



WEEK AT A GLANCE

HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 18-22

Monday, Sept 18

Terry Fox
Donations begin

Tuesday, Sept 19

PAC Mtg @
6:30pm
in the Gym

Terry Fox
Donations

Wednesday, Sept 20

Terry Fox
Donations

Thursday, Sept 21

Terry Fox Run
Meet the Staff
5:00-6:30pm

Terry Fox
Donations

Friday, Sept 22

Non-
Instructional
Day

No School



Important Dates

Sept 21.....Meet the Teacher
Sept 22.....Non Instructional Day
Sept 30.....Truth & Reconciliation
Oct 02.....NO SCHOOL
Oct 09.....Thanksgiving-NO SCHOOL
Oct 17.....PAC Meeting
Oct 18.....Immunization Clinic
Oct 20.....Pro D Day
Oct 23.....Photo Day



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!



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.**





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 is the PAC?

Are you wondering what the Homma Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is all about? All parents and guardians of students registered at Homma are automatically members of our Homma PAC and are encouraged to join meetings, fundraising efforts and activities to help build community, support educational resources needed by our school, and provide learning opportunities for Homma students.

A great way to meet other parents, get involved or just learn more about Homma is to attend our first PAC meeting of the school year on Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30 PM. We are meeting in-person at Homma in the school library.

We encourage you to join the Homma PAC Community  on Facebook and check out the PAC page on the Homma website, where we post meeting notices and minutes, fundraising updates and information for families. You can also email us at contacthommamac@gmail.com.



Exciting news! Our Homma Hot Lunch Program is open! We start with Pizza Day on Friday, September 29th. The order deadline is Thursday, September 21st at 9 PM. To sign up for this year's Hot Lunch Program and submit your orders, please review the attached Hot Lunch Program Update. All families, new and returning, will need to create an account to order! A huge thank you to our volunteers!

Upcoming Hot Lunch

| Hot Lunch Day | Vendor | Order Deadline (9pm) |
|----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 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 |

Meet the Staff
Thursday, September 21st
5:00-6:30pm



We are looking forward to being able to host a Meet the Staff evening. This year we will be inviting families to the school to connect with their child's teacher from 5:30 to 6:00 pm. We have arranged to have pizza ordered for the evening.

If you and your family wish to order food for this event, please go to the SchoolCash Online system [SchoolCashOnline](#)

All pizza orders can be picked up, by student division number, in the gym between 5:00 pm – 6:15 pm.

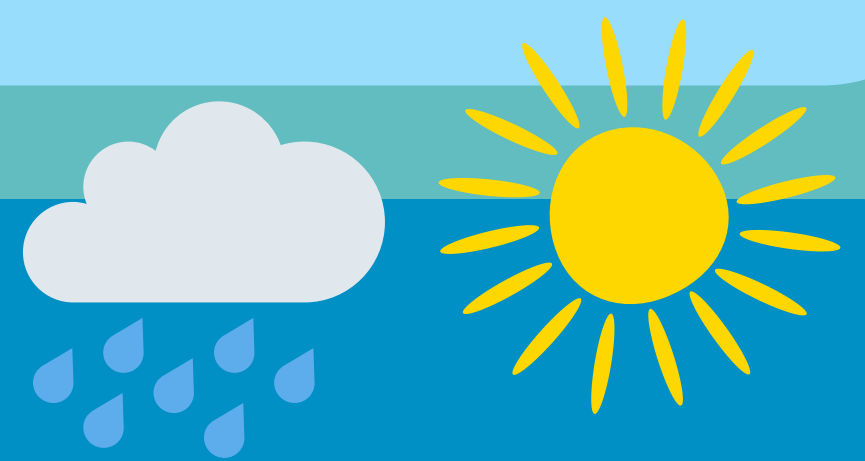
The event will end at 6:30 pm.



The Terry Fox Run will be taking place on Thursday, September 21st. We will start accepting donations every morning from September 18th - 21st. If you prefer to make an online donation, please use this link [SchoolCashOnline](#)

Parents are welcome to join the run on Thursday, September 21st. Please confirm with your child's teacher for the time of their class run.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER



It is hard to think about rainy weather with all of the sunshine we have had this summer. We believe that time spent outside is important to student health, well being and learning. At Homma, we plan for "West Coast 4 Weather" and we will be outside for recess, lunch and outdoor learning in rain or shine. Please help your child feel comfortable by sending them in weather appropriate clothing such as jackets and boots. Students may also benefit from having a change of clothing and shoes at school. For our younger students, please practice putting their jackets and boots on and off. We will be outside in most weather conditions throughout the fall and winter.

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 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.





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 September...

- 15-17..... Rosh Hashana 🕯️
- 24..... Kol Nidrei 🕯️
- 24-25..... Yom Kippur 🕯️
- 26-27..... Mawlik-al-Nabi 🌙
- 30..... National Day of Truth & Reconciliation/ Orange Shirt Day



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

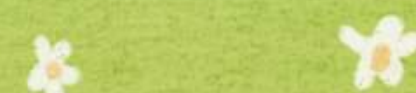
This will be less disruptive to the rest of the class if the teacher knows ahead of time that a student will be leaving. Thank you!



ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT SCHOOL

We recognize and understand that cell phones and personal music devices are part of our lives today, and can support learning, they can also be very disruptive to learning as well. We remind students and families that these items are not permitted to be used during the school day (including recess and lunch) unless specifically requested by the teacher for an educational purpose. The school will not be responsible for missing or damaged persons electronics.

We encourage students to store their cell phones in their backpacks during instructional hours.



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






Community Services Pop Ups

Get Connected!

Drop by our **free monthly pop ups** and meet local service organizations who can help connect you to all kinds of resources, all in one place:

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|  <p>Affordable rental housing information</p> |  <p>Navigating health care and benefit systems</p> |
| <p>Digital literacy supports</p>  | <p>Newcomer supports</p>  |
|  <p>Family-based programs and services</p> |  <p>Employment supports</p> |
| <p>Plus connections to community food supports and other community programs and assistance.</p> | |

Second Thursday of every month
3:00 - 5:00 pm

Brighthouse Library, 100-7700 Minoru Gate



For more information, please visit:
www.richmond.ca/culture/social/accessibility/resources