



**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	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	5:00 - 6:00 - Meet the Staff Night 6:00 - 8:00 - PAC Welcome Back Event
Friday	Professional Development Day - No School

**Important Dates!**

Sept 20th	Pro-D Day. No School
Sept 23rd	Hot Lunch - Sushi
Sept 30th	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - No School
Oct. 2nd	Hot Lunch - Frozen Yogurt
Oct 14th	Thanksgiving - No 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. Welcome to Gilmore!

- Hot Lunch Orders (Sept. - Dec.)** - please see below (scroll down) for more details about ordering, deadlines etc.
- District Personal Device Policy** - You would have received this information from the District already, if you haven't seen it, I have attached it to this email.
- Welcome Forms** - Please return forms to your classroom teacher as soon as possible.
- Welcome Back to Gilmore Night!** Please join the PAC in celebrating another year back at Gilmore! Thursday September 19th 6 - 8 pm (after Meet the Teacher) the PAC will be hosting a free community event. Join us for free pizza (provided by Gilmore), Mike the Reptile Guy, face painting and more! The PAC will also be making cotton candy by donation with proceeds going to Children's Hospital. Please see the attached flyer for more information.
- Rain or Shine:** A reminder that at Recess and Lunch students go outside rain or shine. As the weather changes, please remember to send your child to school with appropriate clothing for the (jackets, boots etc.) as well as a change of clothes for younger students!
- 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.

September 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

## Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month

- 2 Labour Day
- 7 Ganesh Chaturthi
- 8 International Literacy Day
- 8-14 Mennonite Heritage Week
- 15-16 Mawlid-al-Nabi
- 22-28 Gender Equality Week
- 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day

## Richmond School District's 2024-25 School Year Calendar

**Legend**

- Buddhism
- Islam
- RLT Meeting
- Choice Professional Development Day
- Christianity
- Judaism
- Administrative Day
- Statutory Holiday
- Hinduism
- Sikhism
- Professional Development Day
- Vacation Period

**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.  
Schools and departments are encouraged to avoid scheduling any significant day and evening meetings/events on dates shown in bold.  
*Updated: June 11, 2024*

September 2024	October 2024	November 2024	December 2024	January 2025	February 2025
<p><b>Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month</b></p> <p>2 Labour Day</p> <p>7 Ganesh Chaturthi</p> <p>8 International Literacy Day</p> <p>8-14 Mennonite Heritage Week</p> <p>15-16 Mawlid-al-Nabi</p> <p>22-28 Gender Equality Week</p> <p>30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day</p>	<p><b>Community Inclusion Month; German Heritage; Canadian Islamic History Month; History Month; Latin American Heritage Month; National Disability Employment Month; Women's History Month</b></p> <p>1 National Seniors Day</p> <p>2-4 Roth Hashama</p> <p>3-12 Navaratri</p> <p>4 Nat'l Day of Action to Honour Missing Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Teens and 2-Spirit</p> <p>10 World Mental Health Day</p> <p>11 International Day of the Girl</p> <p>11 Kol Nidrei</p> <p>11-12 Dussehra</p> <p>11-12 Yom Kippur</p> <p>14 Thanksgiving</p> <p>16 International Proms Day / World Food Day</p> <p>16 Sukkot Begins (ends Oct 23)</p> <p>16 Int'l Day for the Eradication of Poverty</p> <p>17 Spirit Day</p> <p>18 Persons Day</p> <p>20 Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth</p> <p>24-25 Simchat Torah</p>	<p><b>Adoption Awareness Month; Lebanese Heritage Month</b></p> <p>1 Maqam Day</p> <p>1-15 Oshichi</p> <p>7 National Inuit Day</p> <p>8 Indigenous Veterans Day</p> <p>11 Remembrance Day</p> <p>15 Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib</p> <p>16 International Day for Tolerance</p> <p>16 Louis Riel Day</p> <p>18-22 Multicultural Week</p> <p>20 Transgender Day of Remembrance</p> <p>20 Yom Child Day</p> <p>23 Holocaust Memorial Day</p> <p>24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur</p>	<p>2 International Day for Abolition of Slavery</p> <p>3 Int'l Day of Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women</p> <p>8 Bodhi Day</p> <p>9 International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime</p> <p>10 Human Rights Day</p> <p>13 Salgah</p> <p>21 Winter Solstice (Northern Hemisphere)</p> <p>24 Christmas Eve</p> <p>24 Christmas</p> <p>25 Hanukkah (ends Jan 2)</p>	<p><b>Tamil Heritage Month</b></p> <p>1 Ochotookew – Kissing Day – Hand Shaking Day (MHR)</p> <p>4 World Braille Day</p> <p>5 Guru Gobind Singh Birthday/Prakash</p> <p>13 Magh</p> <p>14 Mahavaya New Year</p> <p>15 Black Excellence Day</p> <p>17 Banu Walenberg Day</p> <p>21 Lincoln Alexander Day</p> <p>21 International Mother Language Day</p> <p>26 Maha Shivaratri</p> <p>26 Pink Shirt Day</p> <p>29 Lunar New Year</p> <p>29 National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia</p> <p>29 Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia (in the Province of BC)</p>	<p><b>Black History Month</b></p> <p>1-7 UN World Interfaith Harmony Week</p> <p>2 Vasant Panchami</p> <p>5 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>12 Lantern Festival</p> <p>12 Magh Purnima</p> <p>15 Nirvana Day</p> <p>17 Family Day</p> <p>20 World Day of Social Justice</p> <p>21 International Mother Language Day</p> <p>26 Maha Shivaratri</p> <p>26 Pink Shirt Day</p> <p>28 Ramadan Begins (Ends March 29)</p>
<p><b>Irish Heritage Month</b></p> <p>1 Zero Discrimination Day</p> <p>8 International Women's Day</p> <p>13-14 Purim</p> <p>14 Holi</p> <p>14-16 Holi Mohalla</p> <p>15 International Day to Combat Islamophobia</p> <p>17 Neurodiversity Celebration Week</p> <p>19 Nowruz – Iranian (Persian) New Year</p> <p>20 Baha'i New Year</p> <p>21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</p> <p>21 World Down Syndrome Day</p> <p>30 Chaitra Navratri (ends April 7)</p> <p>30-31 Eid-al-Fitr Celebration</p>	<p><b>Autism Awareness Month; Condensation and Prevention Month; Genocide Remembrance; Sikh Heritage Month</b></p> <p>2 World Autism Awareness Day</p> <p>6 Ram Navami</p> <p>12 Hanuman Jayanti</p> <p>12-20 Pesach</p> <p>13 Vaisakhi</p> <p>14 International Day of Pink</p> <p>14-20 Bangla Heritage Week</p> <p>18 Good Friday</p> <p>19 Easter Sunday</p> <p>20 First Day of the Festival of Ridvan</p> <p>21 Easter Monday</p> <p>23-24 Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)</p>	<p><b>Asian Heritage Month; Israeli Heritage Month; Speech and Hearing Month</b></p> <p>5 Dutch Heritage Day</p> <p>5 Red Dress Day</p> <p>5 Bear Witness Day</p> <p>12 Vesak/Buddha Day</p> <p>13 Vaisakhi</p> <p>16 Non-Traditional Day – District Wide Indigenous Learning Focus</p> <p>16 International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia</p> <p>18-24 Anti-Racism Awareness Week</p> <p>19 Victoria Day</p> <p>21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue Development</p> <p>23 Anniversary of Komagata Maru</p> <p>25 National Accessibility Week</p> <p>25 Richmond School District Indigenous Achievement Ceremony</p>	<p><b>Eligino Heritage Month; Italian Heritage Month; National Indigenous Heritage Month; Portuguese Heritage Month; Pride Season Begins</b></p> <p>1-5 Shevout</p> <p>4-9 The Hajj</p> <p>7 Eid-al-Adha</p> <p>16 Guri Arjan Martyrdom</p> <p>21 National Indigenous Peoples Day</p> <p>23 National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism</p> <p>24 St. Jean-Baptiste Day</p> <p>26 The Islamic New Year (Arabic New Year or Hijri New Year)</p> <p>27 Canadian Multicultural Day</p>	<p>1 Canada Day</p> <p>1 Saint Teja Day</p> <p>17-20 Métis Nation Day</p> <p>18 Nelson Mandela Day</p>	<p>1 Emancipation Day</p> <p>4 BC Day</p> <p>9 Int'l Day of the World's Indigenous People</p> <p>12 International Youth Day</p> <p>15 National Acadian Day</p> <p>16 Janmashtami</p> <p>16 Birth of Lord Krishna – Janmashtami</p> <p>23 International Day of Remembrance of Slavery Victims and the Transatlantic Slave Trade</p>

sd38.bc.ca/calendars



## 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!**

JAMES GILMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

**2024  
-  
2025**

**BECOME A GENERAL MEMBER**

GET INVOLVED WITH OUR SCHOOL. THE TIME COMMITMENT CAN BE MINIMAL DEPENDING ON WHAT SUITS YOUR SCHEDULE.

EXAMPLES:

HANDING OUT HOT LUNCH  
DAY-OF HELP AT EVENTS,  
FUNDRAISING

The PAC's purpose is to support staff, students, families, and the entire school community. Through our fundraising and the help of volunteers, all funds raised go back to the school (staff allotments, field trips, events, supplies).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL:**

**GILMOREPACSD38@GMAIL.COM**

**[HTTPS://GILMORE.SD38.BC.CA/PARENT-ADVISORY-COUNCIL](https://gilmore.sd38.bc.ca/parent-advisory-council)**



The Gilmore PAC invites you and your family to

# Welcome Back to Gilmore Elementary

Thursday, September 19, 2024

6:00 – 8:00 PM

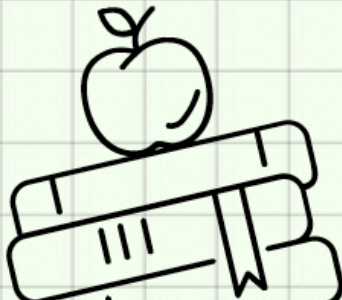
after Meet the Teacher (5:00 – 6:00 PM)

Join us for pizza and drinks provided by Gilmore Elementary (outside the library)!

Play games, get your face painted, and buy some cotton candy (proceeds will go to BC Children's Hospital).

Then meet us in the gym at 6:30 PM for a reptile presentation by Mike the Reptile Guy!

Grab your family and friends and head to the photobooth in the gym, available from 6-8PM.



Interested in volunteering or joining the Gilmore Parent Advisory Council (PAC)?  
Email us at [gilmorepacsd38@gmail.com](mailto:gilmorepacsd38@gmail.com)

**DON'T FORGET**



# GILMORE'S HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Fall Session: September to December 2024

Welcome new parents to Gilmore's PAC Family and welcome back all parents to 2024-2025 school year!

## OUR HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Is one of PAC's fundraising activities, and run by volunteer parents. 100% of the profits goes to support all students, teachers and the school in classroom equipment, extracurricular activities, and supplies.

## HOT LUNCH DAYS

- Monday, Sep 23 – Sushi Lovers
- Wednesday, Oct 2 – Frozen Yogurt
- Monday, Oct 7 – Fusion Feast Pizza&Curry
- Monday, Oct 21 – Just Poke Rice Bowl
- Monday, Oct 28 – Taco Luis
- Monday, Nov 4 – Fusion Feast Pizza&Curry
- Wednesday, Nov 13 – Frozen Yogurt
- Monday, Nov 18 – Sushi Lovers
- Wednesday, Dec 4 – Frozen Yogurt
- Monday, Dec 9 – Just Poke Rice Bowl
- Monday, Dec 16 – Taco Luis

## HOW TO ORDER

- Go to <https://munchalunch.com/schools/gilmore> or click the MunchaLunch icon on the Gilmore school website.
- For first time users, click the "Register Here" button and the system will guide you through.
- For returning users, click the "Login Here" button to access your account.



## NOTES / REMINDERS

- This session will be open for orders on September 9, 2024.
- Orders must be placed up to 7 days prior to the next upcoming lunch.
- Please try to place all orders for each session at once as there is a fee for each transaction.
- To reduce waste, we are encouraging students to bring their own cutlery on Hot Lunch days and plates/containers for pizza days.
- If your child is absent on the hot lunch date, we are unable to provide a refund. You are welcome to come and pick up the order between 11:50am – 12:15pm. Please email [gilmorelunch@outlook.com](mailto:gilmorelunch@outlook.com) no later than 10:00 am.
- Although Hot Lunch is a fundraiser, we believe all children should have access and be able to experience it. Please reach out to Mr. Shuto if you require financial assistance. As always, this will be treated with confidentiality.
- For any questions or issues ordering, please email [gilmorelunch@outlook.com](mailto:gilmorelunch@outlook.com)

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*Please send re-usable cutlery with your child(ren) on Hot Lunch Days!*

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