



**James Gilmore  
Elementary**  
8380 Elsmore Road  
Richmond, BC  
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**Trevor Shuto**  
Principal

**School Schedule:**

8:40 - Warning Bell  
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	January 6th - First Day Back at School
Tuesday	
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!

- Late For School / Absent:** Thank you to families for calling the early warning line 604-668-6637 if your child will be absent from school. This reduces the amount of calls that we have to make every morning when we haven't heard from you. Also, thank you to families who are lining up and signing in at the office if you are late in the morning, this helps us to ensure that everyone is accounted for.
- Gilmore Winter Concert:** Thank you to everyone who was able to make it out to our Winter Concerts on Wednesday. We appreciate your support and it was a great night! Thank you to staff and students who did a great job preparing for the shows.
- Learning Updates:** Reports and ELL Reports are live on MyEd Parent Portal. If you are a parent of an ELL student you will also see your child's ELL progress report in the MyEd Parent Portal when you login. This is new this year. Please save a copy of the PDF of any reports that you see so that you can access them for your future reference. Please do this before January 19th, 2025 as that is when access expires. Please also ensure that you can access / have updated your password so you can continue to have access.
- Spirit Wear Orders:** Spirit Wear delivery has been delayed to early January. The PAC will update Admin and office staff as soon as we have a more accurate date and then items will go home. Apologies for the delay! - Gilmore PAC
- 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!

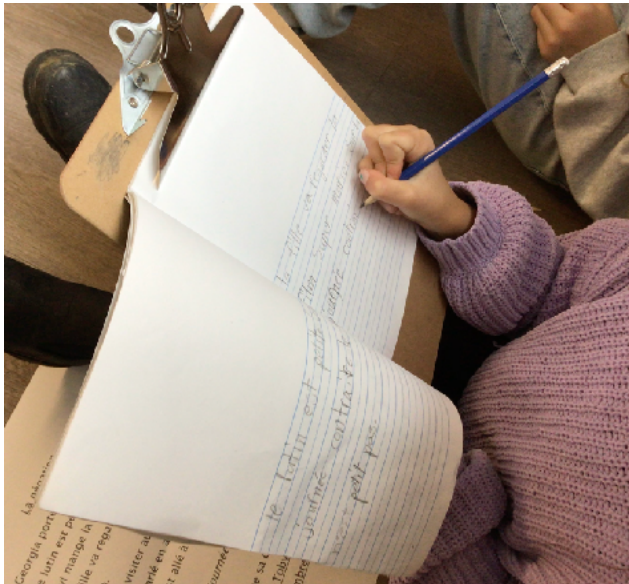
Sincerely, Trevor Shuto and the Gilmore Staff

Important Dates!	
Jan 14th	Community Breakfast
Jan 27th	No School - Pro D Day
Feb 14th	No School - Pro D Day
Feb 17th	No School - Holiday
Feb 26 and 27	1:45 - Early Dismissal - Parent - Teacher Conferences

## 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

What are you learning about? Why is it important?

“I am learning how to write in French with new words. This will help us learn French and get better at writing”

## 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 containers. Please don't crush / flatten containers. Please only put a max of 12 glass bottles in each bag. Please remove garbage from bags before returning. Thank you for your support!

## SD38 and Multi-faith Society Reconciliation, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Calendars

An inclusive calendar is a living document that shares dates of significance, recognition, and celebration. Dates for each month will be highlighted here.

January 2025						
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	

### Tamil Heritage Month

- 1 Ochetookeskaw – Kissing Day – Hand Shaking Day (Métis)
- 4 World Braille Day
- 5 Guru Gobindh Singh Birthday/Prakash ☸
- 13 Maghi ☸
- 14 Mahayana New Year ☸
- 15 Black Excellence Day
- 17 Raoul Wallenberg Day
- 21 Lincoln Alexander Day
- 24 World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture
- 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 28 **Semester 2 Starts (Select Secondary Schools)**
- 29 Lunar New Year ☸
- 29 National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia
- 29 Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia (in the Province of BC)

## JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Spirit Moon Solar New Year Gantan-sai New Year's Day St. Basil's Day	1 Last Day of Hanukkah Berchtold Day (Switzerland)	2 3	4 Ghambar Maidayarem ends World Braille Day (Int)
Birth date of Guru Gobind Singh Ji (1666 - 1708)	5 Epiphany (W) Armenian Christmas Theophany (E - New Calendar)	6 Christmas (Old / Julian Calendar)	7 8	9 Linji Memorial	10 11	
	12 Mahāyāna New Year Seijin-no-hi Maghi St. Knut's Day (Finland, Sweden) Lohri (India) Full Moon	13 Makar Sankranti New Year (Old / Julian Calendar) Pongal (S India)	14 15	16 National Religious Freedom Day (USA)	17 Baizhang Memorial	18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins Hakuin Ekaku Memorial Sūtan
Eiheï Dogen Kigen Birth date World Religion Day Theophany (E - Old Calendar)	19 Martin Luther King Day (USA)	20 Quebec Flag Day	21 Kitchen God Day (Vietnam, China)	22 23	24 Honen Shinin Memorial Burns Night	25
Laylat al-Miraj (Night Journey to Heaven) (beginning at sunset to sunset of the next day) Australia Day Republic Day (India)	26 Holocaust Remembrance Day (UN)	27 28	29 Lunar New Year (4723) - Year of the Snake National Day of Remembrance and Action Against Islamophobia (Canada) New Moon	30 Sadeh (Iran) Education Day (The Three Holy Hierarchs) (Greece)	31	



# Please see information about other events and opportunities below!



**Date:** January 14, 2025  
**Time:** 6-8 p.m.  
**Where:** Zoom  
**Register:** QR code below

## ONLINE PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE LONG-RANGE FACILITIES PLAN

The Richmond School District invites community members to participate in an Online Public Open House.

This virtual event offers a convenient opportunity to learn about the 2025 Long-Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) and provide input that will help shape the district's long-term facilities strategy.

If you are unable to attend, you can still contribute. Email your questions or feedback to the Richmond Project Team at [planning@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:planning@sd38.bc.ca).

**Scan QR code to register:**



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

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# Personal Digital Devices

Personal digital devices should not be used unless permission has been granted. Students are expected to adhere to the Acceptable Use Guidelines and District Code of Conduct.

Read the full policy here: [sd38.bc.ca/devices](https://sd38.bc.ca/devices)



