



WEEK AT A GLANCE

HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

February 12 - February 16

Monday, Feb 12

Tuesday, Feb 13

Wednesday, Feb 14

Thursday, Feb 15

Friday, Feb 16

Basketball Schedule - Please see below

Chess Club @
lunch

Valentines Day
Spirit Day



**Pro D
Day
No School**

Important Dates

- Feb 13.....History of Motown performance
- Feb 15.....Gr.7 Parent Info Night at McMath
- Feb 16.....Pro D Day
- Feb 19.....Family Day (No School)
- Feb 28.....Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm
- Feb 29.....Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm



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.

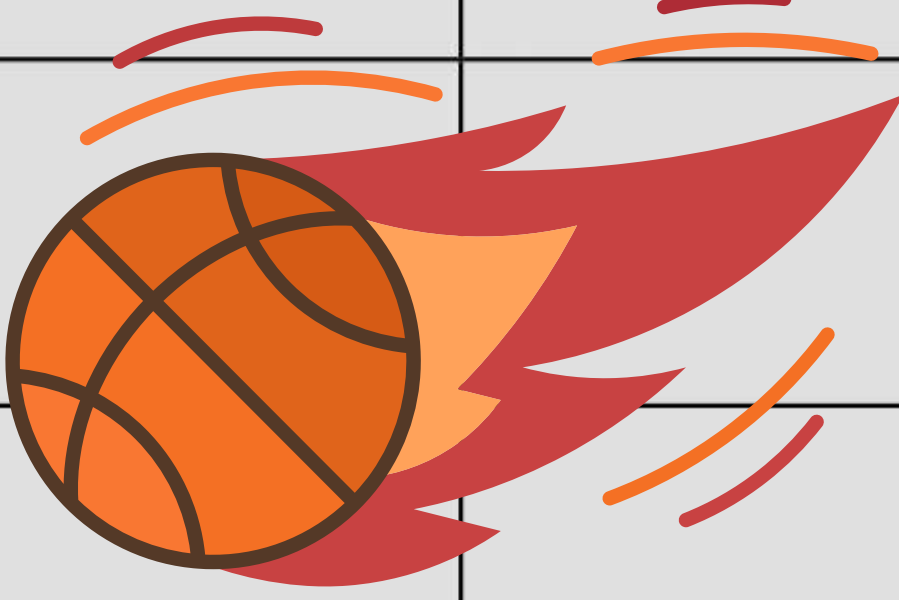
If your child(ren) will be arriving late, please make sure to sign in so that we can adjust their attendance.

Thank you!



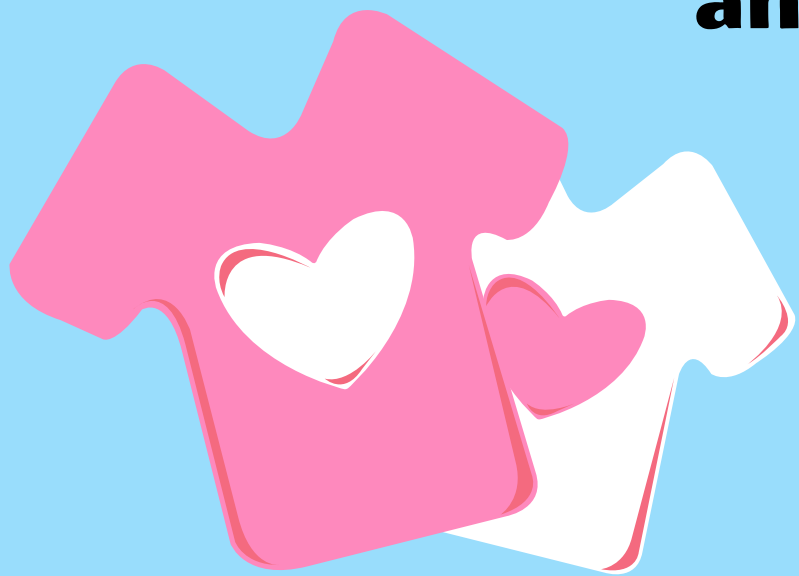
HOMMA Gr. 6/7

BASKETBALL Schedule

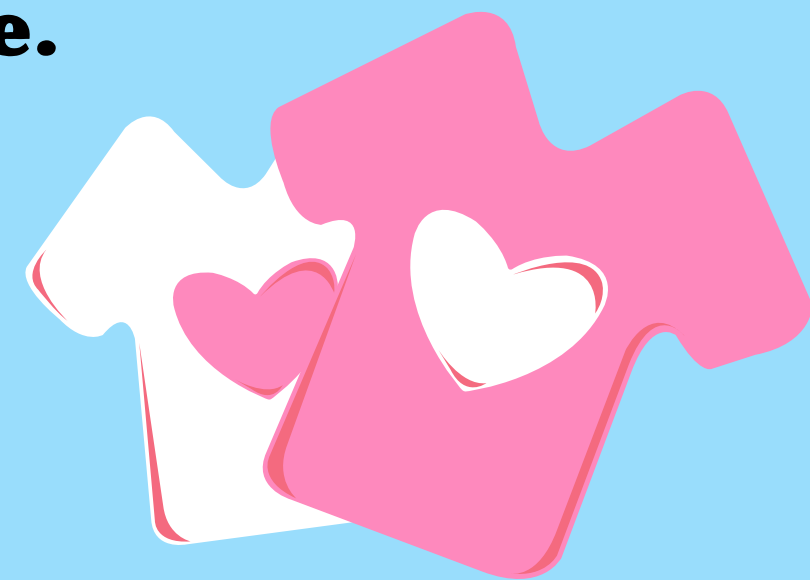
| Homma Red Girls Team | Homma Gold Girls Team | Homma Boys Team |
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| Practices: Monday AM Wednesday Lunch | Practices: Monday Lunch Thursday AM | Practices: Wednesday AM Thursday Lunch |
| Open gym times: Tuesday Lunch | Open gym times: Tuesday Lunch | Open gym times: Tuesday AM Friday Lunch |
| January 30 vs. Gilmore @ Homma | February 1 vs. Gilmore @ Homma | January 31 vs. Quilchena @ Homma |
| February 6 vs. Westwind @ Homma | February 15 vs. Dixon @ Homma | February 7 vs. Dixon @ Homma |
| February 13 vs. Dixon @ Dixon | February 20 vs. Byng @ Byng | February 8 vs. Gilmore @ Gilmore |
| February 22 vs. Byng @ Homma | February 21 vs. Westwind @ Homma | February 12 vs. Westwind @ Homma (MAYBE) |
| March 4 vs. Byng @ Homma | February 27 vs. Byng @ Byng | February 13 vs. Quilchena @ Quilchena |
|  | | February 20 vs. Westwind @ Homma |
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Wednesday, February 14th Spirit Day

Let's show our Valentine's Day spirit at Homma! Students are encouraged to wear pink, red and/or white to help recognize and celebrate friendship, kindness, and love.



Happy Valentine's Day!



Homma's NEW Grab and Go Fridge

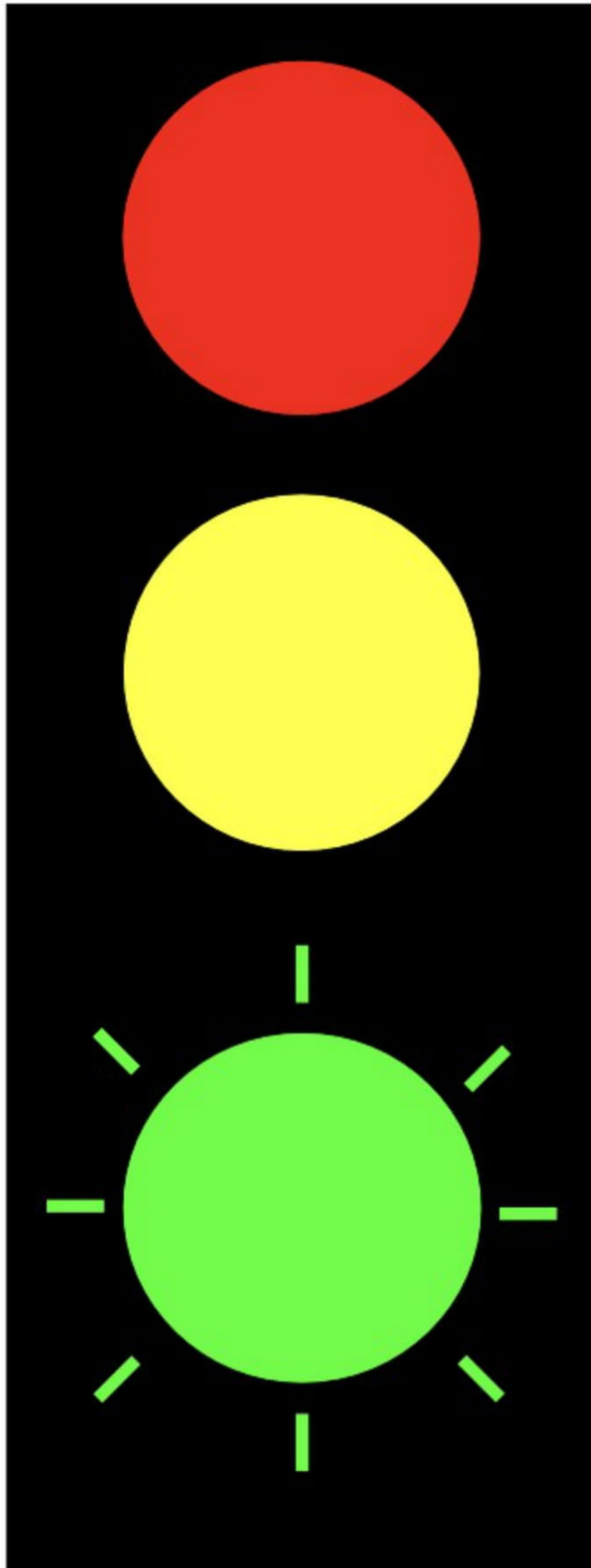
We are excited to let the community know that we have a snack fridge at Homma, called the "Grab and Go Fridge." This fridge was funded through the Ministry of Education Feeding Futures Program. Students will be able to access food in the fridge, starting next week, when they need a nutritious snack to help them get through the day. We know that healthy minds and bodies begin with fresh quality food. The fridge will be stocked with food delivered by the Richmond Food Bank and Fire Fighters. We are grateful for their support!

This past week, Classroom Teachers have been working with students to understand the purpose for the fridge, as well as the difference between a want and a need (please see the visual below). It may be helpful to have a conversation with your child about the visual attached. We know that, in the beginning, students will find the fridge a bit of a novelty and may use it more than needed. We are okay with this, but in the weeks ahead, our goal would be to have students access the fridge when needed. We will not be saying "no" to students who need food, but we will be encouraging them to make responsible decisions. This will help ensure that there is enough food for students who require it.



Our Grab and Go Snacks - What Do We Need to be Mindful Of?

The TRAFFIC LIGHT



RED

Stop Behaviour

Not Yet Meeting Expectations

YELLOW

Be Careful Behaviour

Approaching Expectations

GREEN

Go Behaviour

Meeting Expectations

- I'd rather have this snack than what I have with me
- I am taking more than what I need
- I don't need to pack a snack because there is one at school

- I didn't eat breakfast
- I forgot my snack
- I dropped or lost my snack
- I'm hungry and a snack will help me learn and feel better
- I need a snack to take home
- I am getting a snack for a friend who needs one



**Big thank you to the Homma PAC
for funding outdoor playground
equipment for every classroom**



**Thank you for
your donation**

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for your recent donation to the Richmond Food Bank Society. Your gift of \$570.50 allows us to provide reliable, nutritious grocery assistance to our neighbours in need all through the year.

In addition to providing weekly grocery assistance, we also offer various other programs such as the School Meal Program, Home Delivery program and a Fresh Gardens and Growing Program among others. Please visit our [website](#) and like us on our [social media](#) pages to learn more about our programs, our services and the impact your donation makes on our work and our mission.

On behalf of the Richmond Food Bank's Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and clients, thank you for your continued support.

**Sincerely,
Hajira Hussain
Executive Director**

**** donations collected from Homma during the month of December****

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!

We were thrilled to witness a fantastic turnout at Bingo Night this past Wednesday! The success of such events hinges on the remarkable support we receive from our dedicated parent volunteers. A heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you for generously donating your time to make this event memorable.

For those who are eager to continue making a difference, whether through volunteering or sharing valuable feedback, please feel free to reach out to us at contacthommapac@gmail.com

Thank
you!

PAC
MEETING

The next PAC meeting is set for Wednesday, February 21, starting at 6:30 p.m.

It will be conducted virtually.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 279 776 893 191

Passcode: qehdYf

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Upcoming Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch Day

Friday, Feb 23
Friday, Mar 01
Friday, Mar 08
Friday, Apr 12
Friday, Apr 26
Friday, May 03
Friday, May 10
Friday, May 24
Friday, May 31
Friday, June 07
Friday, June 14

Vendor

Pizza Factory
Dairy Queen
Pizza Factory
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Steveston Seafood House
Pizza Factory
Dairy Queen
Takeya Sushi
Pizza Factory
Pizza Factory

Order Deadline (9pm)

Thursday, Feb 15
Thursday, Feb 22
Thursday, Feb 29
Thursday, Apr 04
Thursday, Apr 18
Thursday, Apr 25
Thursday, May 02
Thursday, May 16
Thursday, May 23
Thursday, May 30
Thursday, June 06

February Celebrations



"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."
-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.-

Every February, Canadians are invited to participate in Black History Month festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present. While Black History Month was established in the U.S. in 1976, Canada declared February to be Black History Month in 1995.

Black History Month offers opportunities for students to learn about strength and resilience in the face of racism and injustice. Through critically understanding the impacts of systemic and individual discrimination on human lives both in the past and continuing today, students can begin to reimagine and work towards a world that is free from marginalization—a place that honours and celebrates the diversity and vibrancy of all cultures, rather than one that cultivates xenophobia.

Although there is a month dedicated to celebrating Black history, diversity should be the lens through which we approach all learning. The voices, accomplishments and stories of Black Canadians may be embedded throughout the year.

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Lunar New Year, also known as Chinese New Year or Spring Festival, is the most important festival in China and a major event in some other East Asian countries.

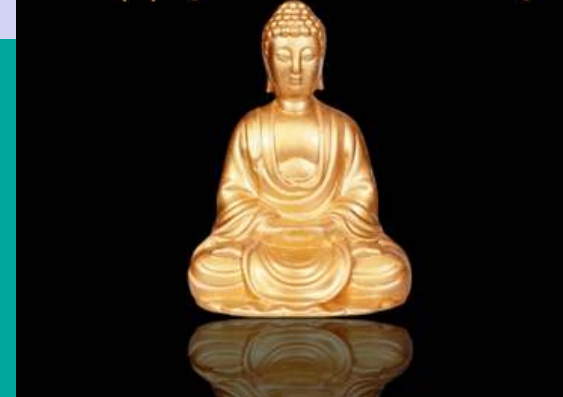
Lunar New Year is the festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional Chinese lunisolar calendar. Lunar New Year 2024 will fall on Saturday, February 10th. The date changes every year but is always somewhere in the period from January 21st to February 20th.



February
14

Ash Wednesday is a holy day of prayer and fasting in many Western Christian denominations. It is preceded by Shrove Tuesday and falls on the first day of Lent. It is observed by Catholics in the Roman Rite, Lutherans, Moravians, Anglicans, Methodists, Nazarenes, as well as by some churches in the Reformed tradition.

Happy Nirvana Day



February
15

Parinirvana Day, or Nirvana Day is a Mahayana Buddhist holiday celebrated in East Asia, Vietnam and the Philippines. By some it is celebrated on 8 February, but by most on the 15 February. In Bhutan, it is celebrated on the fifteenth day of the fourth month of the Bhutanese calendar.



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

