

Griffin Week at a Glance

February 9th to 13th



This Week's Calendar

Monday, Feb 9th:

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

Tuesday, Feb 10th:

Wednesday, Feb 11th:

Thursday, Feb 12th:

- PAC Lunch - TCBY Yoghurt
- Gr 6/7 Basketball Practice : 12:00p
- Gr 6/7 Basketball (home) OPEN v Steves

Friday, Feb 13th:

- District Wide Professional Development Day

Week of Feb 16th to 20th

Monday : Family Day - school closed

Tuesday: Gr 6/7 Basketball Girls v Dixon

Wednesday: Gr 6/7 Basketball OPEN v Grauer

Thursday: Div 7 Field Trip to Gateway Theatre

Friday:

Dear Griffin Families,

We completed a very important Emergency Drill yesterday morning. We undertook a “Reverse Evacuation” and a Hold and Secure practice. The purpose of the drill was to experience what it would be like if ever we had an emergency during a play time that required students to re-enter the building and get to their classrooms quickly and safely. There could be many reasons that this might be necessary. The students did an excellent job of responding to the 3 Bell Alarm. Please take a few minutes to chat with your child about their experience.

In a few weeks time we will be hosting the second round of Learning Update Conversations with families. Please make sure that you are watching for an invitation from your child’s teacher and make the necessary arrangements to attend. These conversations are strategically placed around the mid point of the year as there will be lots of learning to celebrate and plenty of time to work on whatever the next learning goals will be.

I want to bring the following to your attention and ask for your help. We are noticing an unfortunate pattern in the student washrooms these days and would appreciate family’s support. If everyone was encouraging children to use the washrooms as needed and leave the space as tidy as they found it, it would go along way to making everyone more comfortable. Learning to look after shared spaces and resources is an important aspect of being in a school community, remembering to do our best, ask for help and take care of things better than if they belonged only to us. We’ve got this!

There are flyers for two child sport opportunities in Lacrosse and Softball included below, take and look and consider checking out the free experiences!

Please note that between Friday’s Professional Development Day and Monday’s Family Day Holiday there is a four day break from school next weekend. I hope that you can make plans to enjoy the time with family and friends. Perhaps you can watch the Olympics and cheer on Canada!!

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	<i>Tues, Feb 24</i>
Fri, Feb 6	<i>*Krispy Kreme</i>
Thurs, Feb 12	Fri, Feb 27
Fri, Feb 20	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

gilmorepacs38@gmail.com

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!



**COME AND TRY
SOFTBALL!**

Free Entry!



McRoberts Secondary School

February 18th, 2026

5-11 years old: 6:00pm-7:30PM

Scan here!



@RICHMOND.SOFTBALL



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TRY LACROSSE!

NO EQUIPMENT NEEDED

RICHMOND LACROSSE

FREE TO ALL PLAYERS

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



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



FAMILY
Peer Support in Richmond




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类艰难时刻之前、之中和之后应对的策略

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



Richmond School District

NEW S.E.E.D. Family Learning Series **NEW**

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)



Every Thursday
February 5-26, 2026



1:00pm - 3:00pm



Megan Zeni at mzeni@sd38.bc.ca

Child must be 3-4 years old to register:
 • child who turned 3 in 2025, born in 2022
 • child who turned 4 in 2025, born in 2021



RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 | **SWIS** Settlement Workers in Schools | Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada | Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada | **Touchstone Family Association**

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 gilmorepacsd38@gmail.com for more information or if you have questions.



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

erase | EXPECT RESPECT & A SAFE EDUCATION

Information for Parents and Caregivers

Resources to support you and your child

Register for free training
Tips to protect children and youth online

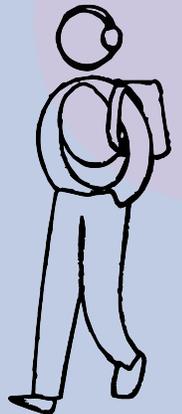
Have a conversation
Talk with children and youth about things they may be experiencing

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.

BRITISH COLUMBIA Ministry of Education and Child Care

