



WEEK AT A GLANCE

HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

February 5 - February 9

Monday, Feb 5

Tuesday, Feb 6

Wednesday, Feb 7

Thursday, Feb 8

Friday, Feb 9

Basketball Schedule - Please see below

Chess Club @ lunch

PAC Bingo Night 6-8pm

Lion Dance

Hot Lunch

Important Dates

- Feb 07.....PAC Bingo Night 6-8pm
- Feb 09.....Lion Dance
- 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!



Attention

Grade 5 and Grade 6 Parents:

Today, your child was sent home with information regarding Outdoor Ed for October 2024.

Please watch for the information.



HOMMA Gr. 6/7 BASKETBALL Schedule

Homma Red Girls Team	Homma Gold Girls Team	Homma Boys Team
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
		February 21 vs. Dixon @ Dixon

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.



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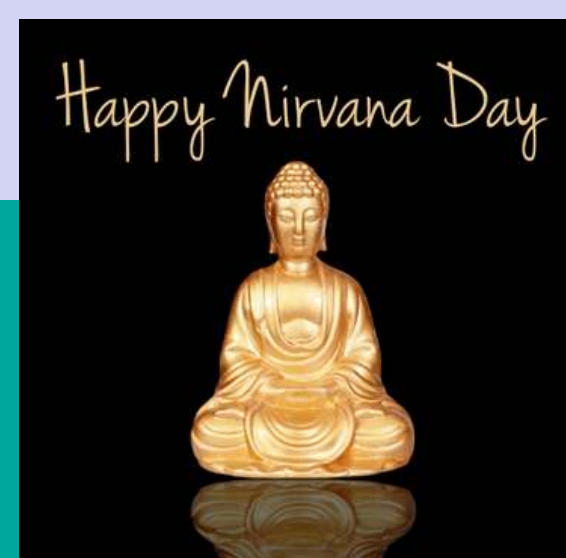
Chinese New Year, also known as Lunar New Year or Spring Festival, is the most important festival in China and a major event in some other East Asian countries.

Chinese New Year is the festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional Chinese lunisolar calendar. Chinese 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
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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.



February
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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.



EASE workshop follow-up:

For those of you who attended the parent workshop this past Tuesday evening on "How to ease your child's worries", we have attached Connie Easton's PowerPoint presentation, as well as the links to parent resources that she highly recommends.

If you missed the Parent workshop on Tuesday evening, not to worry! The links below provide resources that you may find helpful in helping your child deal with everyday anxiety. We have received parent interest in another workshop focused on how to help children manage their anger and are open to any other ideas for future parent workshops that you may be interested in with regards to the social emotional well-being of our students, which is our school's focus this year. If you want to learn more about our school focus, feel free to look at our school website (homma.sd38.bc.ca). You are welcome to email any parent workshop ideas to Mr. Cherry or Mlle Lee to help guide future offerings.

1. [Healthy Minds BC](#)
2. [EASE K-3 Parent Resources](#)
3. [EASE 4-7 Parent Resources](#)

Also, [Anxiety Canada](#) has a great parent portal and so does [Kelty Mental Health](#) (which has translations into many languages as well).

For PowerPoint presentation, please refer to the WAAG attachment

Important Grade 7 Dates and Information

February 15.....McMath Grade 7 Parent Info Night at 6:00 pm
 March 06.....Grade 7 Basketball Feeder tournament
 May 31.....McMath Orientation visit for grade 7 students

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

Grade 7 Parent Information Evenings for 2024/25

School Name	Date
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
- 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 are in search of parent volunteers for Bingo Night! Volunteer shifts will include either set-up tasks, take-down or concession duties and will be determined once we refine the list.

If you would like to volunteer for a shift, please let us know and we can add you to the Bingo-specific chat!

We look forward to hearing from some new (or not!) parents who are hoping to participate!

Email contacthommapac@gmail.com with any questions!

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!

Upcoming Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch Day

Friday, Feb 09
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

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

Order Deadline (9pm)

Thursday, Feb 01
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

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.

Here's What's Happening in Richmond

City of Richmond – Sensory Swims: The city is offering new, inclusive swims for those who experience sensory sensitivity and may be on the autism spectrum, have anxiety or sensory sensitivity, and for families wanting a supportive environment with reduced noise.



Sensory Friendly Swims

NEW!

at Minoru Centre for Active Living
Last Sunday of the month
8:00-9:30am

richmond.ca/aquatics

Richmond



RICHMOND CHILDREN'S ARTS FESTIVAL

PRESENTED BY **LANSDOWNE CENTRE**

Family Day, February 19 | 10am–4pm
Richmond Cultural Centre

City of Richmond – Children's Art Festival: The City is hosting the 15th annual festival on Family Day.

Youth Climate Activism Award: This national award honours students under the age of 20 and comes with a prize up to \$1,000. Students can put together a short video or short story to explain how they are taking meaningful steps toward improving the outlook for the planet with respect to climate change.



SHOW CANADA YOUR ACTIVISM

The National Youth Climate Activism Award honours students under the age of 20 and comes with a prize of up to \$1000.

Make UP-TO a 5 minute video or write a short story of 500 words and tell us how you are taking meaningful steps toward improving the outlook for our planet with respect to climate change.

SUCCESSFUL NOMINEES WILL BE SELECTED BY THE YOUTH CLIMATE CABINET OF I-SEA. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR DROP US A LINE.

APPLICATION PORTAL OPENS: Valentines Day Feb 14, 2024
& CLOSES: Earth Day April 22, 2024

WINNERS ANNOUNCED: Victoria Day May 20, 2024

NATIONAL YOUTH CLIMATE ACTIVISM AWARD.ORG





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

