



WEEK AT A GLANCE

HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November 13-17

Monday, Nov 13



Tuesday, Nov 14

PHOTO RETAKES TODAY* see below

Maker Minds Club at lunch

Volleyball Game Teams 3 & 4 Homma @ Steves 3:00pm

Wednesday, Nov 15

Run Club 8:00am meet in the gym

Chess Club at lunch

TCO2 Workshop for Gr 6/7 1:00-2:00pm

Thursday, Nov 16

Will & Seeka 9:15am Eng Primary 10:30am FI Primary

Volleyball practice 12:15pm

Volleyball Game Teams 3 & 4 Byng @ Homma 3:00pm

Friday, Nov 17

Hot Lunch Taco Luis

PAC Pub Night *see PAC page for info



Important Dates

- Nov 11.....Remembrance Day
- Nov 20.....Pro D Day
- Nov 22.....PAC Meeting (virtually)
- Dec 21.....Report Cards Published
- Dec 22.....Last Day before Winter Break
- Dec 23-Jan 07.....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.**



Tuesday, November 14th

This is a reminder of the photo/retake day is happening on

Tuesday, November 14th at 9am.

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

WELCOME

We would like to **WELCOME** Mme J. Ritchie to Homma!

Mme Ritchie will be joining Mme Back for Kindergarten in Div 23.

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!

Homma will be collecting donations for the Poppy Fund using School Cash Online starting Friday, Nov. 3rd to Tuesday, Nov. 14th.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Through your generosity to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Trust Fund, the Legion is able to provide funding to eligible organizations undertaking Veteran support initiatives.

Please, take a moment to reflect on the freedoms and peace in your life, and to remember the men and women who served and sacrificed for all we have today. If a tax receipt is required, please donate directly with the Poppy Fund Canada.

Thank you for your support.



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](#)

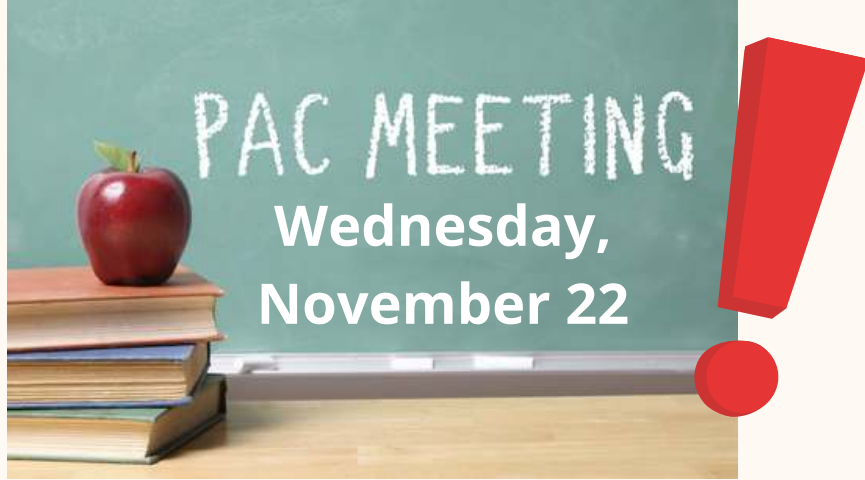


Order Now!

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 contacthommamac@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. We look forward to seeing you there!

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

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



Purdy's Fundraiser

Please place your order online for Purdy's at 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.

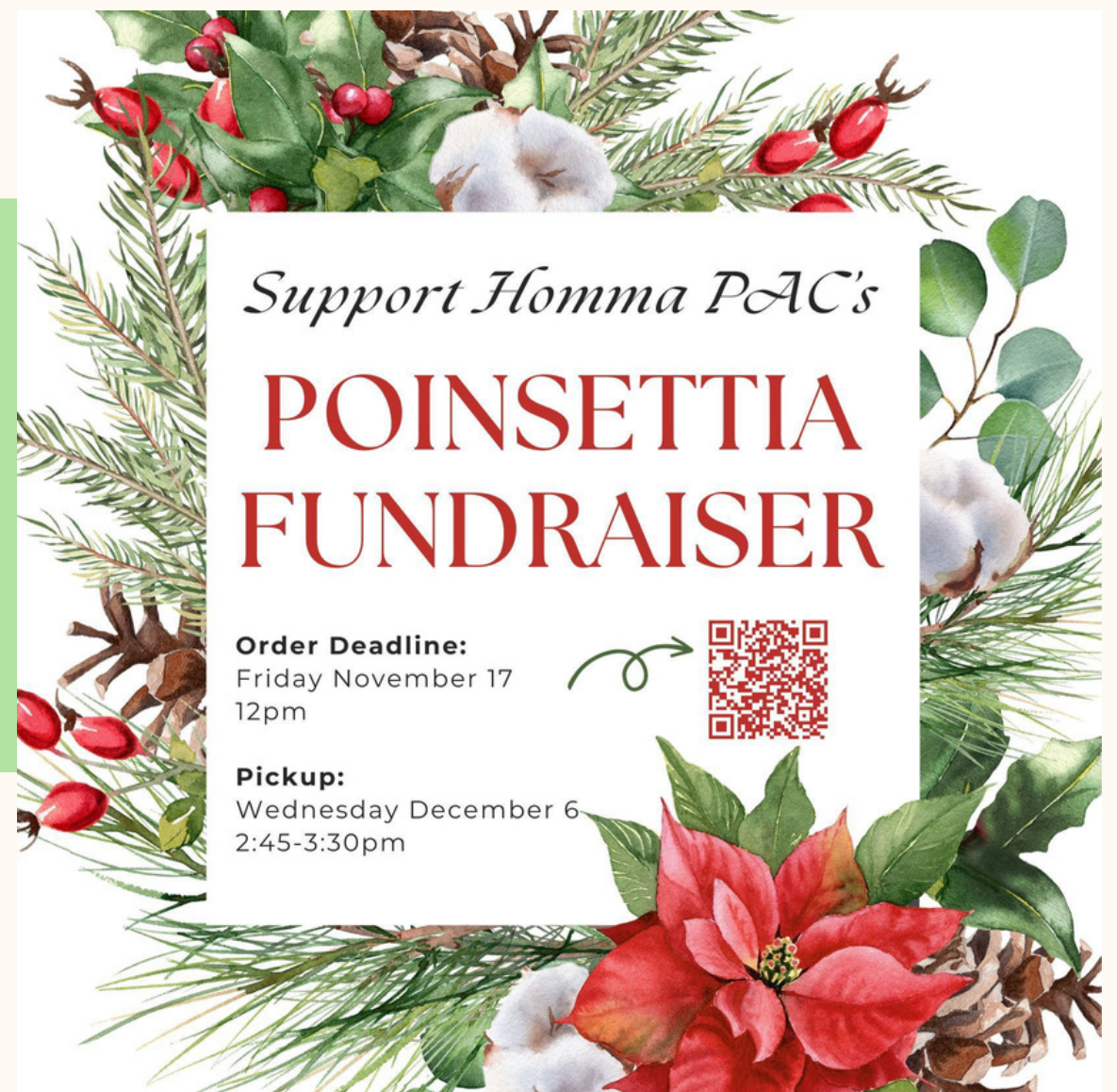
Pointsettia Fundraiser

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

tomekichihomma.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home

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

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



Join us for a Parent Pub Night on Friday, November 17 at 6pm

Purchase your ticket through homma.hotlunches.net by November 14 @ 9am



Children
of the Street

TCO2 Presentations for Grades 4 – 7 November 15

Taking Care of Ourselves, Taking Care of Others (TCO²) is a unique workshop designed and delivered by youth, for youth about preventing sexual exploitation. Using monologues, role-plays and engaging activities, two young adult facilitators involve participants in a meaningful and interactive discussion of what sexual exploitation is, who is involved, and how to prevent it from happening. Following each workshop, TCO² provides a safe space for youth to ask questions and come forward with disclosures about any concerns they have.



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



Thank you for the candy
donations for the student
leaders at McMath! The
donations will be handed out
to those on the
downtown Eastside.
Your generosity is amazing!!



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 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.

erase | **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.

Community-Led Collaboration Project

We want to hear from families with children and youth with disabilities or support needs.

Families in Richmond are invited to participate in a conversation about services and supports for children and youth with disabilities or other support needs in your community.

We want to know what is working for families, what is missing and what a better network of services and supports could look like in Richmond.

Family Session #1 (in Mandarin 中文)

- **Wednesday, November 15** (6 – 8 pm)
 - **Richmond Caring Place Society**
 - 7000 Minoru Blvd, Richmond, BC

Family Session #2 (in English)

- **Thursday, November 16** (6 – 8 pm)
 - **Hugh Boyd Secondary School**
 - 9200 No 1 Rd, Richmond, BC

Family Concurrent Sessions #3 (in English)

- **Saturday, November 18** (10 am – 12 pm)
 - **Seedlings Early Childhood Development HUB**
 - 6380 No. 3 Rd, Richmond, BC
 - **East Richmond Community Hall**
 - 12360 Cambie Rd., Richmond, BC

All these sessions are FREE.
Options to attend in-person or virtual.
Food will be provided at in-person sessions.
Support for transportation and childcare will be available.



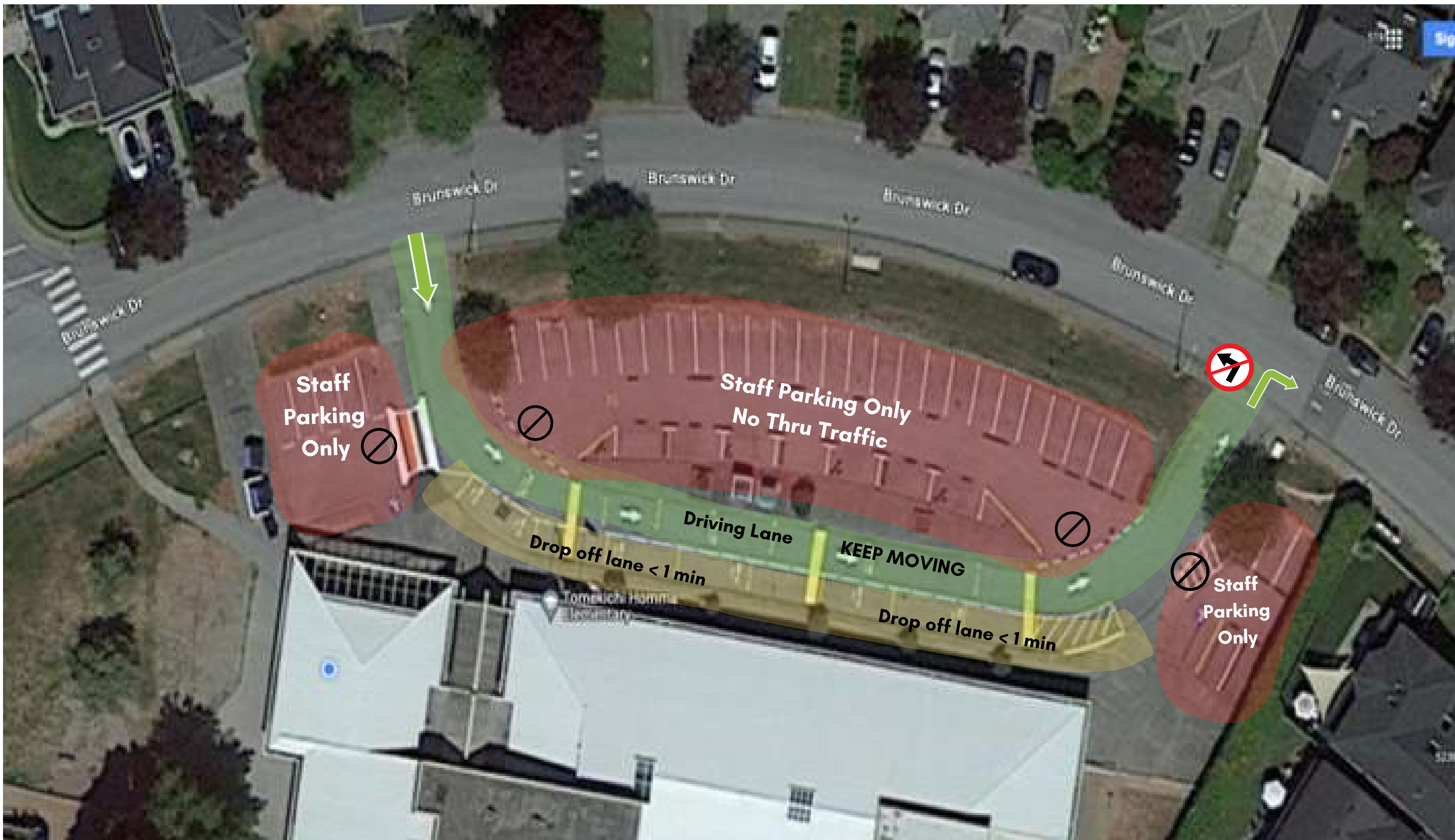
To register and for more information*:

www.inclusionbc.org/campaigns/clcp-richmond

*If you can't attend in person, there are other ways to participate. Please visit the website or call us at 1-844-488-4321.

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).



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