



# WEEK AT A GLANCE

# HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

October 2-6

Monday, Oct 2



Tuesday, Oct 3

Wednesday, Oct 4

**\*\*Run Club  
8am meet in the  
gym**

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**Volleyball  
permission forms  
due today**

Thursday, Oct 5

**Volleyball  
practice 12:15pm**

Friday, Oct 6

**Hot Lunch  
Dairy Queen**

**\*\*Please note the revised start  
time for the Run Club\*\***

## Important Dates

- Sep 30.....Truth & Reconciliation
- Oct 02.....NO SCHOOL
- Oct 09.....Thanksgiving-NO SCHOOL
- Oct 17.....Fun Run at Garry Point
- Oct 18.....Immunization Clinic
- Oct 20.....Pro D Day
- Oct 23.....Photo Day
- Oct 24.....PAC Meeting



## 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.**



## 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!*



## New Bell Schedule

8:40 am.....Warning Bell  
 8:45 am.....Classes Begins  
 10:15 - 10:30 am.....Recess  
 11:50am - 12:05pm.....Eating Lunch Inside  
 12:05 - 12:42pm.....Outside Lunch  
 2:45 pm.....Dismissal

## Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Calendar for October

24..... Dussehra ॐ

### October is...

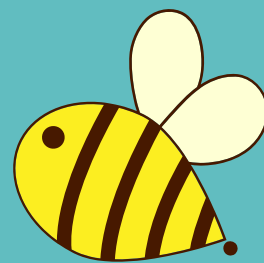
German Heritage Month  
 Canadian Islamic Month  
 Community Inclusion Month  
 Latin American Heritage Month  
 Women's History Month



## If your child needs to leave school early.....

**If your child needs to leave early for an appointment or needs to be pulled from school for any reason, PLEASE email your teacher and the Homma Office [homma@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:homma@sd38.bc.ca)**

**This will be less disruptive to the rest of the class if the teacher knows ahead of time that a student will be leaving. Thank you!**





National Day  
**for Truth and  
Reconciliation**

September 30<sup>th</sup>



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As a school and district, we are dedicated to fostering an inclusive and compassionate environment for all our students, families, and staff. As we approach September 30, the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, we wanted to share with you a few important events that are taking place in our school and district.

On September 22, 2023, our entire district staff will be engaging in a day of learning about Indigenous History, First Peoples Principles of Learning, and our collective role in reconciliation. Please note, this is a Non-Instructional Day and schools will not be in session.

Additionally, in honour of the children lost and the generations impacted by residential schools, we will be displaying the orange “Every Child Matters” flag in our school. We are fortunate to have been gifted this flag through the fundraising efforts of the Student Social Justice Committee at Hugh Boyd Secondary. This student led committee worked hard to raise funds to provide each school in our district with an “Every Child Matters” flag as part of their action towards Truth and Reconciliation. The flag serves as a collective dedication to learning, understanding, healing and reconciliation.

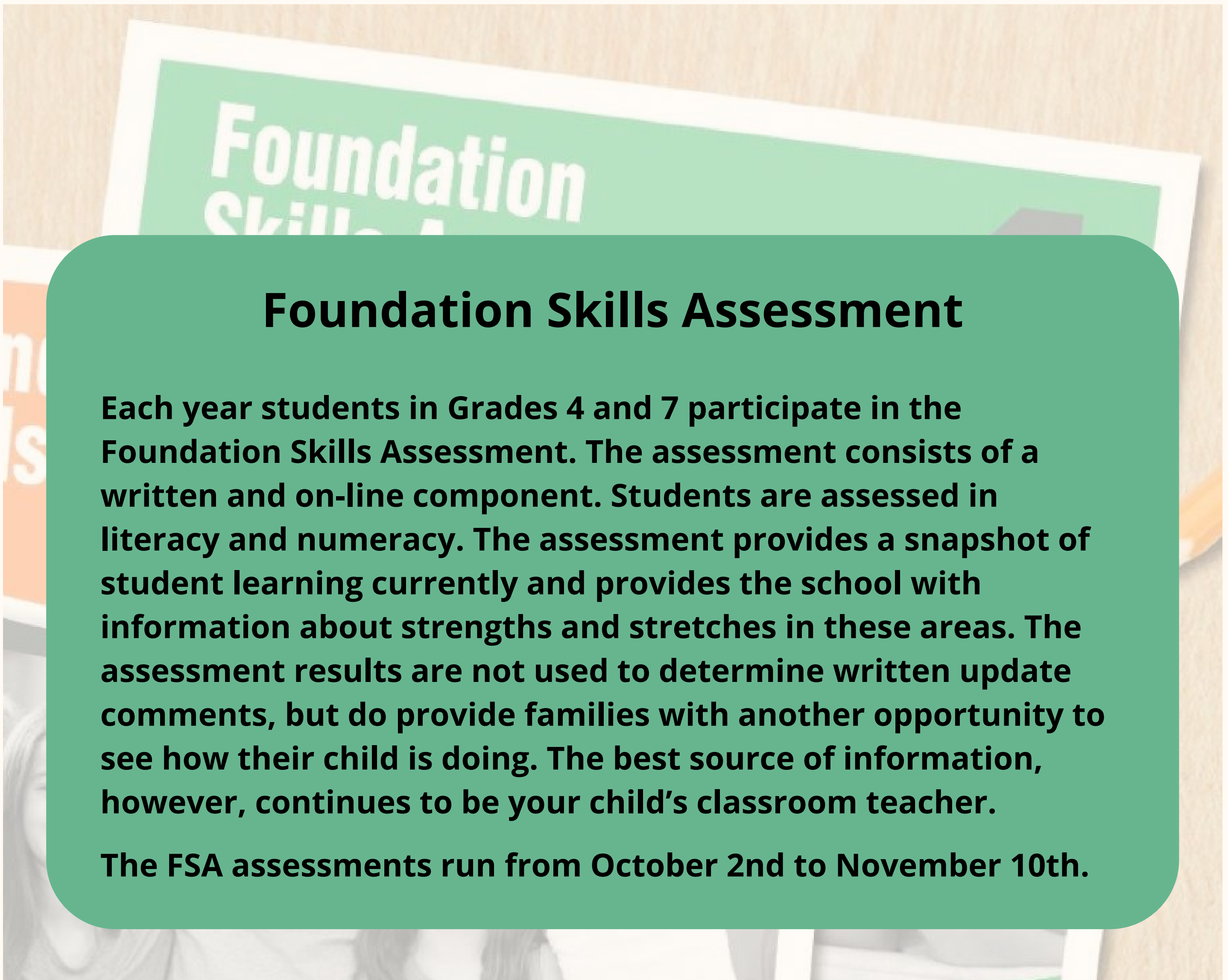
Finally, a reminder that the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation occurs each year on September 30<sup>th</sup>. As this occurs on Saturday this year, the statutory day will be observed on Monday, October 2, 2023, and therefore school will not be in session on this day. [HERE](#) you will find a resource that families can use to spark conversation and learn more.

**September 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**is**  
**Orange Shirt Day**  
**Every Child Matters**





**Our new Superintendent of Schools for the Richmond School District, Christopher Usih. Mr. Cherry and Mlle Lee gave him a tour of Tomekichi Homma Elementary this week.**



## **Foundation Skills Assessment**

**Each year students in Grades 4 and 7 participate in the Foundation Skills Assessment. The assessment consists of a written and on-line component. Students are assessed in literacy and numeracy. The assessment provides a snapshot of student learning currently and provides the school with information about strengths and stretches in these areas. The assessment results are not used to determine written update comments, but do provide families with another opportunity to see how their child is doing. The best source of information, however, continues to be your child's classroom teacher.**

**The FSA assessments run from October 2nd to November 10th.**





# Homma Volleyball

Volleyball permission forms were handed out this week to Grades 6 and 7. Please note that these forms are due back in the office no later than Wednesday, October 4th.

Practice and games dates, times and locations are as follows:

Volleyball practices and intramurals at Homma are Tuesday's (Group A and B) and Thursday's (Group C and D) at lunch from 12:15-12:42 in the gym until December 1st.

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## RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

### STUDENT AND FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND

The provincial government has again offered the Student and Family Affordability Fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in the following areas:

- school and course fees
- school supplies and course materials
- field trips
- school-related extracurricular opportunities
- clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities

The additional funding is also used to support school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students.

Please reach out to Mr. Cherry via email at [dcherry@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:dcherry@sd38.bc.ca) if you are in need of assistance.

As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need in order to be successful at school.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.





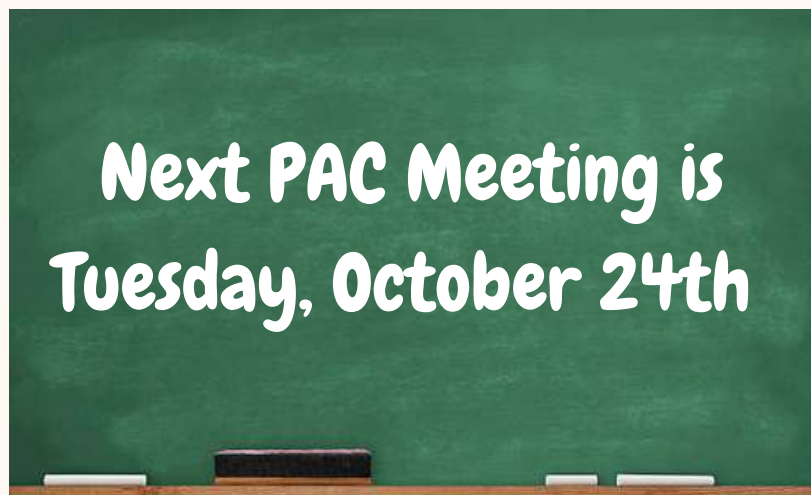
# NEWS



As a Homma parent, you are automatically a valued member of the PAC. If you're eager to contribute more, feel free to reach out! Email [contacthommapac@gmail.com](mailto:contacthommapac@gmail.com) to join our WhatsApp group for either the fundraising committee or events committee.

We invite all parents to join the [Homma PAC Community](#) on Facebook, where we regularly share updates and information!

Stay connected with Homma PAC by following us on Instagram [@HommaPAC!](#)



**Our upcoming PAC meeting is set for Tuesday, October 24th, starting at 6:30 pm. It will be conducted virtually. We look forward to seeing you there!**



**We're brewing up something spooktacular for our Halloween Family Dance on Friday, October 27th.**

**Save the date, and stay tuned for more details!**



## Upcoming Hot Lunch

<b>Hot Lunch Day</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Order Deadline (9pm)</b>
Friday, Sep 29	Pizza Factory	Thursday, Sep 21
Friday, Oct 06	Dairy Queen	Thursday, Sep 28
Friday, Oct 13	Booster Juice	Thursday, Oct 05
Friday, Oct 27	Pizza Factory	Thursday, Oct 19
Friday, Nov 03	Takeya Sushi	Thursday, Oct 26
Friday, Nov 17	Taco Luis	Thursday, Nov 09
Friday, Nov 24	Pizza Factory	Thursday, Nov 16
Friday, Dec 01	Olive Lunch	Thursday, Nov 23
Friday, Dec 08	Dairy Queen	Thursday, Nov 30
Friday, Dec 15	Pizza Factory	Thursday, Dec 07



# HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER

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.

As we learn and work together, we will...

- 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. Respect the non smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.
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Our expectations for how we learn and work together shall apply to everyone in our schools and at school functions.

The complete code of conduct  
is available online at:  
[sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct](http://sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct)

