



WEEK AT A GLANCE

HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

December 18-22

Monday, Dec 18

Tuesday, Dec 19

Wednesday, Dec 20

Thursday, Dec 21

Friday, Dec 22

Family Teams
Activity
Recess to Lunch

Maker Minds Club
at lunch

Div 3 - MacMillan
Space Ctr Field Trip
9:00am-12:30pm

Div 8/9 - Ice Skating
11:15am-2:15pm

Volleyball Wrap-Up
Pizza Lunch

PAJAMA
DAY

Div 4/6/7 - Rmd Oval
9:30am-2:00pm

Important Dates

Dec 21.....Report Cards Home/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.**



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 FOOD BANK DRIVE

2023

Can we meet or beat our goal of raising \$1080.00 for the Richmond Food Bank?
(That's \$2 per student)

Homma, yes we [can]!



Three ways to donate:

- cash online [CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)
- cash donations (collected in class)
- food donations



Top five suggested donations:

1. Protein Bars
2. Peanut Butter
3. Canned fruits & veggies
4. Soups and healthy canned meals
5. Baby food

**We're banking on
your support!**



School Cash Online open from Dec 15-22



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 by:

- Email contacthommapac@gmail.com
- Join our WhatsApp group

We also invite all parents to join the Homma PAC Community on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @HommaPAC, where we regularly share updates and information!



The next PAC meeting is set for Thursday, January 18 starting at 6:30 p.m. It will be conducted virtually. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join us on WhatsApp!



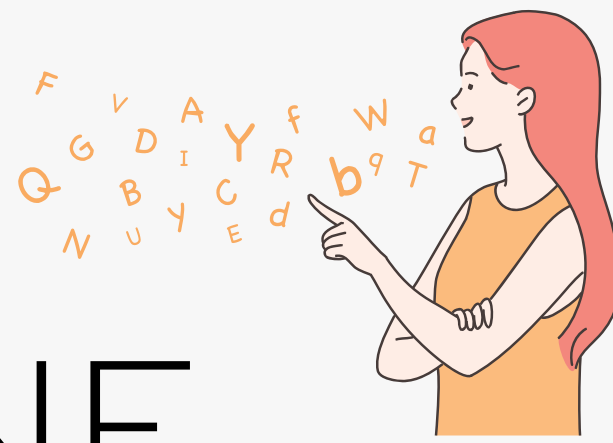
Homma PAC Parents
WhatsApp group



Scan or upload this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to join this group

FESTIVAL CULTUREL FRANCOPHONE

FRENCH CULTURAL CELEBRATION



LE 16 AVRIL 2024
5:00-8:00 PM

ÉCOLE MCROBERTS
8980 WILLIAMS

This year the Richmond School District is hosting the second annual **Festival Culturel Francophone**. This event is open to everyone, regardless of age, background, or language proficiency. We welcome you to come and celebrate with us, meet new people, and learn about French culture. Admission is free, so bring your friends and family.



As a conclusion to school based Concours events, the District will be hosting a District level competition during the festival. Concours d'art oratoire is a French public speaking competition that takes place in BC every year. The competition is organized by Canadian Parents for French, a non-profit organization that promotes French language education and cultural opportunities for youth. Concours d'art oratoire is open to students in grades 6 through 12 who are learning French as a second language or who come from French-speaking families. The competition is designed to help students develop their oral communication skills in French and to build their self-confidence.

For more information visit the [cpf website](#) or contact your child's school

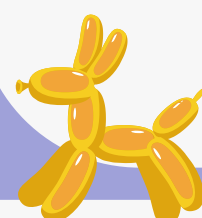
EVENTS/ ÉVÉNEMENTS



**DISTRICT LEVEL CONCOURS D'ART
ORATOIRE SPEECH COMPETITION -
STUDENT WINNERS WILL GO ON TO
COMPETE IN PROVINCIALS**



**FRENCH CONCERT FOR CHILDREN
HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS IN
DRUMMING, COOKING, CIRCUS
PERFORMANCE AND DANCE**



**FRANCOPHONE THEMED FOOD TRUCKS
AND MAPLE SYRUP TASTING**



CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER FOR THIS FREE FAMILY EVENT
Or visit <https://forms.office.com/r/mjMV5tsLDR>

SD38 NEWS

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Richmond School District IPALS Sessions for 2024 For New to Canada Families with Pre-schoolers

To register:

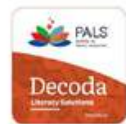
Ask your StrongStart Educator at Grauer, Lee, McNeely, Thompson
or Woodward and Currie Early Learning Centre

By Email: Megan Zeni mzeni@sd38.bc.ca

Intake sessions: Tuesday & Thursday, January 9th
and January 11th from 9:00- 11:00am

Program runs Tuesday or Thursday morning. Sessions run
from January -March 9:00- 11:30am

All sessions are held at Woodward Elementary Strong Start
10300 Seacote Road, Richmond



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IPALS Sessions for January-March 2024

Please attend either Tuesday or Thursday at Woodward StrongStart

- u Session 1: ABC's and Learning Tuesday January 16 OR Thursday, January 18
- u Session 2: Print in our Community Tuesday, January 23 OR, Thursday January 25
- u Session 3: Storybook Reading and Learning to Read Tuesday, January 30 OR, Thursday February 1
- u Session 4: Linking Literacy and Play Tuesday, February 6 OR, Thursday February 8
- u Session 5: Early Writing Tuesday, February 13 OR, Thursday February 15
- u Session 6: Early Math Tuesday, February 20 OR, Thursday February 22
- u Session 7: Riddles, Raps and Rhymes Tuesday, February 27 OR, Thursday February 29
- u Session 8: Tiny Techies/ Physical Literacy/ Celebration Tuesday, March 5 OR, Thursday March 7
- u Registration is limited to 12 caregivers and their children. Dates reflect holidays and pro-d days.
- u Families who register for Tuesday sessions attend only on Tuesday 9-11:30.
- u Families who register for Thursday sessions attend only on Thursday 9-11:30.



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CONTINUING EDUCATION



FOUNDATION LANGUAGE ARTS (ENGLISH COURSES)

Designed for adult students to improve their speaking, listening, vocabulary, fluency, conversation, comprehension and writing skills. **FREE** for BC residents who are Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents and Refugees.



ADULT SECONDARY COURSES

For students who wish to complete their high school diploma or to upgrade their BC Transcript of Grades, a variety of high school credit courses are offered during the day and evening. **FREE** for BC residents who are Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents and Refugees.



MANDARIN LANGUAGE STUDIES

Affordable and quality courses for both English and non-English speakers. Courses include introductory to advanced levels, conversation classes, Pinyin and Chinese Hybrid Classes for all school ages and adult students.



YOUTH & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

After school and weekend classes for children and youth ages 5-18 years of age to help strengthen their skills and develop other interests important for their success.



RICHMOND EDUCATION ASSISTANT PROGRAM (REAP)

Do you have a passion to work with students with diverse abilities and disabilities? REAP will help you acquire practical skills and knowledge to work as an Education Assistant in different school settings.



SUMMER LEARNING

Offering a wide range of high school full credit and engaging enrichment classes. **FREE** for BC residents who are Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents and Refugees. Affordable camps are also available.

Learn more online and register today!
richmondce.ca | 604.668.6123

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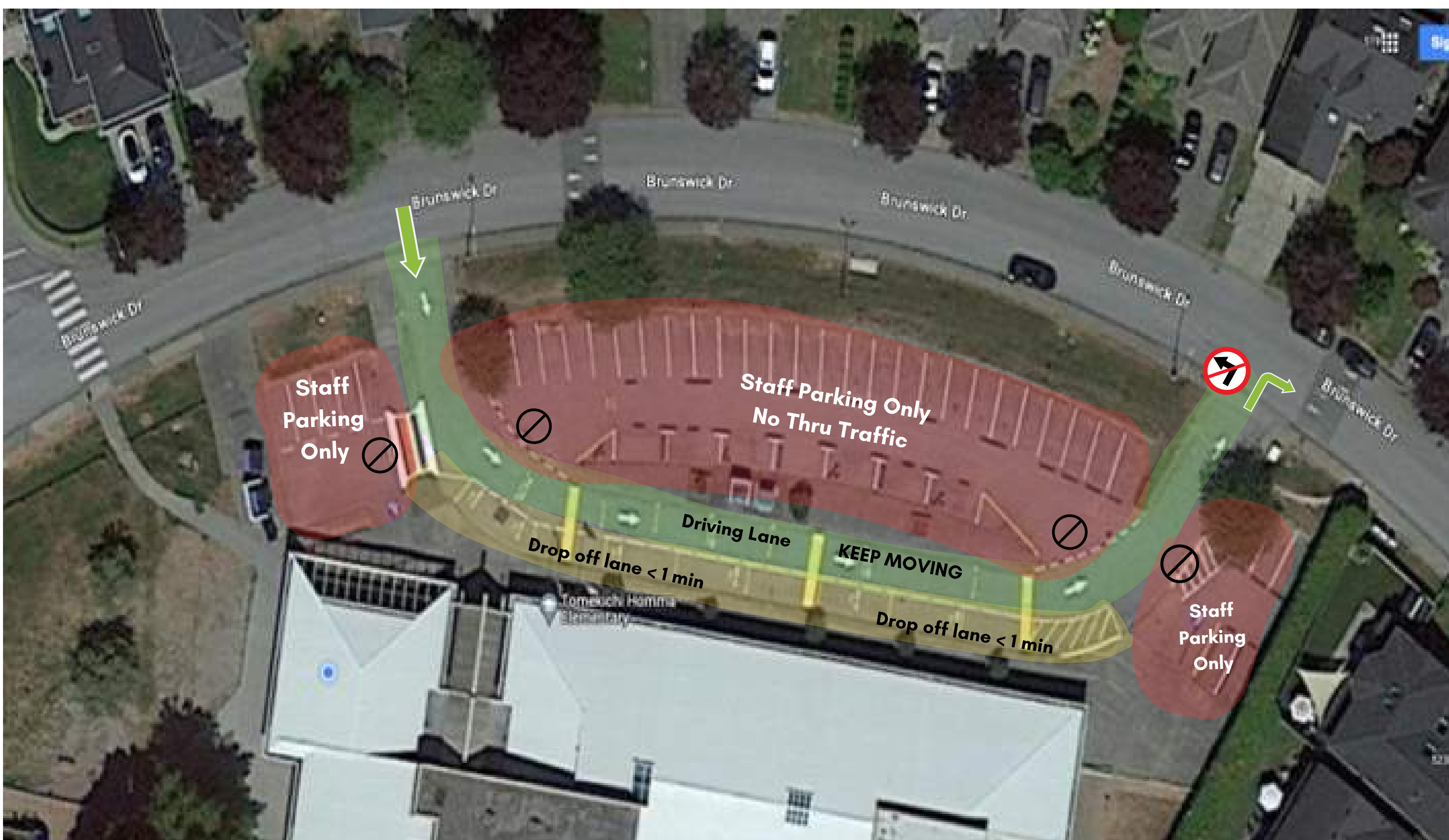


PLEASE KEEP OUR PARKING LOT SAFE

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.

Just a reminder when stopping to drop off your children, please DO NOT stop in the crosswalks.

Homma Parking Lot Map



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.