



WEEK AT A GLANCE

HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November 27-December 1

Monday, Nov 27

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

Tuesday, Nov 28

Maker Minds Club
at lunch

Wednesday, Nov 29

Run Club
8:00am meet in
the gym

Chess Club at lunch

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

Thursday, Nov 30

Volleyball practice
12:15pm

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

Friday, Dec 01

Hot Lunch



Important Dates

- Dec 08.....Karima Essa English Presentation
- Dec 15.....Karima Essa French Presentation
- 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

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!



Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Calendar for November

12...Diwali

27...Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib

Karima Essa Dance Workshop

Dec 4-8 English/Dec 11-15 French



In her trademark charming and humorous style, award-winning Bollywood dancer and choreographer Karima Essa showcases Bollywood dance as a fun cultural art form by opening with an electrifying dance in full regalia. She leads a fun and engaging dance workshop to inspire people of all ages and abilities to get up on dance with her. Students will learn the basic elements of Bollywood dance, including signature neck and head movements, facial expressions and foot and hand movements, to current Bollywood hits.

Karima Essa Dance Workshop

Dec 4-8 English classes - Presentation will be Friday, December 8 in the afternoon.

Dec 11-15 French classes - Presentation will be Friday, December 15 in the afternoon.

Parents are welcome to attend the Friday afternoon presentations, however, we would ask that it is kept to 2 attendees per family. Thank you for your consideration.

Donate For

McMath Holiday Drive

Help women experiencing or at risk of homelessness. All donations go to the Shoebox Project.

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EXTENDED TO
DECEMBER 1, 2023

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- DONATE UNOPENED PERSONAL CARE ITEMS
- SHOEBOXES

Donations can be brought to the bin in the front foyer of Homma.

McMath Interact Club

WHAT TO DONATE?

- GIFT CARD (WE RECOMMEND \$10)
- SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER
- BODY WASH
- DEODORANT
- TOOTHBRUSH & TOOTHPASTE
- SOCKS
- CHOCOLATE/CANDY (NUT-FREE)
- COSMETICS (LIPSTICK, EYELINER, MASCARA, NAIL POLISH, ETC)
- A COZY ACCESSORY (HAND WARMERS, HAT, MITTS, SCARF)
- SKIN CARE (SUNSCREEN, FACE CREAM, BODY/HAND LOTION, CLEANSER)
- SELF-CARE (JOURNAL, FACIAL MASK, EYE MASK, LIP BALM)
- SHOEBOXES (TO PACKAGE THE ITEMS IN)

PLEASE DON'T DONATE...

- USED GOODS/UNPACKAGED ITEMS
- SIZED CLOTHING (IE. S. M. L. XL)
- CANDLES
- FOUNDATIONS, CONCEALERS OR ANY PRODUCT FOR A SPECIFIC SKIN TONE
- TAMPONS & SANITARY NAPKINS
- PERFUME AND HEAVILY FRAGRANCED PRODUCTS
- CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS

10 Tips for staying safer online

- Have regular conversations about the apps they are using and the people they are connecting with; **set clear boundaries**, and even write them down.
- Depending on the age of your child, you may want them to check with you before playing new games or accepting a friend request. For children under the age of 10, we recommend their **online activities be supervised by a parent or safe adult**.
- Many children do not reach out for support because they are afraid their screen time or devices (tablet, phone etc.) will be taken away. **Make sure your child knows they will not be in trouble if they ask you for help**.
- Remind your child that **online-friends are not necessarily who they say they are**. When a child decides to chat privately or meet an online friend in person, they may consider them to be a friend, as they have likely been chatting for a while. Reaffirm the notion that anyone they do not know from real life is still considered a stranger.
- Advise your child they **should not be switching platforms** and/or add gaming friends to social media.
- **Outline which types of information should not be shared**. e.g.: age, location, personal information, pictures.
- Teach your child to **never accept gifts online** such as money, gift cards, cheat codes or admin codes from online friends.
- Explain that they should **never meet an online friend in person** without a parent or other safe adult present.
- **Create a safety plan** with your child outlining what to do if someone asks them to send sexual images or sends sexual materials to them: stop engaging in conversation, tell a caregiver or other trusted adults (define who is a trusted adult), report, and block the person who is making your child feel unsafe.
- If you notice your child is engaging in risky behaviour online, have a conversation with them about why this behaviour is unsafe and **work together to find a safer solution**.

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.



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!](#)



Fundraising update:

Thank you for participating in the PAC fall fundraisers. It was so great to see all the support from our community!

Money raised this year will be going towards furniture for the new Library Commons project that is scheduled to kick off in the new year. Exciting times ahead!



Pick up for anyone that ordered Purdys or Poinsettias is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6 after school in the front foyer. If you'd like to help hand out after school, please reach out to contacthommapac@gmail.com.

Spring and summer fundraising ideas have not yet been finalized. If you have an idea that you think would be great, please let us know. We look forward to hearing from you!

Upcoming Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch Day	Vendor	Order Deadline (9pm)
Friday, Dec 01	Olive Lunch	Thursday, Nov 23
Friday, Dec 08	Dairy Queen	Thursday, Nov 30
Friday, Dec 15	Pizza Factory	Thursday, Dec 07



PLEASE 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.

Homma Parking Lot Map

