



WEEK AT A GLANCE

# HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

January 15-19

Monday, Jan 15

Tuesday, Jan 16

Wednesday, Jan 17

Thursday, Jan 18

Friday, Jan 19

Notice of Intent to Attend 2024/25 Due Today

PAC Mtg at 6:30pm on Teams

Hot Lunch  
Pizza Factory

## Important Dates

- Jan 15.....Black Excellence Day
- Jan 25.....Oceanwise Presentation
- Jan 26.....School is in Session Today
- Feb 09.....Dragon Dance
- Feb 16.....Pro D Day
- Feb 19.....Family Day (No 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!*

## **Notice of Intent to Attend 2024/2025 School Year**

**You would have received a Notice of Intent to Attend from your child(ren) this week. Planning for the 2024/25 school year is underway. It is critical that school principals know the number of students who will be attending each school for September 2024 in order to allocate staff and resources for the upcoming year. To this end, parents/legal guardians are asked to complete the form and return it to school office by Friday, January 19th.**

### **Karima ESSA Dance Workshop**

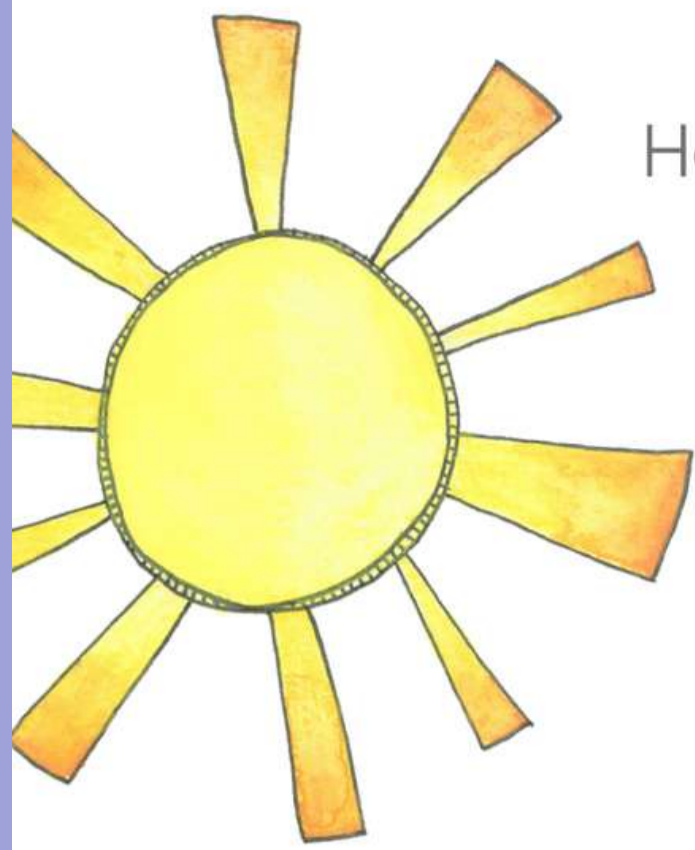
#### **Links**



**Please find the links from our December presentations below**

**Click [HERE](#) for English Performance**

**Click [HERE](#) for French Performance**



## How to Dress for the Weather Tips

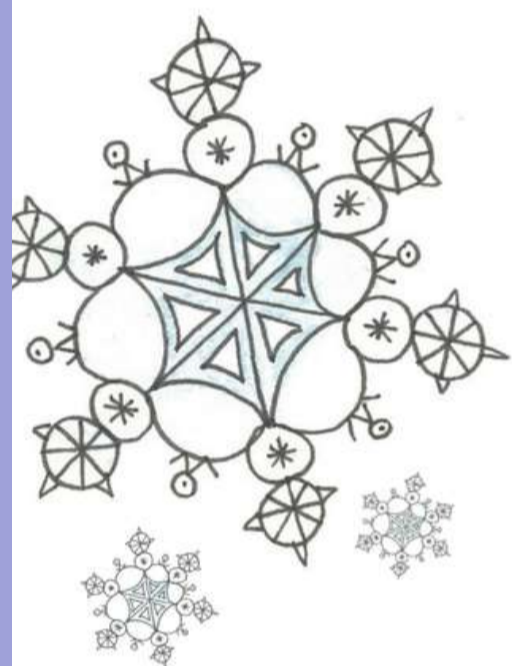
### Tips for Hot

- Use sunscreen before going outside
- Wear a hat and sunglasses
- Bring a water bottle to stay hydrated



### Tips for Rain and Wet Conditions

- Cotton absorbs moisture and stays wet and heavy. Avoid cotton clothing and socks on colder days
- Wear rubber boots to keep feet dry
- Elastic cuffs on sleeves of a rain jacket and ankles of splash pants keeps water out
- Pull pant legs OVER rain boots to keep feet dry
- Bring an extra set of clothes including waterproof mittens for cold, wet days



### Tips for Cold

Dress in layers:

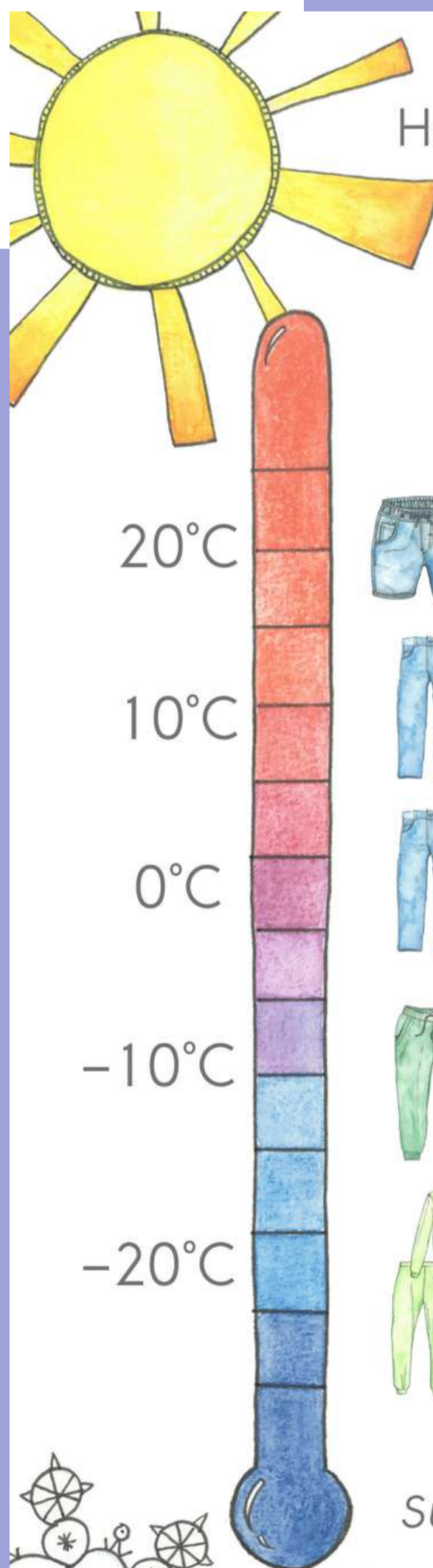
- **Base layer:** closest to your skin, fits snugly and helps wick moisture away. Look for wool or polyester fabrics.
- **Mid layer:** the insulating layer that keeps you warm. Stick to wool or fleece.
- **Outer layer:** protects you from the elements like wind, rain and snow. This layer should be waterproof with enough room for layers underneath.



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## How to Dress for the Weather Guide

Outdoor play is a great way to support healthy growth and development. Opening the doors to outdoor play in all kinds of weather provides children and adults with opportunities to spark their curiosity, leading to wonder, exploration and learning. When children have the right clothing for the season it contributes to them having positive, rich outdoor play experiences that just can't happen indoors. Get outside, be curious, let children lead and have fun!



### Supporting Outdoor Play Year Round



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# Pink Shirt Day

## Wednesday, February 28, 2024



Homma is ordering Pink Shirts for the prevent bullying day. Last day to order is Friday, Jan. 26, 2024, at 9:00 am. Please note, there are no sample sizes available. All proceeds will go to the CKNW Orphans' Fund.



SIZE	A	B
S	36"	28"
M	40"	29"
L	44"	30"
XL	48"	31"
2XL	52"	32"
3XL	56"	33"
Tol.	+/- 0.75"	+/- 1"

Adult Size Chart

A - Chest  
B - Length

SIZE	A	B
XS	30"	19"
S	32"	20"
M	34"	22"
L	36"	24"
XL	38"	26"
Tol.	+/- 0.5"	+/- 1"

Youth Size Chart

A - Chest  
B - Length

## Grade 7 Parent Information Nights for High School 2024/2025 School Year

### Grade 7 Parent Information Evenings for 2024/25

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Hugh Boyd Secondary	January 25, 2024 @ 6:30pm
JN Burnett Secondary	February 15, 2024 @ 6:30pm
Cambie Secondary	January 16, 2024 @ 6:00pm
MacNeill Secondary	January 25, 2024 @ 6:00pm
McMath Secondary	February 15, 2024 @ 6:00pm
McRoberts Secondary	January 25, 2024 @ 6:30pm
McNair Secondary	January 25, 2024 @ 6:00pm
Palmer Secondary	January 25, 2024 @ 6:30pm
Richmond Secondary	February 7, 2024 @ 6:00pm
Steveston London Secondary	January 24, 2024 @ 6:00pm
Richmond Virtual School (BL, RAIL)	January 25, 2024 @ 7:00pm at Palmer Secondary School, Room 131

For more information on the Grade 7 Parent Information Evenings, please contact the High Schools or check their school websites.



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](mailto: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!

## PAC Meeting

A reminder that the first PAC meeting of the year is scheduled for Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 pm

Microsoft Teams meeting  
[Click here to join the meeting](#)  
 Meeting ID: 282 979 614 780  
 Passcode: 4PeVLb

We hope to see you all there!

## 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

**Hot Lunch Term 2 & 3 is now open.**

**Please remember orders are due Thursday nights at 9:00 PM one week before the hot lunch.**

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?*

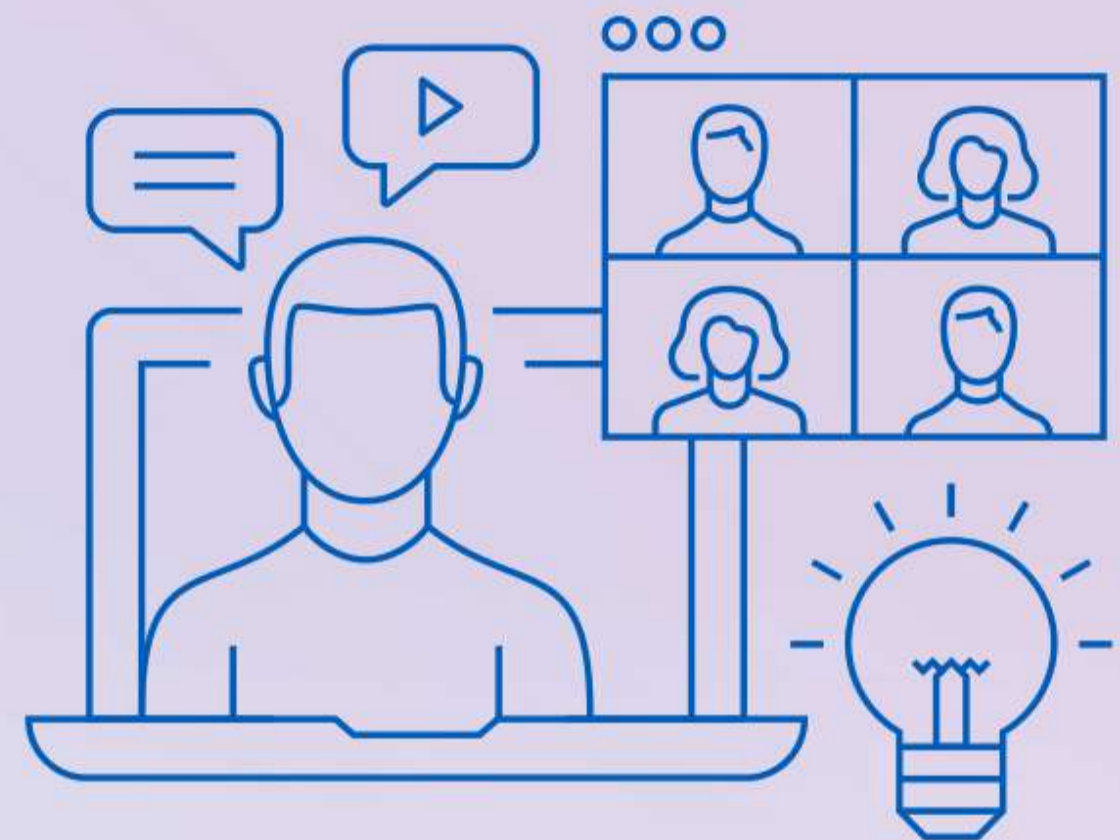
- School Messenger does not charge recipients for text messages they receive or send, if using a Canada-based phone number; however, wireless providers may charge for individual text messages, depending on the plan associated with the wireless device. Please consult your carrier if you are uncertain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

# Get REDI

## *Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion with Richmond School District*

**A webinar series on Zoom for parents and caregivers to understand and support SD38 initiatives around inclusion and belonging.**

This initial 60-minute session is designed to help you understand the district's commitment to reconciliation, equity, diversity and inclusion, and the values and language that inform our practices in schools. The facilitator, Destine Lord, will draw on the district's strategic plan to drive the conversation and make connections between the plan, the district's vision, and introductory concepts of anti-oppression. By building the language, you can help support your learner as they move between home and school and back again. There will be opportunities with future sessions to further explore REDI concepts.



Destine Lord (she/her) is a consultant and facilitator actively working towards the elimination of racism in Canada. For the last 15 years, she has worked in both the private and public sectors, facilitating workshops and training sessions related to anti-racism,

change management, and reconciliation. As a Black Canadian, Destine can draw on her lived experiences to inform conversations about racism. She is excited to be supporting the Richmond School District and our work to build equity and inclusion and a sense belonging for all students and staff.

### Registration

These repeated webinar sessions are intended for Richmond School District parents and caregivers only. **As space is limited, please register in advance for one session using one of the QR codes below.**

**January 25, 2024  
at 7 p.m.**

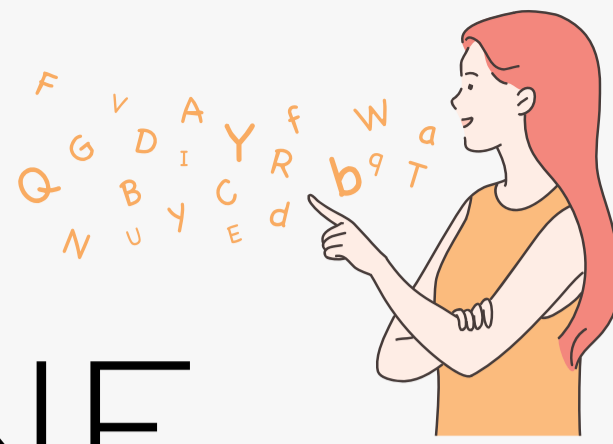


**January 30, 2024  
at 11 a.m.**



# 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

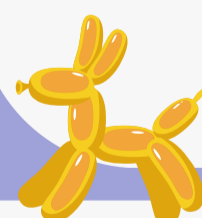
## EVENTS/ ÉVÉNEMENTS



**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>





# 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

