



**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 - Holiday
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Hot Lunch - Frozen Yogourt
Thursday	Grade 7 Visit to Boyd 9-12
Friday	

Important Dates!	
May 27th	Hot Lunch - Pizza
May 29th	Welcome to Kindergarten 1:30
May 31st	Grade 7 Visit to McMath
June 4th	Community Breakfast
June 7th	Sports Day

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.

- Gilmore PAC Meeting** is Wednesday May 22nd at 5:30pm on Zoom. Details Below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82873333437?pwd=WEhXalgwZXIBTk5OaWc3NWRidUtadz09>
Meeting ID: 828 7333 3437 Passcode: 001122
By Phone: 1-778-907-2071 - 1-204-272-7920
- PAC - (Parent Advisory Council)** is looking for people to join the committee, please see below in the Information and Events section for more details.
- 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!
- The James Gilmore Grade 7 Farewell Planning Committee** - is selling original glazed Krispy Kreme donuts. Donuts will come by the dozen, boxed and ready to share. Pricing is \$16 per dozen. Please order through munchalunch. If you need assistance please email gilmorefarewell2024@hotmail.com. Please order before June 2, 2024. Pickup is 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!



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

- 10-19 **Indigenous Heritage Week**
- 15-17 **Rosh Hashana** 🌙
- 17-23 **Gender Equality Week**
- 19 **Ganesh Chaturthi** 🌙
- 23 **International Day of Sign Languages**
- 24 **Kat'widua** 🌙
- 24-25 **Yom Kippur** 🌙
- 24-30 **Int'l Week of the Deaf People**
- 26-27 **Mawaz al-Naw** 🌙
- 29 **Sukkot Begins** 🌙
- 30 **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day**



October

- German Heritage Month**
- Canadian Women's 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 **Nawarath** 🌙
- 16 **Merons Day**
- 19 **Spitit Day**
- 20 **Installation of Scriptures as Gur's Granth** 🌙
- 24 **Dussehra** 🌙
- 24 **Nwach Chinwee (Akshay Day)**



December

- 1 **International Day for Abolition of Slavery**
- 2 **International Day of Persons with Disabilities**
- 3 **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 **Hannukah** 🌙
- 8 **Bodhi Day** 🌙
- 21 **Winter Solstice (Northern Hemisphere)**
- 24 **Christmas Eve** 🌙
- 24 **Qurbansuikr Begins**
- 25 **Christmas** 🌙
- 26 **Kwanzaa Begins**



January

- Tamil Heritage Month**
- 1 **Kwanzaa Ends**
- 1 **Ochotobolskaw - Kissing Day - Hand Shaking Day (Méets)**
- 2 **Mid Winter Ceremony**
- 14 **Maghi** 🌙
- 15 **Black Excellence Day**
- 17 **Rasul Wallenberg Day**
- 17 **Guru Gobind Singh (B'irthday) Prakash** 🌙
- 23 **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**



February

- Black History Month**
- 10 **Lunar New Year** 🌙
- 10 **Moose Hide Campaign**
- 16 **Vasant Pancham** 🌙
- 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 **Lentens Festival**
- 26 **Magha Puja Day** 🌙
- 28 **Pink Shirt Day**

March

- Irish Heritage Month**
- 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 **Purin** 🌙
- 25-27 **Hola 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**
- Canadian Jewish Heritage Month**
- Prevention Month**
- 1 **Easter Monday** 🌙
- 9 **Ramadan Ends** 🌙
- 9-17 **Chaitra Navratri** 🌙
- 9 or 10 **EM-ai-Fity Celebration** 🌙
- 13 **Vaisakhi** 🌙
- 14 **International Day of Pink**
- 14-20 **Bangla Heritage Week**
- 17 **Ram Navami** 🌙
- 22-30 **Pravach** 🌙
- 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/Wesak/Buddha Day/Visakha Puja** 🌙

June

- National Indigenous Heritage Month**
- Pride Season Begins**
- Portuguese Heritage Month**
- Russian Heritage Month**
- 11-13 **Sawasit** 🌙
- 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 Teja Day**
- 17 **The Islamic New Year (Lunar New Year or Hijri New Year) 🌙**
- 18 **Nelson Mandela Day**
- 20-23 **Méets Natten 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 - Jansmashtami** 🌙

Legend

- 🌙 Buddhism
- ✝️ Christianity
- 🌙 Hinduism
- 🌙 Islam
- 🌙 Judaism
- 🌙 Sikhism

Important Note:
Exact dates of some holidays may vary slightly depending on the specific faith calendar and the visibility 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 shown in bold black, schools are encouraged to avoid scheduling any school event that doesn't align with the ED 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!](#)



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

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>

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

Just B4 – Grauer Elementary

T/Th Program (12:30 – 3:00 pm)

Just B4 – Grauer Elementary

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>



STARTING KINDERGARTEN

A Virtual Session for Caregivers

June 4, 2024
1:00 pm



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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

Email: earlylearningprograms@sd38.bc.ca

Call: 778-296-4255

Telus: Internet for Good Program

Telus is working in partnership with school districts and the provincial government to offer 'Internet for Good' to provide families with the connectivity they need to succeed. This includes:

- Internet plans for \$10.00 - \$30.00/month + taxes
- This plan can be maintained for up to 2 years, or can be cancelled at any time with no additional costs.
- Supports speeds up to 150 megabits per second and unlimited gigabits of data per month, depending on the plan selected.


Step 1: Identify families that wish to access this program:


- Once you have identified a family that would like to access the program share the following link so that they can apply to the program: [Telus Internet for Good Program](#)


Step 2: Families apply to the Telus Program via the Telus website:

- Families review the eligibility requirements, then use the link to find the 'Apply Now' button.

How to apply

 **Apply online**
Confirm that you meet the above eligibility criteria, then apply below.



 **Apply by mail**
If you are unable to apply online, you can mail a copy of your documents to:

TELUS
Attention: CART - Internet for Good Program
4535 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC
V5G 1J9

If applying by mail, please include your full name, return address, and contact phone number. If you provide an email address, we can expedite our response to your application.

- Telus will review the application and reply within one week. If approved the family will be sent a one-time activation code and a call-centre number to arrange service.

