



# WEEK AT A GLANCE

# HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November 20-24

Monday, Nov 20



Tuesday, Nov 21

Maker Minds Club  
at lunch

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

Wednesday, Nov 22

Run Club  
8:00am meet in  
the gym

Chess Club at lunch

PAC Meeting  
@ 6:30pm  
Virtually on Teams

Thursday, Nov 23

Volleyball practice  
12:15pm

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

Friday, Nov 24

Hot Lunch  
Pizza

## Important Dates

- Nov 20.....Pro D Day
- Nov 22.....PAC Meeting (virtually)
- Dec 21.....Report Cards Published
- Dec 22.....Last Day before Winter Break
- Dec 25-Jan 05.....Winter Break
- Jan 08.....Back to School

## 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.**



**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!**



## School Vandalism

We have noticed an increase of graffiti/tagging around the school property and the school grounds.

If you notice any vandalism at Homma, please call:

**School Hours**  
604-668-7828

**After Hours**  
604-777-3420

# Have you lost something?

Our LOST AND FOUND is  
OVERFLOWING!!



Tables will be set up all week  
starting on Tuesday, November 21  
until Friday, November 24 at the  
front entrance to the school.

Items not claimed will be donated to  
charity on Friday afternoon.



## 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

# HOMMA SPIRIT WEAR IS HERE!



We are happy to be able to offer Spirit Wear to our  
Homma school community.

This year we will have lots of options to choose from:  
Hoodies, Crew Necks, T Shirts, Baseball Caps, Touques  
and much more.

Please visit the Homma Online Store for full list of  
options, pricing and ordering. The store will close on  
November 20th. All orders will be delivered to the  
school office for distribution by Dec 15th.

[Click here for the HOMMA Spirit Wear Store](#)

November 15, 2023



Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Richmond School District is implementing a new communication tool that will enable both the district and your child's school to send you text messages. This is being implemented to improve the ability to deliver time-sensitive information to you, including emergency notifications. Given the significance of this communication tool, we strongly encourage you to opt-in for this service.

You can choose to opt-in by texting 978338 with a Yes. Please complete this action before November 30, 2023.

To opt-in, please send a text message with a  
**Y or YES to 978338**



Once you have opted in, you should receive a confirmation text message from School Messenger. School Messenger is fully compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge, ensuring the safety and confidentiality of your information. Your data will never be shared or sold to any third party.

Thank you for staying connected with us through this new communication tool.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### *How do I "opt-in" to receive text messages?*

- Ensure your child's school has your cell number listed within MyEducation BC.
- Text **Y** to **978338** from each wireless device you wish to receive texts on.

#### *How do I "opt-out" of receiving text messages?*

- Recipients not wishing to receive text messages to a particular number can simply do one of the following:
  - Do not opt-in and do not reply to the opt-in invitation message.
  - Text **STOP** to **978338** at any time.
  - Opt-out online at <http://schoolmessenger.com/btmsg>.

#### *I "opted-in", but I am not receiving texts?*

- Ensure that your child's school has your correct cell phone number in the MyEducation BC Student Information System. It may take 24 hours for a number to become active after being changed or added.
- Send a text with **Y**, from that specific device to **978338**. You should receive an opt-in confirmation message from the service.
- To receive texts on multiple devices, each device number must complete the opt-in process.

#### *Will I be charged for the text messages I receive?*

- School Messenger does not charge recipients for text messages they receive or send, if using a Canada-based phone number; however, wireless providers may charge for individual text messages, depending on the plan associated with the wireless device. Please consult your carrier if you are uncertain if you have a text messaging plan.

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!](#)



Please note the date change for this PAC meeting

The next PAC meeting is set for Wednesday, November 22nd, starting at 6:30 p.m. It will be conducted virtually on Teams. We look forward to seeing you there!

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

## ORDER DEADLINE EXTENSION



November 20th  
at Midnight

### Purdy's Fundraiser

Please place your order online for Purdy's at [fundraising.purdys.com/1769635-108471](https://fundraising.purdys.com/1769635-108471)

Order deadline: Friday, November 20 at midnight

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

November 20th  
at Midnight

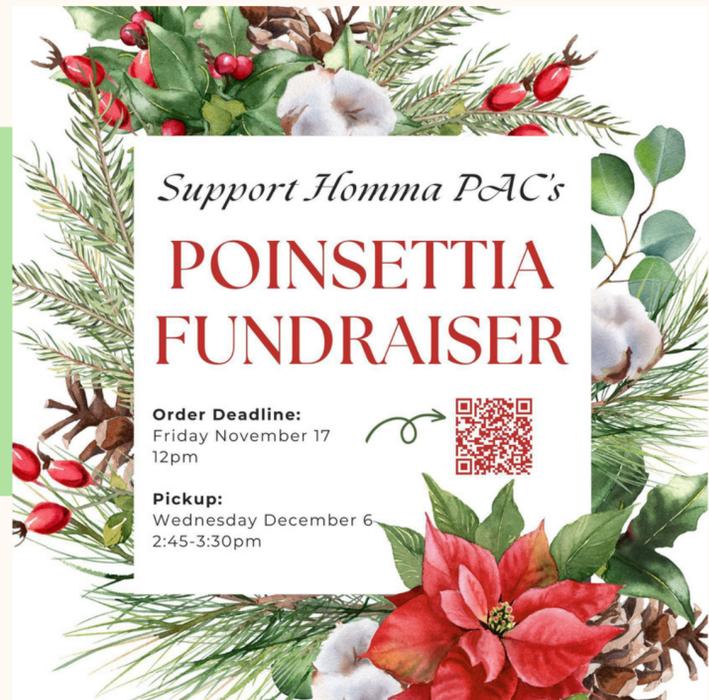
### Pointsettia Fundraiser

Please place your order online for poinsettias, floral arrangements or wreaths at

[tomkichiomma.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home](https://tomkichiomma.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home)

Order deadline: Friday, November 20 at midnight

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



## Upcoming Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch Day	Vendor	Order Deadline (9pm)
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



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



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](http://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](http://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](http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten).

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### **Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities**

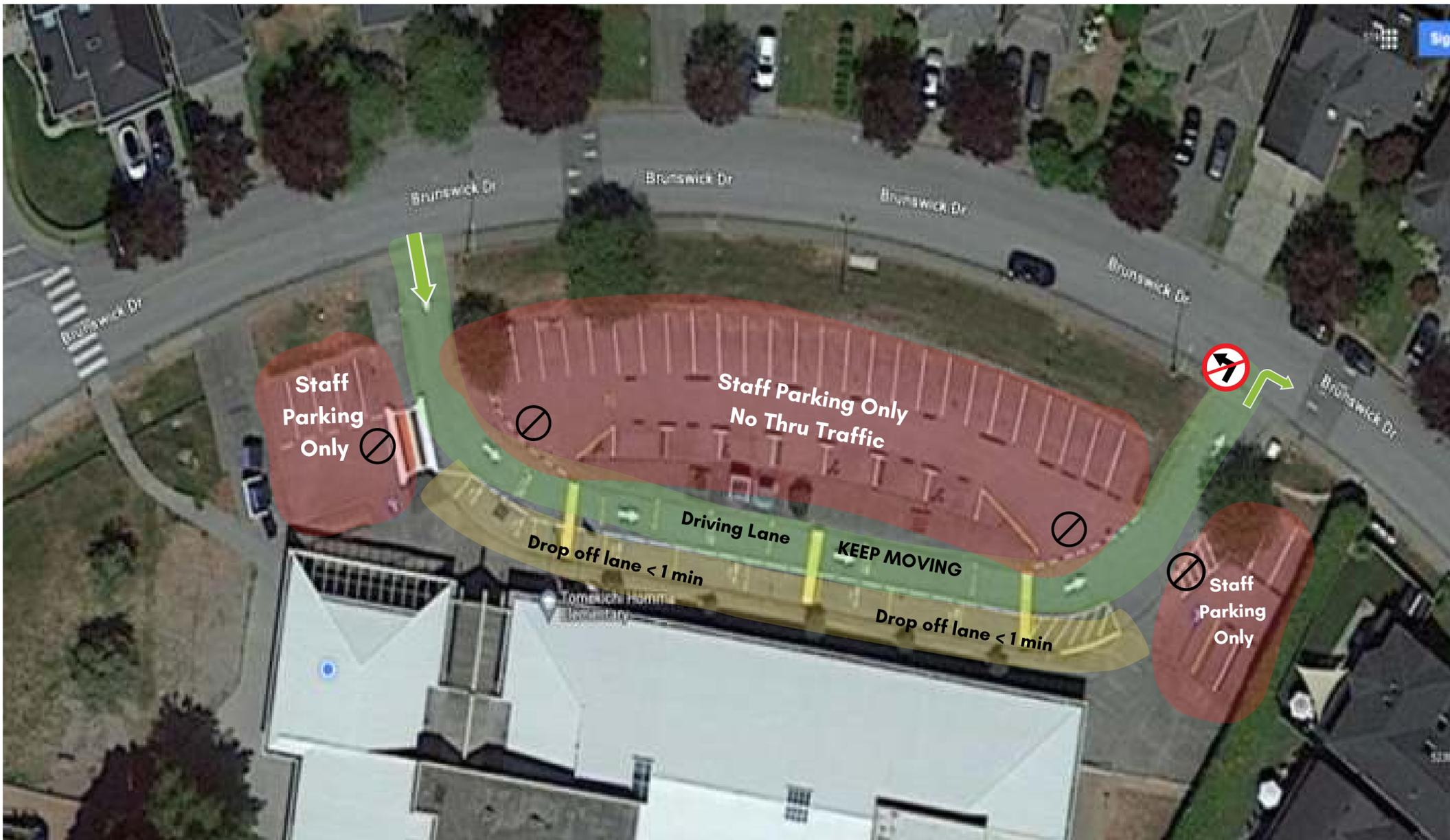
**Family Online Safety Session - Everyone Welcome! Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up.**

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](mailto: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.

# KEEP OUR PARKING LOT SAFE

We appreciate and are thankful for families who are following the parking and traffic expectations around the school. By working together, we can all help to make sure that our Homma students and families are safe.



## Neighbourhood Parking Options Available Street Parking in Purple



# 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).



## 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