



**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	Bike to School Week
Tuesday	Bike to School Week 8:00 - Community Breakfast
Wednesday	Bike to School Week
Thursday	Bike to School Week
Friday	Bike to School Week Sports Day - Hot Lunch - Hot Dogs and Donuts

Important Dates!	
June 10th	Sports Day Rain Out Day
June 12th	Hot Lunch - Frozen Yogourt
June 12th	10:45 Band Performance
June 17th	Hot Lunch Pizza
June 20th	10:30 - Grade 7 Farewell

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.

- Parent Appreciation June 7th** - We appreciate you! Thank you for working together with us as we continue to support growth in your children socially, emotionally and academically! To show our gratitude we will have a Parent Appreciation table set up with coffee and pastries during Sports Day. Thank you all!
- Class Placement** - Considerations Info is attached to this email.
- Sports Day** - Info is attached to this email.
- June 3-7, 2024 is Bike to School Week** - We encourage students to bike, walk and roll to school! This will help students to arrive energized and ready to learn, it will help build community, help reduce congestion and help with cleaner air around schools. A green initiative to help the environment!
- Cutlery for Lunches** - Please ensure that you are sending cutlery with your children for lunches if they need it.
- The James Gilmore Grade 7 Farewell Planning Committee** - Donut orders will be ready for pickup on Friday, June 7, 2024 at sports day or at the Kelmore Parking lot from 2:45-3:00 (after school). Thank you for supporting the grade 7 farewell celebration!
- 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!

## Window Into Learning

Thank you to the Gilmore PAC and the Variety Club Children's Charity for providing Gilmore with an accessible swing for our students to use. This accessible swing has been a great addition to our playground and opportunity for learning. It has provided fun times for students as well as an opportunity for some of our students who can now access the swings with their friends and classmates!



**DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT**

### HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to provide all members of our school district community with a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment.

**As we learn and work together, we will...**

- Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.
- Behave in a safe, courteous and courteous manner.
- Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.
- Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.
- Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property.
- Respect the non smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.

Our expectations for how we learn and work together shall apply to everyone in our schools and at school functions.

The complete code of conduct is available online at [d33.k12.ca.us/parents/index](http://d33.k12.ca.us/parents/index)

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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.

# 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.

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

### September

- 10-16 Neononite Heritage Week
- 15-17 Rosh Hashana 🌙
- 17-23 Gender Equality Week
- 19 Ganesha 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
- 6 Sukkot Ends 🌙
- 7-8 Simchat Torah 🌙
- 15-24 Navaratri 🌙
- 18 Hanukkah 🌙
- 19 Spirit Day
- 20 Installation of Scriptures as Gurji 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 Preventor of this Crime
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 7-15 Hanukkah 🌙
- 8 Bodhi Day 🌙
- 21 Winter Solstice (Northern Hemisphere)
- 24 Christmas Eve 🌙
- 24 Christmas 🌙
- 25 Christmas 🌙
- 26 Kwanzaa Begins



### January

- Tamil Heritage Month
- 1 Kwanzaa Ends
- 1 Chhotechikara - Kissing Day - Hand Shaking Day (METS)
- 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 Alcorn Against Islamophobia



### 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 Nevada Day 🌙
- 20 World Day of Social Justice
- 21 Int'l Mother Language Day
- 24 Lantern Festival
- 24 Maghi Pujan Day 🌙
- 28 Pink Shirt Day

### March

- 1 Zero Discrimination Day
- 8 Maha Shivaratri 🌙
- 8 International Women's Day
- 10 Ramadan Begins (Ends April) 🌙
- 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 Moolali
- 25 Holi 🌙
- 25 International Day of Remembrance of Slaves Victims and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
- 29 Good Friday 🌙
- 31 Easter Sunday 🌙



### April

- Sikh Heritage Month
- Genocide Remembrance, Commemoration and Prevention Month
- 1 Easter Monday 🌙
- 9 Ramadan Ends 🌙
- 9-17 Chaitra Navratri 🌙
- 9-10 Eid al-Fitr Celebration 🌙
- 13 Vaisakhi 🌙
- 14 International Day of Pink
- 14-20 Bangla Heritage Week
- 17 Ram Navami 🌙
- 22-30 Pongal 🌙
- 23 Hanuman Jayanti 🌙



### May

- Asian Heritage Month
- Canadian Jewish Heritage Month
- 5 Cinco-de-Mayo
- 5 Tujuh Mawarage 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 Vinak/Wesak/Buddha Day/Vesakha Poya 🌙

### 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 (Jalab New Year or Hijri New Year) 🌙
- 18 Nelson Mandela Day
- 20-23 Métis 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 Asadian Day
- 19 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 dates shown in **bold**, schools are encouraged to avoid scheduling any school event that doesn't align with the EDI event taking place that day.  
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sd38.bc.ca/calendars

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## 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.



[Please see information about other events and opportunities below!](#)



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## **The James Gilmore PAC (Parent Advisory Council) needs volunteers for the 2024/2025 school year!**

**Going into the 2024/2025 school year the Gilmore PAC is facing many empty positions. Events (picnics, movie nights etc.) and fundraising opportunities are at risk of being lost due to low member numbers. Please consider joining.**

We have many roles that might be a perfect fit for you. The time commitment can be minimal and allows you to be more involved at the school level.

Positions we need help with are:

Fundraising Hot Lunch Movie Nights Special Events General Members

If you are interested please attend a General PAC Meeting (hosted monthly and advertised in the WAAG email that Mr. Shuto sends out. Or please reach out to [gilmorepacsd38@gmail.com](mailto:gilmorepacsd38@gmail.com)

Please join our facebook group under **James Gilmore Elementary School**

The PAC's purpose within the school is to support our students and the staff through fundraising and events. The PAC also serves as a place for caregivers to connect with the school. 100% of funds raised throughout the year go back into the school through teacher allotments, field trips, events, programs and materials for the children.

**<https://gilmore.sd38.bc.ca/parent-advisory-council>**

AGES  
**9-12**

# KIDS SUMMER CAMPS

Half day  
3 weeks program

## HOMEWORK

English + Math + Science

+

## CREATIVE

Arts & Craft + Fun Games

WEEK 1 **JUL 02 - 05**

WEEK 2 **JUL 08 - 12**

WEEK 3 **JUL 15 - 19**

9:30am- 12:30pm

5751 Cedarbridge Way #110  
Richmond

**\$80** / week 1

**\$100** / week 2 or 3

**\$250** / All weeks



**CONNECTIONS**  
COMMUNITY SERVICES

To register, please email to

✉ [william.poon@ccssociety.ca](mailto:william.poon@ccssociety.ca)

☎ 604.218.6398

🌐 [www.ccssociety.ca](http://www.ccssociety.ca)



## STARTING KINDERGARTEN

### A Virtual Session for Caregivers

June 4, 2024  
1:00 pm



[sd38.bc.ca](https://sd38.bc.ca)

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Dear Caregivers of Children entering Kindergarten in September 2024,

We invite families with a child entering Kindergarten in September 2024 to a **virtual session on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 1:00 pm**. Join Megan Zeni, Early Learning Teacher Consultant, Jindy Uppal and Tara Pipke, StrongStart Educators along with our Early Learning Administrators, Catherine Jule and April Pikkarainen as we talk about all the things caregivers would benefit from knowing before their child(ren) start Kindergarten in the Richmond School District. This presentation will be approximately 45 minutes and will give you suggestions for a smooth school entry.

#### Microsoft Teams meeting

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 232 358 655 347

Passcode: GqYVtW

Sincerely,



**Catherine Jule**

District Administrator, Early Learning and Arts

Richmond School District No. 38

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#### **Early Learning Programs**

Visit: [sd38.bc.ca](https://sd38.bc.ca)

Email: [earlylearningprograms@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:earlylearningprograms@sd38.bc.ca)

Call: 778-296-4255



# Community Services Connectors Program



## Are you a Richmond resident with a lower income looking for services or support?

Drop by the Living Room at **Ironwood Library**, enjoy a drink and a snack, and chat with a Community Services Connector.

### When:

Every Sunday  
2:00 - 4:00pm

### Where:

Ironwood Library  
8200-11688 Steveston Hwy,  
Richmond, BC

For more information, visit: [richmond.ca/CommunityResources](http://richmond.ca/CommunityResources)



