

Griffin Week at a Glance

February 2nd to 6th



This Week's Calendar

Monday, Feb 2nd:

- Gr 6/7 Basketball Practice : 12:00p

Tuesday, Feb 3rd:

- Gr 6/7 Basketball (home) OPEN v Steves

Wednesday, Feb 4th:

- Green Thumb Theatre : 1:00a - everyone
- Gr 6/7 Basketball OPEN @ Grauer

Thursday, Feb 5th:

- Hold and Secure Drill : am
- Gr 6/7 Basketball Practice : 12:00p

Friday, Feb 6th:

- Gr 6/7 Basketball Open Gym : 8:00a
- PAC Lunch - Subway and Booster Juice

Week of February 9th to 13th

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: PAC Lunch: TCBY Yoghurt, Gr 6/7 Basketball OPEN v Steves

Friday: District Professional Development Day

Dear Griffin Families,

It is hard to believe that we are at the start of February already, but here we are!

The weather may not be quite as wintery as some of us might like these days, but it is definitely wet enough. Teachers are continuing to have conversations with their classes and individual students about how to manage themselves better on the rainy/muddy days. As you can imagine it takes a lot of time and energy to deal with the boots, jackets and changes of clothing in the earlier primary classes. In some cases children are forgetting that they have to continue learning through the day, that they can't go home and have a bath. In our upper intermediate grades the challenges are often a lack of preparation for weather. I would encourage families to think about sending an umbrella with their older child who might not be willing to wear the rain coat or boots. The students need the fresh air and nature and we need them comfortable to keep learning through the day. Thank you!!

This week we had another great basketball game with the students at Quilchena. Our Grade 6/7s continue to represent the school very well, showing good sporting spirit and playing as a team. A good measure of the teamwork is the number of players that have been scoring baskets. We are working on the idea that everyone will score a basket sometime in the season. They can do it!

On Thursday next week we will be undertaking a "Hold and Secure" practice. In this practice we will be trying a reverse evacuation to simulate a situation where we need to quickly call the students in from the playground. Teachers will be reminding students that 3 warning bells are the signal to re-enter the school immediately and go to their classroom. It is part of our annual emergency response program to practice these types of scenarios. This will not be a surprise experience this time, but through the Spring we will be conducting emergency practices that are unannounced to test our response skills.

Dodge the raindrops and have a wonderful weekend!

Be safe, be active and get outside!

Go Griffins,

Mr. Ferguson, Principal



GILMORE PAC UPDATES

JANUARY
2026

Upcoming Events

- Gr 5, 6, 7 Band Concert: Feb 25 and June TBD
- Saleema Noon Parent info session: March 3; Students: March 4 – 5
- Spring Performance: TBD, week before Spring Break in the afternoon
- SPRING BREAK: March 16 – 27
- Gilmore does Bollywood!: April 13 – 17, Families invited Fri, April 17 at 1pm
- Camp Jubilee (Grade 6): May 11 – 13
- Sports Day: June 5
- School-wide Beach Day: June 18
- Grade 7 Graduation: June 23

PLEASE NOTE:
**CONFIRM DATES WITH SCHOOL
COMMUNICATION;**
CHANGES MAY BE MADE

Hot Lunch Dates

- Fri, Jan 30
- Fri, Feb 6
- Thurs, Feb 12
- Fri, Feb 20
- Tues, Feb 24
*Krispy Kreme
- Fri, Feb 27
- Fri, Mar 6
- Wed, Mar 11

Sign up to volunteer
on munchalunch.com

Check this out!

Gilmore's School Story Focus for 2025-2026
"We will increase students' engagement with text in thoughtful and purposeful ways to strengthen reading and comprehension across grade levels and language programs"

Read more [here:](https://gilmore.sd38.bc.ca/school-learning-story)
<https://gilmore.sd38.bc.ca/school-learning-story>

Contact Info

gilmorespac@sd38.bc.ca

GILMORE'S HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Term 2: January to March 2025

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

- Friday January 16 – Fusion Feast Pizza & Curry
- Thursday, January 22 – Just Poke Rice Bowl
- Friday, January 30 – KFC
- Friday, February 6 – Subway & Booster Juice
- Thursday, February 12 – TCBY Frozen Yogurt
- Friday, February 20 – Sushi Lovers
- Tuesday, February 24 – Krispy Kreme Donuts
- Friday, February 27 – Fusion Feast Pizza & Curry
- Friday, March 6 – KFC & Booster Juice
- Wednesday, March 11 – TCBY Frozen Yogurt

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 December 19, 2025.
- 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 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 no later than 10:00 am.
- **For any questions or issues ordering**, please email gilmorelunch@outlook.com

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



TRY LACROSSE!
FREE TO ALL PLAYERS

NO EQUIPMENT NEEDED

RICHMOND LACROSSE

LOCATION MANOAH STEVES SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
DECEMBER 10TH | 17:00 TO 18:30
WEDNESDAY

LOCATION DIEFENBAKER SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
JANUARY 14TH | 17:00 TO 18:30
WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 8TH | 10:00 TO 11:30
SUNDAY

MARCH 4TH | 17:00 TO 18:30
WEDNESDAY

MARCH 15TH | 10:00 TO 11:30
SUNDAY

PRE REGISTER HERE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT

sd38.bc.ca

VOLUNTEER INTERPRETERS NEEDED



The Richmond School District is seeking individuals who are fluent in English and other languages to join our Volunteer Interpreter Team.

Help strengthen communication between schools and families by providing language support during parent teacher conferences. Your involvement helps ensure every family feels welcomed and informed.

Training is provided.
All languages welcome.

To express your interest, please email your CV before January 16, 2026 to:
culturalinterpreters@sd38.bc.ca

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CARE AND SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES



Parenting when Anxiety shows up as Anger.

Parenting can become challenging when anxiety shows up as anger in our kids. Join us in a conversation with Karen Peters, Registered Clinical Counsellor, to learn about some strategies that can help us better understand and manage these hard moments.

当焦虑在孩子身上表现为愤怒时，为人父母就会面临挑战。欢迎收听我们与注册临床咨询师凯伦·彼得斯的对话，了解一些可以帮助我们在这些艰难时刻之前、之中和之后应对的策略

**Wednesday, February 11, 2026
10:00am to 11:30am online session**

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Richmond School District
S.E.E.D. Family Learning Series
 For Families New to Canada with Preschoolers

SD38's S.E.E.D. Family Learning Series provides strategies for families to support preschool aged children's experiential learning.

"Planting seeds for lifelong learning!"

Session Titles:

- S – Social Emotional Learning (Play & SEL)
- E – Everyday Numeracy (Play & Numeracy)
- E – Everyday Literacy (Play & Literacy)
- D – Discover & Explore Outdoors (Outdoor Play)



S.E.E.D. sessions focus on how play offers optimal conditions for learning in early childhood. Sessions include facilitated time for children to enjoy playing and learning with other children, while adults explore ways to support their children's learning. The S.E.E.D program aims to enhance caregivers' understanding of early learning in the Richmond School District and offers opportunities for caregivers to build social networks.

 Lee StrongStart
 9491 Ash Street, Richmond
 (enter Door 5)

Child must be 3-4 years old to register:
 • child who turned 3 in 2025, born in 2021
 • child who turned 4 in 2025, born in 2021

 Every Thursday
 February 5-26, 2026
 1:00pm - 3:00pm
 Megan Zeni at mzeni@sd38.bc.ca



RICHMOND **SWIS** Settlement Workers In Schools   



BECOME HOMESTAY at the RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Be a host for an international student for a month, semester or year. Richmond International Education (RIE) Homestay Program is looking for local families to offer a welcoming home.

Contact us to find out more about this enriching opportunity.

study@sd38.bc.ca

604-668-6217



RICHMOND
 INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
 ENRICHING GLOBAL MINDS

Your PAC needs Volunteers
 The Gilmore PAC is urgently needing members for the 2025 / 2026 School Year.

We are needing support in the following roles

Secretary Events Fundraising Hot Lunch General Members

Without members the PAC cannot operate and the school will lose out on needed funds from grants and fundraising. Activities and events may also be cancelled.

Please reach out to gilmorespacsd38@gmail.com for more information or if you have questions.

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Information for Parents and Caregivers

Resources to support you and your child



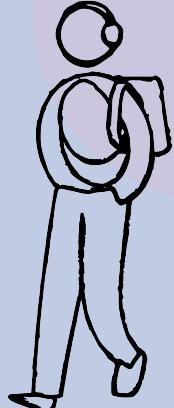
Register for free training
 Tips to protect children and youth online



Have a conversation
 Talk with children and youth about things they may be experiencing

What kind of information can I find on erase.gov.bc.ca?

- **Practical guidance** to help you support your child's safety and well-being
- **Resources and information about:**
 - Diversity and inclusion
 - Mental health and substance use
 - School and online safety
- **Free training sessions** to help you keep your child safe online
- **Videos** explaining erase, the Report It Tool, and safe, caring and inclusive schools
- **Tips** for bringing concerns to your child's school



What is the Report It Tool?

Report It is an **anonymous online tool for students** to report anything concerning to their school safety team—whether it happens at school, online, or somewhere else. Find it at erase.gov.bc.ca.

Questions? Reach out to your school to learn more.



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