



**James Gilmore
Elementary**
8380 Elsmore Road
Richmond, BC
V7C 2A1

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	School Closed - Family Day
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Hot Lunch - Taco Luis
Thursday	
Friday	

Important Dates!	
Feb 24 - 28th	Book Fair in the Library
Feb 26th	Pink Shirt Day
Feb 26th	Early Dismissal 1:45 Conferences
Feb 27th	Early Dismissal 1:45 Conferences
March 3rd	Hot Lunch - Pizza

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!

- School District Strategic Plan Survey** - Please see below for a survey to help shape our District's future together. You would have received this directly from the District already via email. Just wanted to remind you of it.
- Optional Student Accident Insurance:** please visit insuremykids.com for further information.
- PAC Pedal Heads Fundraiser:** For \$25 off ALL PedalHeads Camps and Programs please use promo code: RICHGIL25. Each time the code is used, Gilmore PAC will get \$25. Code expires June 30th but can be used for programs/camps in July and August (you just need to register before June 30th). Please see the flyer below for more information. Email gilmorepacsd38@gmail.com with any questions.
- A reminder that on February 26th and 27th there is early dismissal at 1:45** for Parent Teacher Conferences. More information of come from your child's classroom teacher. Just wanted to remind you of the dates so that you can plan ahead.
- 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

What are you learning about? Why is it important?

“When we are having fun and playing in the snow, we can show our creativity, teamwork, and social skills. It is an opportunity to bond and share joyful moments with friends. The snow brings opportunities of joy, excitement, and connections in ways that are different than normal. The snow helps create memories with our friends!”

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.

The poster is titled 'DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT' at the top. Below that, the main title is 'HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER' in large, bold, colorful letters. The text below the title states: '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.' It then lists six numbered points: 1. Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community. 2. Behave in a safe, considerate 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. At the bottom, it says 'Our expectations for how we learn and work together shall apply to everyone in our schools and school facilities.' There is a small photo of four students (two boys and two girls) looking at books. At the very bottom, it says 'The complete code of conduct is available online at sdsd.k12.va.us/studentconduct' and 'RICHMOND COUNTY SCHOOLS'.



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.

Search: All Events

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC | 2025

FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY

- 1 Iroquois Midwinter Ceremony
- Bear Moon
- Indigenous Storytelling Month (Canada)
- World Interfaith Harmony Week (UN)
- Black History Month (USA, Canada)

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Black History Month

1-7 UN World Interfaith Harmony Week

2 Vasant Panchami 🌀

5 Ash Wednesday †

12 Lantern Festival

12 Magha Puja Day 🌀

15 Nirvana Day 🌀

17 Family Day

20 World Day of Social Justice

21 International Mother Language Day

26 Maha Shivaratri 🌀

26 Pink Shirt Day

28 Ramadan Begins (Ends March 29) 🌙

2 Vasant Panchami (India)

3 Shrove Tuesday

4 World Cancer Day (WHO)

5 Constitution Day (Mexico)

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11 National Foundation Day (Japan)

12 Magha Puja (Sinhala) Day

Eve of Tu B'Shevat

Lantern Festival (China, Taiwan)

Full Moon

13 Laylat al-Baraat (Nief She'bin) (beginning at sunset to sunset of the next day)

Tu B'Shevat

14 Valentine's Day

15 Nehen-e (Nirvana Day)

National Flag of Canada Day

Independence Day (Israel)

16 Nishim Shonin's Birth date

17 Family Day (parts of Canada)

18 Independence Day (The Gambia)

19

20 World Day of Social Justice (UN)

21 International Mother Language Day (UNESCO)

22 Abu Simbel Festival (Egypt)

23 Independence Day (Lithuania)

24 Independence Day (Estonia)

25 Ayyám-i-Há

National Day (Kuwait)

People Power Day (Philippines)

26 Maha Shivaratri

Anti-bullying Day (Canada)

27 Independence Day (Dominican Republic)

28 Loser-Tinian New Year

Kalevala Day (Finland)

New Moon

Please see information about other events and opportunities below!



- For \$25 off ALL PedalHeads Camps and Programs please use promo code: RICHGIL25
- The promo code expires June 30th, but can be used for July and August programming (you just need to register and apply the code before June 30th)
- Each time the code is used Gilmore PAC will get \$25!
- There are no limits on how many times each family can use the code.
- Please share with your family and friends.
- See flyers below and visit: PedalHeads.com

PEDALHEADS **SPRING + SUMMER**
BIKE, SOCCER, SWIM & TRAIL

PAC FUNDRAISER
PROCEEDS FROM SALES GO TO YOUR
SCHOOL AND SUPPORT LOCAL ATHLETES.

FOR FAMILIES OF GILMORE ELEMENTARY

Use code **RICHGIL25** for \$25 off

pedalheads.com/british-columbia

The flyer features three photos: a man teaching a child to swim, a group of children playing soccer, and a woman helping a child on a bicycle. The background is dark blue with yellow and white text.

SPRING + SUMMER
REGISTRATION
Camps & lessons for kids aged 2-12

JAN 21 **SPRING BREAK**
Bike, Swim, Soccer, Trail

FEB 11 **SPRING**
Swim and Soccer

APR 8 **SUMMER**
Bike, Swim, Soccer, Trail

PEDALHEADS

Abbotsford • Burnaby • Coquitlam • Delta • Kelowna • Langley •
Nanaimo • North Vancouver • Port Coquitlam • Richmond •
Surrey • Tsawwassen • Vancouver • Victoria • West Vancouver

The flyer has a green background with a yellow circular graphic on the right side containing a photo of a woman and a child on a bicycle. The text is in white and yellow.



Richmond Board of Education Strategic Plan 2025–2030



Shaping the Next Five Years, Together.



Scan to learn more and find
out how you can get involved

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

RICHMOND
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

CHALLENGER BASEBALL

Children (Age 6-12)



Learn baseball skills in this fun introductory program to enhance connection, courage, independence, and physical activity. This indoor adaptive program is designed for children with physical and/or cognitive disabilities.

Wed, Apr 9 - May 28
5:30pm - 6:30pm
\$52.50/8 sessions
Event ID #00386567

Location: Gymnasium,
Diefenbaker Elementary School

3 Ways To Register:

- 1.) www.richmond.ca/register
- 2.) Phone: 604-276-4300
(Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5:00pm)
- 3.) In-person at any community facility

Registration Opens February 11

Additional information may be requested to better support individual needs.



The C.O.D.E. Initiative

NEW CLASS ADDED! Explore block-based challenges in animation and game development to boost skills, enhance creativity, and foster teamwork.

Scratch Coding and Animation For Neurodivergent Children (7-13 yrs old)

Tues, April 1- May 6
4:30pm - 5:30pm
\$185.00/6 sessions
Event ID #00387725

This program is designed for children who are autistic, neurodivergent, or have neurodevelopmental traits—no diagnosis required.

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Scratch Coding and Animation For Children of All Abilities (7-13 yrs old)

Tues, April 1- May 6
6:00pm - 7:00pm
\$185.00/6 sessions
Event ID #00387726

This program is designed for children of all abilities and skill levels in a supportive environment.



City Centre Community Centre
5900 Minoru Boulevard
www.richmond.ca/citycentre | 604-204-8588



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

