



WEEK AT A GLANCE

HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

December 23-January 8

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

**WINTER BREAK
DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 7**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The staff of Tomekichi Homma sends the warmest greetings to you and your family during the holiday season. We wish you all much happiness and peace, and we look forward to the New Year with great excitement and anticipation.

Season's Greetings, Happy New Year,
and thank you for a wonderful 2023!



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
- Jan 15.....Black Excellence Day
- Jan 25.....Oceanwise Presentation

Thank you Homma!

Thank you for your generosity and donations to the Food Bank this week. We were able to raise \$535.50 plus some food donations.

Thank you!



Merry Christmas!

December 25

Karima Essa Performances

We want to thank Karima Essa again for the amazing performances that she and the students put on the last couple of weeks.

Karima is currently putting together videos to share with the school community that should be available in January.

Happy Holidays, everyone!



December 26 - January 1

Celebrated every year from December 26 through January 1, Kwanzaa is a week of festivities honoring African American culture and heritage. Friends and family gather each day to give thanks, exchange gifts, and share feasts.

Winter Break Screen-Free Family Activity Ideas

Imagination Play and Physical Activity

- Create an indoor "camp out"
- Learn a magic trick
- Go for a nature walk
- Pretend to host a radio show/podcast
- Learn to juggle
- Dance together



Science and Literacy

- Build a card tower
- Write or illustrate a book
- Design a menu for a special meal
- Write a poem, song, or story
- Read a book or a magazine together
- Listen to an audiobook
- Do a science experiment



Music, Arts, and Crafts

- Learn Origami
- Paint or draw
- Make paper planes and have a contest
- Listen to music/sing together
- Make something out of scrap fabric
- Paint kindness rocks
- Create a puppet show
- Make paper flowers or snowflakes



Games and Helping Others

- Play Charades
- Help a friend or neighbour together
- Make a card for someone
- Cook or bake together
- Do a puzzle together
- Play or make a board game



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!

Happy Holidays, Homma Families!

Approaching the end of 2023, we want to thank you for supporting our fundraisers and events. Thanks to you, we have the funds to support the recent Karima Essa artist in residence experience and look forward to contributing furniture to the new Library Commons. We also want to share a special shout out to Penny for coordinating our first Halloween Family Dance since 2019, to James for organizing for our first Parent Pub Night and Jodie and Jeff for leading the Hot Lunch Program. We are so grateful for your time and dedication to creating opportunities to bring us all together!

Thank you to our teachers, staff and Homma Admin Team for creating a welcoming school for our children to grow and learn. We know that this has been a busy term with assessments, extra-curricular activities, projects, fieldtrips, report cards, meetings and communication, so we hope you have a fun and restful two weeks!

Take good care and we look forward to seeing you in 2024!

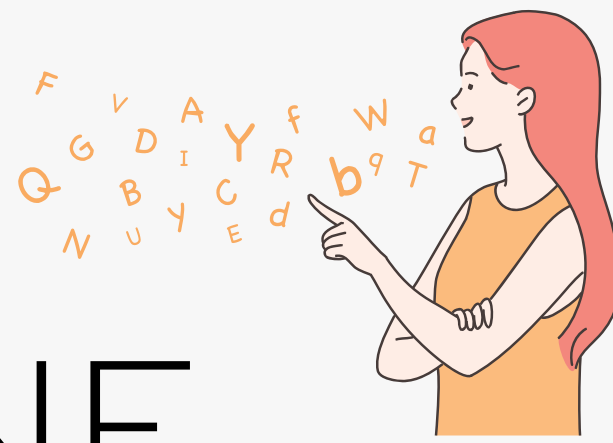
Jarrold Conolly, Corrine Haer, Jennifer Tham and Miranda Duffy
The Homma PAC Executive

Upcoming Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch Day	Vendor	Order Deadline (9pm)
Friday, Jan 19	Pizza Factory	Thursday, Jan 11
Friday, Feb 02	Takeya Sushi	Thursday, Jan 25
Friday, Feb 09	Steveston Seafood House	Thursday, Feb 01
Friday, Feb 23	Pizza Factory	Thursday, Feb 15
Friday, Mar 01	Dairy Queen	Thursday, Feb 22
Friday, Mar 08	Pizza Factory	Thursday, Feb 29
Friday, Apr 12	Pizza Factory	Thursday, Apr 04
Friday, Apr 26	Dairy Queen	Thursday, Apr 18
Friday, May 03	Steveston Seafood House	Thursday, Apr 25
Friday, May 10	Pizza Factory	Thursday, May 02
Friday, May 24	Dairy Queen	Thursday, May 16
Friday, May 31	Takeya Sushi	Thursday, May 23
Friday, June 07	Pizza Factory	Thursday, May 30
Friday, June 14	Pizza Factory	Thursday, June 06

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

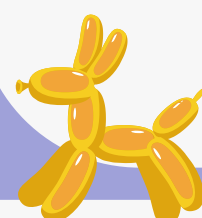
EVENTS/ ÉVÉNEMENTS



**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**



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Or visit <https://forms.office.com/r/mjMV5tsLDR>