



WEEK AT A GLANCE

HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



May 22-26

Monday, May 22



Tuesday, May 23

Wednesday, May 24

Class Photos & Panorama Photos

Thursday, May 25

Jeans Day

Friday, May 26

Hot Lunch
Sushi

HOMMA FAMILY FAIR
5:30PM-8:00PM

Important Dates

- June 01.....Gr. 7 McMath Orientation
- June 02.....Freezy Friday
- June 09.....Sports Day/Parent Appreciation
- June 13.....Final PAC Meeting (on Zoom)
- June 16.....Rain Out Day for Sports Day
- June 16.....Freezy Friday
- June 21.....Staff Appreciation
- June 23.....Grade 7 Farewell
- June 27.....Report Cards Home
- June 29.....Year End Assembly
- June 29.....Last Day of School

GOOD LUCK!

Congratulations, Mme Val!

We are excited to announce that Mme Val is going to Mitchell Elementary School as Principal in September!

Although she's only been with us at Homma for a short time, she has made a tremendous impact on both students and staff. We will miss her but wish her all the very best in her new role as principal!

We will know of her replacement at the end of the month.

Daily Health Check

SHOULD I GO TO SCHOOL TODAY?

We appreciate your support in keeping your child home when they are not feeling well.

Students should not come to school when they are sick.

If your child is not feeling well please continue to keep them home until their symptoms have resolved. If you know your child will be absent for a range of days, please leave that information as well.

Staying home when sick helps keep our entire school community healthy including teachers, admin staff and students. **Please do your part and stay home when sick.**

Click here for the health assessment





Congratulations, Oliver and Hailey!!

On Friday, May 12, 16 students from Divisions 4 and 5 represented Homma Elementary School at the 21st Annual Richmond Regional Heritage Fair. Each student was interviewed by judges and attended a variety of fun workshops, including a cedar bracelet making workshop and a spirograph workshop. Students also had the opportunity to learn from and explore the other projects at the Richmond Regional Heritage Fair and complete a fun passport activity.

We are excited to say that Oliver from Mme Yau's Gr. 4/5 class was chosen to participate at the BC Provincial Heritage Fair in Prince George in July. He is one of three students chosen to represent Richmond. There will be about 50 students in total at the BC Provincial Heritage Fair, about 3 from each Regional Heritage Fair in BC. Congratulations Oliver!

Hailey, from Ms. Yau's Div 4 Gr.4/5 class, was featured in an article in the Richmond News for her participation in the Richmond Regional Heritage Fair. Take a look at the link below. Congratulations, Hailey!!

<https://www.richmond-news.com/in-the-community/richmond-students-showcase-their-roots-at-regional-heritage-fair-6993624>

HOMMA HIGHLIGHTS

Division 23 - Brightening the Day of Seniors



Last month, during Ramadan, our class (along with a bit of help from our big buddies in Div 17) made some spring greeting cards for a seniors home down the street (Wisteria Place), as a way of 'giving to the community'. We got in contact with the home and found out they have about 120 residents, 20 or so who speak only Japanese and 40 or so who speak only Chinese, so we made that many cards (we did some photocopying to make duplicates!), had parents translate the students' messages to Chinese and Japanese in some of them and delivered the cards to the home.

We just received the most lovely video as a thank you with clips of some of the residents thanking us! One of the ladies even said her card "made her heart sing!" So sweet!



NEWS



All parents and guardians of children who attend Homma Elementary School are members of the Homma PAC and are crucial partners in creating a rich and fulfilling school experience for our children.



What happens if my child is away from school on a Hot Lunch Day?

If your child is away from school on a Hot Lunch day, you can arrange for their order to go to their sibling or you can pick it up at school. To make these arrangements, please email the classroom teacher and copy the Homma Office (homma@sd38.bc.ca) before 10:00 AM. If you plan to pick up the food order, please come to the school at 12:15 PM, which gives our team enough time to focus on distributing food to the classrooms.

**The Homma Family Fair is almost here!
Join us on Friday, May 26 (5:30 to 8:00 PM)!**

This event will not be possible without our crew of amazing volunteers - we have 16 volunteer shifts left to fill! Sign up at Don't miss out on your chance to support this fun event - we now have 23 more volunteer shifts to fill! Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a8a828a5f9c52-homma#/>



Donations are needed - small prizes (stickers, dollar store items, stationary), wine (please drop off bottles at the office) and nut-free cakes (delivered to the school on May 26th) will be gratefully received! Thank you for your incredible support so far. We also have an amazing silent auction available with gift cards and donations from local businesses.

Thank you for your help and support!



PAC AGM Update:

At our Annual General Meeting this week, we were delighted to welcome Jarrod Connolly as new PAC Chair and Miranda Duffy as our new PAC Treasurer. A sincere thank you to both Jarrod and Miranda for stepping forward to take on executive roles. We are also grateful to Corrine Haer for continuing as Vice Chair and Jennifer Tham for continuing as Secretary. Their leadership, support and time is incredibly appreciated!

Save the date for the **final PAC meeting of the year on June 13 at 6:30 pm** (on Zoom, followed by a gathering at O'Hares).



CLASS PLACEMENTS Consideration Letters Due June 3

In the spring of each year we begin our planning for the coming year. We have preliminary staffing meetings with board office personnel where we look at possible scenarios for organization in the fall.

At Homma we collect information about students from many sources to help us in determining the best placement for all the children. This includes information about you child's strengths and needs, their social relationships, their interests, their learning styles, and previous placements. We value parent input and how you have been working with your child's teacher this year through conferences, report cards, after school conversations, emails and phone calls.

Class placements are made as a team of current year's teacher, resource staff and administration. When placing students, the following considerations are made:

- Available grade level combinations (single grade, combined class)
- A child's placement in the class in relation to previous years (single grade, combined class)
- Ministry composition guidelines
- Classroom balance
- Number of years with a teacher
- Learning requirements and supports
- Placement recommendations made by teachers (classroom, resource, speech and language pathologist, administration, counsellor etc.)
- Social Responsibility strengths and needs
- Level of confidence/anxiety

If you feel there is any new information required by the school to help determine the best placement for your child, **please submit this information by email to dcherry@sd38.bc.ca by Friday, June 3, 2023.** Late requests or verbal requests will not be considered.

Thank You

Reminders

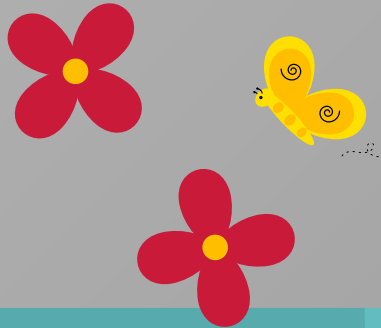
Please report any absences, lates, early dismissals, etc. to our

Early Warning Line at (604) 668-6491

Let us know your child's name, division and WHY they are away and for how long.

If your child(ren) will be arriving late, please make sure to sign in so that we can adjust their attendance.

thank you!



DROP OFF LANE AND PARKING LOT SAFETY

To ensure the safety of all students, **please do not park in the drop off lane and NO PARKING Zones** (you may be ticketed) to bring your child into the school as it disrupts the flow of traffic.

It would be **very helpful for cars not to left turn from Brunswick Dr** into the parking lot. Cars are unable to exit the parking lot thus causing an extreme back up for drop offs.

Please pull up as far as possible in the drop off lane when coming to school in the mornings.

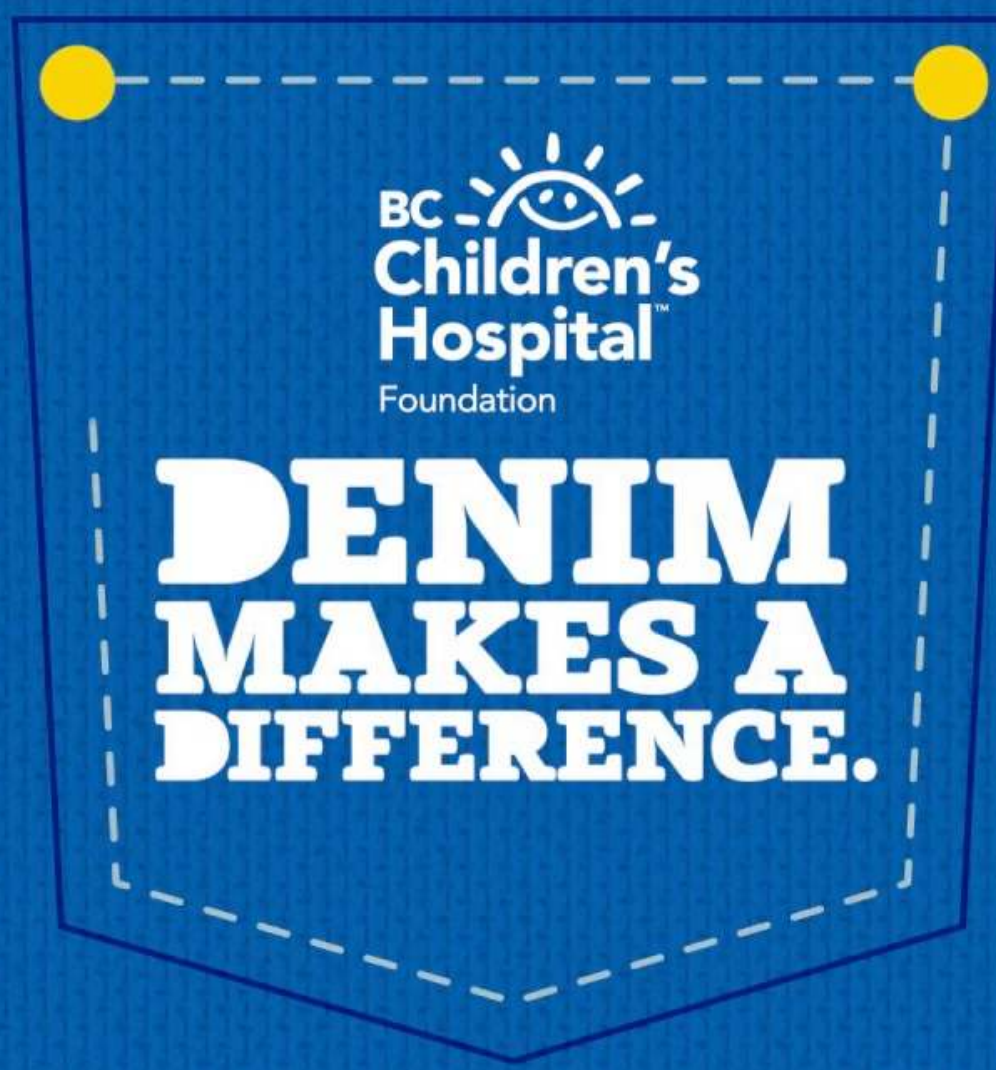
Street parking is available on Railway Ave.

At the **end of the day, the drop off lane is closed** to vehicles and we ask that you do not remove the parking lot chain to enter.

As we are part of the community, we ask that we are courteous and respectful to our neighbours.

Thank you for your support with this.

**MAY
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This May, we're helping kids at BC Children's Hospital get out of their hospital gowns and back into their jeans.

As the only children's hospital in the province, kids count on BC Children's for specialized care they often can't receive anywhere else. Although many strides have been made in improving children's health care, so much more needs to be done. You can make a big difference in the lives of children and families with serious and life-long childhood diseases across our province.

Plus, your donation will be generously matched by Odium Brown*, so don't miss this chance to double your impact and help support us by making a secure online donation to my fundraising page. Thank you for your support.

Click here to donate <https://secured.bcchf.ca/registrator/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=998809&langPref=en-CA>

* Gifts will be matched from May 1-31, up to a cumulative total of \$30,000.

The poster features a blue background with a blurred image of children running on a track. At the top center is a circular logo with three stars and the text 'BC ELEMENTARY TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS'. To the right, a blue diagonal banner says '2023 WE'RE BACK!' and '@bcelementarytrfchamps'. The main title 'BC ELEMENTARY TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS' is written in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, 'CLEMENT TRACK @ MINORU PARK' is written in white. A white box contains the dates 'MAY 26- 28, 2023' in blue. At the bottom, 'ALL CHILDREN GRADES 3 - 7 WELCOME!' is written in white. A small asterisked note at the bottom reads '*Meet Package and Info details to come. Please check our website for updates.' The website 'www.kajaks.ca/bcec' is at the very bottom in white on an orange background.