



**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

Hot Lunch Schedule	
Monday	Hot Lunch - Sushi
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

Important Dates!	
Mar 3rd	Hot Lunch - Pies
Mar 4-6	Saleema Noon
Mar 4-6	Hugh Boyd Baseball Tournament
March 8th	Movie Night
Mar 14	Last day of School Before Spring Break

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.

- Saleema Noon Body Science** - This will take place on March 4 for a night virtual parent meeting as well as for each class during the school day on March 5th and 6th. Please keep an eye out for further details in a separate email.
- 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.
- 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
- 10-10 Menonance 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 🌸
 - 24-30 Int'l Week of the Deaf People
 - 26-27 Maha Navami 🌸
 - 29 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 Child
 - 6 Sukkot Ends 🌸
 - 7-8 Simchat Torah 🌸
 - 15-24 Navaratri 🌸
 - 16 Parents Day
 - 19 Spirit Day
 - 20 Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth 🌸
 - 24 Dussehra 🌸
 - 24 Youth Climate Action Day



- ### November
- 1 Musician Day
 - 7 National Inuit Day
 - 8 Indigenous Veterans Day
 - 12 Diwali 🌸
 - 12-18 Multiculturalism Week
 - 16 International Day for Tolerance
 - 16 Metis Day
 - 20 World Child Day
 - 20 Transgender Day of Remembrance
 - 24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur 🌸
 - 25 Holocaust Memorial Day
 - 27 Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib 🌸



- ### 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 Preventor of this Crime
 - 10 Human Rights Day
 - 7-15 Hanukkah 🌸
 - 8 Bodhi Day 🌸
 - 21 Winter Solstice (Northern Hemisphere)
 - 24 Christmas Eve 🌸
 - 24 Quviasukvik Begins
 - 25 Christmas 🌸
 - 26 Kwanzaa Begins



- ### January
- Tamil Heritage Month**
- 1 Kwanzaa Ends
 - 1 Ocheetoonkew - Kissing Day - Hand Shaking Day (Métis)
 - 2 Mid Winter Ceremony
 - 14 Magi 🌸
 - 15 Black Excellence Day
 - 17 Raoul Wallenberg Day
 - 17 Guru Gobind Singh Birthday/Prakash 🌸
 - 21 Lincoln Alexander Day
 - 24 World Day for Africa and Afrodescendant Culture
 - 25 Mahayana New Year
 - 27 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
 - 4 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 Holy Ishtahalla
 - 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**
Canadian Born/Immigrants' Remembrance and Prevention Month
- 1 Easter Monday 🌸
 - 9 Ramadan Ends 🌸
 - 9-17 Chitra Navratri 🌸
 - 9-10 Eid-ul-Fitr Celebration 🌸
 - 13 Vaisakhi 🌸
 - 14 International Day of Pink Transphobia, and Biphobia
 - 14-20 Maha Navami Week
 - 17 Ram Navami 🌸
 - 22-30 Pesach 🌸
 - 23 Hanuman Jayanti 🌸

- ### May
- Asian Heritage Month**
Canadian Jewish Heritage Month
- 5 Cinco-de-Mays
 - 5 Inuit Heritage Day
 - 5 Red Dress Day
 - 5-6 Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) 🌸
 - 10 New 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
 - 22 Anniversary of Komagata Maru
 - 24 Vesak/Wesak/Buddha Day/Vaisakha Poo 🌸

- ### June
- National Indigenous Heritage Month**
Italian Heritage Month
Pride Season Begins
Philippine Heritage Month
Portuguese Heritage Month
- 11-15 Shavuot 🌸
 - 14-19 The Hajj 🌸
 - 16 Guru Arjan Martyrdom 🌸
 - 17 Eid al-Adha
 - 21 National Indigenous Peoples' Day
 - 23 National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism
 - 24 St. Jean-Baptiste Day
 - 27 Canadian Multiculturalism Day



- ### July
- 1 Sant Teja Day
 - 17 The Islamic New Year (Islamic New Year or Hijri New Year) 🌸
 - 18 Nelson Mandela Day
 - 20-23 Metis 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 Aadian Day
- 15 Birth of Lord Krishna - Janmashtami 🌸

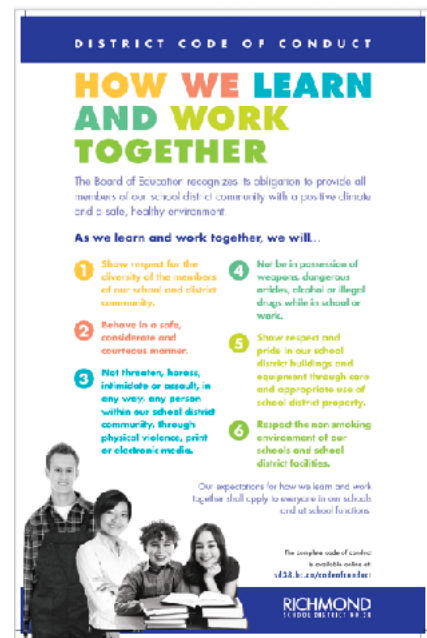
Legend

- 🌸 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 days chosen in bold italics, schools are encouraged to avoid scheduling any school event that doesn't align with the EOI 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!

RICHMOND
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

SUMMER LEARNING 2024

Come join our fun and engaging summer learning programs where you can explore new interests, learn new skills, review or preview academic courses or complete a full credit course.

- Academic Full Credit
- Secondary and Elementary Enrichment
- Summer Camps
- Academic Completion

Registration begins Mon., April 22, 2024
www.richmondce.ca | 604-668-6123

RICHMOND | **Just B4** Preschool
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 | at Richmond StrongStart Centres

Registration for September 2024 opens soon!
Children born in 2020 may apply

Our preschool program is specifically designed for 4-year old children (born in 2020) to attend Just B4 with the hope of inspiring and supporting the creation of rich, joyful early childhood spaces. Our approach is emergent, play-based and focuses on children's natural inquiries.

"The image of the child is upheld in the belief that children are strong and capable in their uniqueness and full of potential."

PROGRAMS

Just B4 – Lee Elementary
M/W/F Program (9:00 – 11:30 am)

Just B4 – Lee Elementary
T/Th Program (9:00 – 11:30 am)

Just B4 – Grauer Elementary
M/W/F Program (12:30 – 3:00 pm)

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M/T/W/Th/F Program (12:30 – 3:00 pm)

Apply online in the beginning of March 2024:
<https://sd38.bc.ca/programs/early-learning-programs/just-b4-preschool>



DISMISSING DIET CULTURE

Presented by Richmond Eating Disorders Team

Topics explored:

- Diet Culture Trends
- Social Media
- Self Esteem and Body Image
- Strategies to Dismiss Diet Culture

Thursday

February 29th

6:30PM - 8 PM

#101-5811 Cooney Road
Richmond, BC

All are welcome!

To secure your spot:
Email Janyn at
janyn.zoccoli@vch.ca

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TRY SOFTBALL!



Monday Mar. 4

Ages 6-10: 6³⁰-7³⁰

Ages 11-13: 7³⁰-8³⁰



This **free session** is open to youth aged 6-13 who want to learn more about softball.



REGISTER NOW!

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