



**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**

Important Dates!	
Sept 19th	Meet the Staff and PAC Welcome Back Event
Sept 20th	Pro-D Day. No School
Sept 23rd	Hot Lunch Day (More info to come)
Sept 30th	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - No School
Oct 14th	Thanksgiving - No School

Monday	PAC - Coffee Morning Before School (outside the library in the back of the school) 8:30 - 9:30
Tuesday	Community Breakfast - Gym 8:00AM. (Please scroll down for more information)
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

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! We are looking forward to another great year!

- Welcome to New Staff:** Vivienne Law Gr. 3/4 EFI, Brittany Lee Gr 1/2 Eng, Jackie Wong Gr. 2/3 Eng, Patti Outram ELL / Resource, Dionne Peralta EA, Emma Yip K/1 EFI.
- Early Warning:** Please ensure that you call the early warning line at the school as soon as you know that your child will be absent. This helps us daily with organizing staffing for the day and ensures that safety of all kids. Early Warning Number 604-668-6637
- 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!
- Warning Bell:** This year we will have a warning bell at 8:40 so that the students are aware it is time to line up. Staff will pick up kids at their pick up spot at 8:45 as usual.
- Important PAC Events for September:** Please scroll down for more information.
- 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...**

- 1 Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.
- 2 Behave in a safe, courteous and courteous manner.
- 3 Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.
- 4 Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.
- 5 Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property.
- 6 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)

**RICHMOND**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT #41

## 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.

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## 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

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German Heritage; Canadian Islamic History Month; History Month; Latin American Heritage Month; National Disability Employment Month; Women's History Month</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 National Seniors Day</li> <li>2-4 Rosh Hashana 🕍</li> <li>3-12 Navaratri 🇮🇳</li> <li>4 Nat'l Day of Action to Honour Missing Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Teens and 2-Spirited</li> <li>10 World Mental Health Day</li> <li>11 International Day of the Girl</li> <li>11 Kof Nidrei 🕍</li> <li>11-12 Dussehra 🇮🇳</li> <li>11-12 Yom Kippur 🕍</li> <li>14 Thanksgiving</li> <li>16 International Proms Day / World Food Day</li> <li>16 Sukkot Begins (ends Oct 23) 🕍</li> <li>16 Int'l Day for the Eradication of Poverty</li> <li>17 Spirit Day</li> <li>18 Persons Day</li> <li>20 Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth 🇮🇳</li> <li>24-25 Simchat Torah 🕍</li> </ul>	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	31					<table border="1"> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr> </table> <p><b>Adoption Awareness Month; 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Int'l Day of Persons with Disabilities; National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 Bodhi Day 🇮🇳</li> <li>9 International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime</li> <li>10 Human Rights Day</li> <li>13 Galgah</li> <li>21 Winter Solstice (Northern Hemisphere)</li> <li>24 Christmas Eve 🇮</li> <li>24 Christmas 🇮</li> <li>25 Hanukkah (ends Jan 2) 🕍</li> </ul>	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	31					<table border="1"> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr> <tr><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> <p><b>Tamil Heritage Month</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Ochotookew – Kissing Day – Hand Shaking Day (MHR)</li> <li>4 World Braille Day</li> <li>5 Guru Gobind Singh Birthday/Prakash 🇮🇳</li> <li>13 Maghi 🇮🇳</li> <li>14 Mahavaya New Year 🇮</li> <li>15 Black Excellence Day</li> <li>17 Basal Wallenberg Day</li> <li>21 Lincoln Alexander Day</li> <li>21 International Mother Language Day</li> <li>26 Maha Shivaratri 🇮</li> <li>26 Pink Shirt Day</li> <li>28 Ramadan Begins (Ends March 29) 🇮</li> </ul>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	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	31							<table border="1"> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> <p><b>Black History Month</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-7 UN World Interfaith Harmony Week</li> <li>2 Vasant Panchami 🇮</li> <li>5 Ash Wednesday 🇮</li> <li>12 Lantern Festival</li> <li>12 Maghi Pujā Day 🇮</li> <li>15 Nirvana Day 🇮</li> <li>17 Family Day</li> <li>20 World Day of Social Justice</li> <li>21 International Mother Language Day</li> <li>26 Maha Shivaratri 🇮</li> <li>26 Pink Shirt Day</li> <li>28 Ramadan Begins (Ends March 29) 🇮</li> </ul>	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	31				
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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!

1. **Community breakfast** will take place on Wednesday morning in the Gilmore Gym. Doors will open at 8:00AM, breakfast will be served until 8:30, when cleanup will begin. Gilmore Students and families are invited. Students and families will need to stay in the gym and students will be dismissed to class when the bell rings at 8:45. We hope that this is a time for our Gilmore Community to come together to connect. Thank you to the Richmond Rotary Sunrise for their support with hosting our Community Breakfasts.
2. **Please join the PAC Monday September 9th** at school drop off for a coffee and snack! The PAC will be set up outside the Library doors from 8:30 am to 9:30 am. Come and connect with your Gilmore Community!
3. **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, facepainting 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.



JAMES GILMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

**2024  
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**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

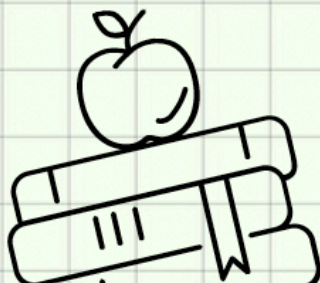
after Meet the Teacher (5:00 – 6:00 PM)

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)

