



WEEK AT A GLANCE

HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

October 30-Nov 3

Monday, Oct 30

Volleyball Game
Teams 5 & 6
Steves @ Homma
3:00pm

Tuesday, Oct 31

Maker Minds Club
12:00pm

Volleyball practice
12:15pm

Volleyball Game
Teams 5 & 6
Steves @ Homma
3:00pm

Wednesday, Nov 1

**Run Club
8:00am meet in
the gym

Thursday, Nov 2

Volleyball practice
12:15pm

Volleyball Game
Teams 1 & 2
Homma @ Steves
3:00pm

Friday, Nov 3

Hot Lunch
Takeya Sushi



Important Dates

- Oct 31.....Halloween
- Nov 11.....Remembrance Day
- Nov 13.....No School
- Nov 20.....Pro D Day
- Nov 28.....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!

Back-to-School Wellness Toolkit

As children, teenagers and families across B.C. adapt to their back-to-school routine, BC Children's Hospital has prepared a 'wellness toolkit' for the transition.

Click [HERE](#) for more information

HALLOWEEN AT HOMMA!

We wanted to provide you with some information regarding upcoming Halloween events at Homma.

Pumpkin Carving

On Tuesday, October 31st, all Homma students will be participating in a school-wide big buddy pumpkin carving activity. This activity will take place in the morning during three time slots, 9:00am-9:40am, 10:35am-11:05am and 11:10am-11:50am.

Students are invited to bring the following:

1) One small to medium sized (not too small) **CLEANED OUT** pumpkin on Monday, October 30th or Tuesday, October 31st. Please clean the pumpkin out from the **BOTTOM**. You don't need to send in the bottom of the pumpkin. Students must be able to carry their pumpkin to and from school by themselves. You may want to send a bag with them to use for transportation. Please label your child's pumpkin with their name and division number on a piece of tape.



2) A proper pumpkin carving tool (please see picture). These can be bought at most dollar stores. **NO KNIVES ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL!** Please put child's name on the carving tools

Please label the pumpkin with your child's name and division number on a piece of tape.

We will also be looking for parent volunteers to help us with the pumpkin carving in the morning. Please contact Penny Leggo at kitsnpups@hotmail.com if you are interested in helping.

Candy and Treats

We are asking students to not bring candy or treats to share with classmates on Halloween. Homma PAC will be providing students with hot chocolate while they are carving pumpkins in the afternoon. Thank you, Homma PAC, for your support!

Halloween Costume Guidelines

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in their costumes on October 31st. Wearing costumes is completely optional, but should your child choose to wear one, we do have guidelines to remind you of so that we can all have a fun and safe day.

- Students come to school in their costumes, rather than getting changed at lunch. Students will still be expected to go out for recess to get some fresh air and exercise, so they should be able to move freely and play in their costumes.
- Leave masks and weapons that may go with your costumes at home. Masks can be scary, and difficult to see out of and weapons are never allowed to be brought to school, even plastic ones.
- As always, we want Halloween to be fun for ALL. When choosing costumes, a few things to keep in mind that the following are NOT Costumes:
 - RACEblack face/brown face
 - CULTUREIndigenous regalia/dreadlocks
 - RELIGIOUS FAITH ...religious figures /gods /saints
 - GENDERgender switching for humour or to mock
 - TRAUMAhangman's noose/weapons

Candy Donations

Once again Homma Student leadership along with student leaders from McMath will be inviting students to donate candy to the following cause.

See below...

"The GSM Street teams continue to work on the downtown eastside of Vancouver. Last year they delivered more than 15,000 candy bags and several hundred pairs of socks and other amenities to residents of this desperate neighborhood. The need for candy and donations remains. The candy bags help them to deliver a note of inspiration to those in need.

We are hopeful you will consider donating any extra candy they have, and to parents whose children are not going door to door, we are hopeful you will consider purchasing bags or boxes of treats, NEW mittens or warm socks, so that they can continue their mission."

Thank you for supporting our Halloween plans. It will be a fun day of building teamwork and community with our students. Please let us know if you have any questions.

From,

Homma Staff



**GET YOUR
GRADE 5
ACTIVE!
PASS**



The Pass is now available to all Richmond students registered in Grade 5, including those home-schooled or attending private schools.

Each Pass includes free admission until June 30, 2024 to:

- Drop-in swimming at Minoru Centre for Active Living and Watermania
- Drop-in public skating at Richmond Ice Centre and Minoru Arenas (skate rentals are an extra fee)
- West Richmond Pitch & Putt with a paying adult (rentals are an extra fee)
- Various drop-in programs at local community centres



Homma Volleyball Game Dates

All games start at 3:00pm

Teams 1 & 2

October 16.....Diefenbaker @ Homma
 November 02.....Homma @ Steves
 November 08.....Byng @ Homma
 November 23.....Homma @ Dixon

Teams 3 & 4

October 18.....Homma @ Diefenbaker
 November 14.....Homma @ Steves
 November 16.....Byng @ Homma
 November 27.....Dixon @ Homma

Teams 5 & 6

October 30.....Steves @ Homma
 November 01.....Homma @ Diefenbaker
 November 21.....Dixon @ Homma
 November 30.....Homma @ Byng

Richmond School District

Kindergarten Registration

November–January



| [sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten](https://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten)

RICHMOND
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome Kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2019, turning 5 in 2024. These children will begin Kindergarten in September 2024. Online registration opens on November 1, 2023. Please visit our website www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

We encourage families to complete their registration within the Priority 1 registration window, which spans from November to January, in order to maximize their chances of securing a spot at their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 2, 2024.

Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available on our District website, providing new parents with guidance on the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori). These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten.

Finally, there will be a Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of students with disabilities and diverse abilities on Zoom held on November 8th from 6:30 – 7:30pm. A link to the Zoom is available on our District website www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten.



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 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](#)!

The Homma PAC asks for your kind support of our two holiday fundraisers!

Pointsettia Fundraiser

Please place your order online for poinsettias, floral arrangements or wreaths at <https://tomekichihomma.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Order deadline: Friday, November 17 at 12:00 PM

Pick up: Wednesday, December 6, 2:45 to 3:30 PM.



Purdy's Fundraiser

Please place your order online for Purdy's at <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1769635-108471>

Order deadline: Friday, November 17 at 12:00 PM

Pick up: Wednesday, December 6, 2:45 to 3:30 PM.



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR
Parent Pub Night



BEEF/IMPOSSIBLE BURGER AND CHIPS



HOUSE BEER, WINE, OR HIGHBALL

6PM | NOV. 17 | THE BUCK

DETAILS ON HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS COMING SOON!

Upcoming Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch Day	Vendor	Order Deadline (9pm)
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

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EXPECT RESPECT & A SAFE EDUCATION

Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities

Family Online Safety Session - Everyone Welcome! Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up.

Three free virtual erase learning sessions for families will be held on November 8, 28, and 30, focusing on establishing safe, caring, and respectful digital communities. These sessions are best suited for families and youth aged 10 and above. Families may register at this link: [erase family sessions november 2023.pdf](#). Please contact erase@gov.bc.ca with any questions or for more information.

The session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sexortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.



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

DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT

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.
- 6 Respect the non smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.

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

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Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Calendar for November

12...Diwali ॐ ☴

27...Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib ☴

November 12



Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights with its variations also celebrated in other Indian religions. It symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance".

November 27



Guru Nanak Jayanti is one of the most prominent Sikh festivals which is observed as the birthday of the first of their gurus, Guru Nanak. The founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak played an important role in shaping and strengthening the Sikh community. Guru Nanak Jayanti 2023 will be celebrated on 27th November (Monday).



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!



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

