Please take time to share your feedback through the survey link.
www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
- Affordability Fund Reminder** - The Student and Family Affordability Fund is still in place if you 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.
- Feeding Futures** - The provincial government announced a new Feeding Futures School Program Fund, designed to help with nutritional supports for students. We are working closely with a District Staff Member and we want to ensure families are aware to reach out to Mr. Shuto if you require support. Requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected.

As always, we thank you for your support and look forward to teaching, learning with, and supporting our Gilmore students this year!
Sincerely, Trevor Shuto and the Gilmore Staff



Gilmore's School Story

We continue to work with our school language at Gilmore to continue to build expectations of behaviour and a culture of care. The students are gaining a better understanding of what this means and how they can demonstrate this at school. CARE FOR SELF, CARE FOR OTHERS, CARE FOR PLACE. You can help by discussing the language with your children at home as well. Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated!

SD38 Reconciliation, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Calendar

An inclusive calendar is a living document that shares dates of significance, recognition, and celebration for all members of the school community. The Richmond School District has created a REDI Calendar to help highlight dates of significance. Dates for each month will be highlighted here as well as the full year calendar below.

February

Black History Month

- 10 Lunar New Year 🌸
- 10 Moose Hide Campaign
- 14 Vasant Panchami 🌸
- 14 Ash Wednesday †
- 14 National Day of Action to Honour Missing Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Trans and 2-Spirited
- 15 Nirvana Day 🌸
- 20 World Day of Social Justice
- 21 Int'l Mother Language Day
- 24 Lantern Festival
- 24 Magha Puja Day 🌸
- 28 Pink Shirt Day

Richmond School District's 2023-24 Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Calendar

- ### September
- 10-16 Mennonite Heritage Week
 - 15-17 Rosh Hashana 🌸
 - 17-23 Gender Equality Week
 - 19 Ganesh Chaturthi 🌸
 - 23 International Day of Sign Languages
 - 24 Kol Nidrei 🌸
 - 24-25 Yom Kippur 🌸
 - 26-30 Int'l Weeks of the Deaf People
 - 26-27 Mawlid-al-Nabi 🌸
 - 30 Sukkot Begins 🌸
 - 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day



- ### October
- German Heritage Month
 - Canadian Islamic History Month
 - Community Inclusion Month
 - Latin American Heritage Month
 - Women's History Month
 - 1 National Seniors Day
 - 10 World Mental Health Day
 - 11 International Day of the Girl
 - 6 Sukkot Ends 🌸
 - 7-8 Simchat Torah 🌸
 - 15-24 Navaratri 🌸
 - 18 Persons Day
 - 19 Spirit Day
 - 20 Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth 🌸
 - 24 Dussehra 🌸
 - 24 Youth Climate Action Day



- ### December
- 2 International Day for Abolition of Slavery
 - 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities
 - 6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
 - 9 International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime
 - 10 Human Rights Day
 - 7-15 Hanukkah 🌸
 - 8 Bodhi Day 🌸
 - 21 Winter Solstice (Northern Hemisphere)
 - 24 Christmas Eve †
 - 24 Quvisuukvik Begins
 - 25 Christmas †
 - 26 Kwanzaa Begins



- ### January
- Tamil Heritage Month
 - 1 Kwanzaa Ends
 - 1 Ochotokoleskaw - Kissing Day - Hand Shaking Day (Metis)
 - 2 Mid Winter Ceremony
 - 14 Maghi 🌸
 - 15 Black Excellence Day
 - 17 Raoul Wallenberg Day
 - 17 Guru Gobind Singh Birthday/Prakash 🌸
 - 21 Lincoln Alexander Day
 - 24 World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture
 - 25 Mahayana New Year
 - 25 Int'l Holocaust Remembrance Day
 - 29 National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia

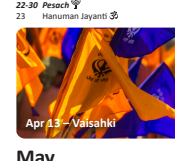


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- ### March
- Irish Heritage Month
 - 1 Zero Discrimination Day
 - 8 Maha Shivaratri 🌸
 - 8 International Women's Day
 - 10 Ramadan Begins (Ends April 9) 🌸
 - 15 Int'l Day to Combat Islamophobia
 - 19 Nowruz - Iranian (Persian) New Year
 - 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
 - 23-24 Purim 🌸
 - 25-27 Holi Mohalla 🌸
 - 25 Holi 🌸
 - 25 International Day of Remembrance of Slavery Victims and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
 - 29 Good Friday †
 - 31 Easter Sunday †



- ### April
- Sikh Heritage Month
 - Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month
 - 1 Easter Monday †
 - 1 Ramadan Ends 🌸
 - 9-17 Chitra Navratri 🌸
 - 9-10 Eid-ul-Fitr Celebration 🌸
 - 13 Vaisakhi 🌸
 - 14 International Day of Pink
 - 14-20 Bangla Heritage Week
 - 17 Ram Navami 🌸
 - 22-30 Pesach 🌸
 - 23 Hanuman Jayanti 🌸



- ### May
- Asian Heritage Month
 - Canadian Jewish Heritage Month
 - 5 Cinco-de-Mayo
 - 5 Dutch Heritage Day
 - 5 Red Dress Day
 - 5-6 Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) 🌸
 - 10 Bear Witness Day
 - 15 Buddha's Birthday 🌸
 - 17 International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia
 - 19-25 Anti-Racism Awareness Week
 - 21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue Development
 - 23 Anniversary of Komagata Maru
 - 24 Vesak/Vesak/Buddha Day/Vesakha Puja 🌸

- ### June
- National Indigenous Heritage Month
 - Italian Heritage Month
 - Pride Season Begins
 - Filipino Heritage Month
 - Portuguese Heritage Month
 - 11-13 Shavuot 🌸
 - 14-19 The Hajj 🌸
 - 16 Guru Arjan Martyrdom 🌸
 - 17 Eid al-Adha
 - 21 National Indigenous People's Day
 - 23 National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism
 - 24 St. Jean-Baptiste Day
 - 27 Canadian Multiculturalism Day



- ### July
- 1 Sant Jteja Day
 - 17 The Islamic New Year (Arabic New Year or Hijri New Year) 🌸
 - 18 Nelson Mandela Day
 - 20-23 Metta Nation Day
 - 22-26 Chinese Cultural Heritage Week
- ### August
- 1 Emancipation Day
 - 9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People
 - 12 International Youth Day
 - 15 National Acadian Day
 - 19 Birth of Lord Krishna - Jannashtami 🌸

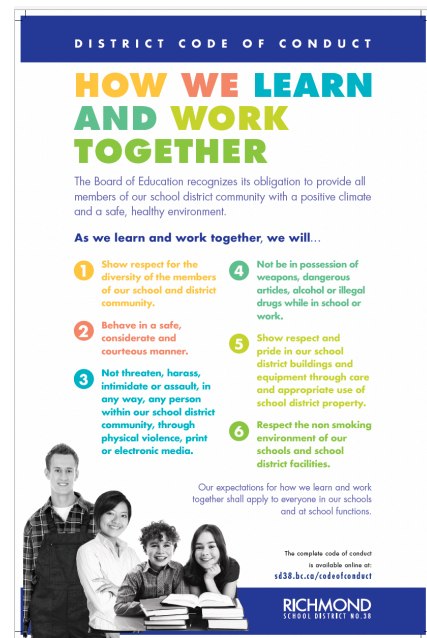
Legend

- 🌸 Buddhism
- † Christianity
- 🌸 Hinduism
- 🌸 Islam
- 🌸 Judaism
- 🌸 Sikhism

Important Notes:
Exact dates of some holidays may vary slightly depending on the specific faith calendar and the sighting of the moon.
Dates listed are the best predictable dates for those faiths that follow a lunar calendar, including Judaism, Islam and Hinduism.
On dates shown in **bold italics**, schools are encouraged to avoid holding any school event that doesn't align with the EDI event taking place that day.
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School District / Gilmore Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct is used at Gilmore and around the District to help remind all of us of the expectations in all School District Buildings as well as when participating in all School District events.



Gilmore's Return-It Account

Gilmore has a "Return It" account at the Blundell Return It Location to help raise money to subsidize our Grade 6 trip to camp this year. The Phone number associated with the account is 604-668-6268. Please use clear bags with no pull strings when returning bottles.

Window Into Learning

Our "Caring Tree" is growing! Through a recent school wide family teams activity, all students discussed and came up with many ways to "Care for Others". As the students continue to learn about and understand what "care for Others looks like, we encourage them to treat everyone with respect and kindness!



Please see information about other events and opportunities pasted below!



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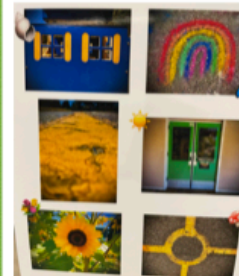
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HUGH BOYD SECONDARY PRESENTS



PERSONAL PROJECT

Exhibition

Join us to celebrate Grade 10s and look at the amazing ideas and projects they completed this year for their MYP Personal Project!

February 22, 2024
Event starts at 6:30pm

9200 Number 1 Road, Richmond, V7E 6L5
boyd.sd38.bc.ca

if you have any questions, email Ms. Farah at fslaihi@sd38.bc.ca



SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION

An Online Presentation for Parents

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Learn why children/teenagers are drawn to substances
- Understand what causes and maintains substance use disorder and needs
- Increase your child's ability to make positive choices about substances
- Acquire practical conversation tools for discussing substances in the home



Presentation Overview:

This presentation will focus on **tools and strategies** that you can use to speak to your children about substances in a way that encourages **positive decision-making** through a psychological lens. You will learn the causes of youth substance use and be introduced to a framework for **creating open communication** on this topic in your home.

There will be a focus on prevention and harm/risk mitigation in order to **empower** you to help your children think critically about their own behaviours, motivations, and choices.

In this session, you will be provided with the **specific language to use** when conversations arise about substances. There will also be opportunities to ask questions about the specific challenges you are facing with your children.

Online Session Information:

February 20th, 22nd or 28th
6pm-7:30 pm PST

Note: The same presentation will be delivered on each date

REGISTER



openp.co/Feb20

Presenter:

Dr Hayley Watson
Clinical Psychologist & Founder
of Open Parachute

(PhD Clin Psych, MA Clin Psych, MA
Transpersonal Psych, PG Dip Psych, BA
Criminology)



Dr Hayley Watson is a Clinical Psychologist from BC, specializing in children and adolescents with a PhD in school bullying interventions, along with four further academic degrees in the field of mental health.

She has been working with young people and their families globally for the past 20 years.