



WEEK AT A GLANCE

HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

January 29-February 2

Monday, Jan 29

Tuesday, Jan 30

Wednesday, Jan 31

Thursday, Feb 01

Friday, Feb 02

Basketball Schedule - Please see below

EASE Presentation
@ 6:30pm in the
Library
Parents Only

Chess Club @
lunch

Hot Lunch
Sushi

Important Dates

- Feb 07.....PAC Bingo Night 6-8pm
- Feb 09.....Dragon 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

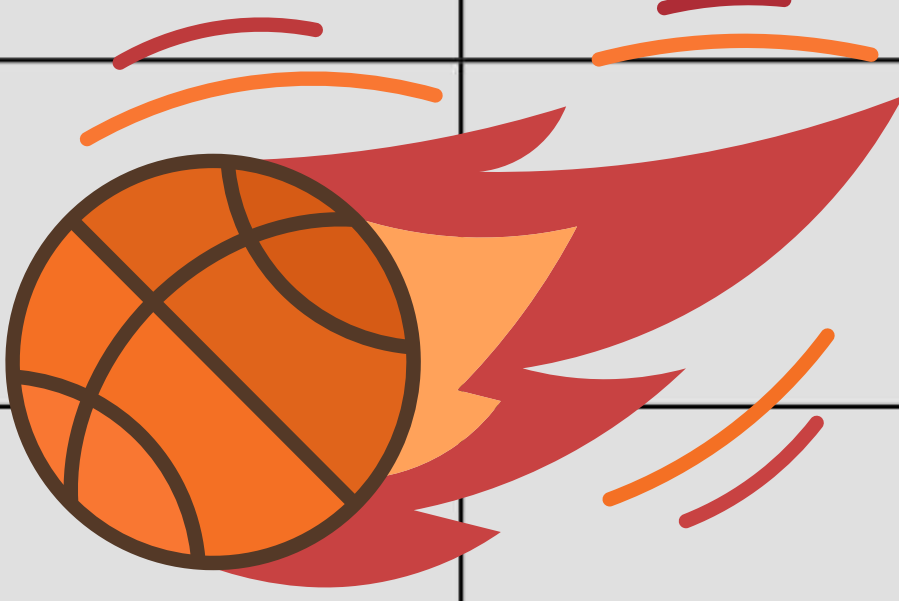
Let us know your child's name, division and WHY they are away and for how long.

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

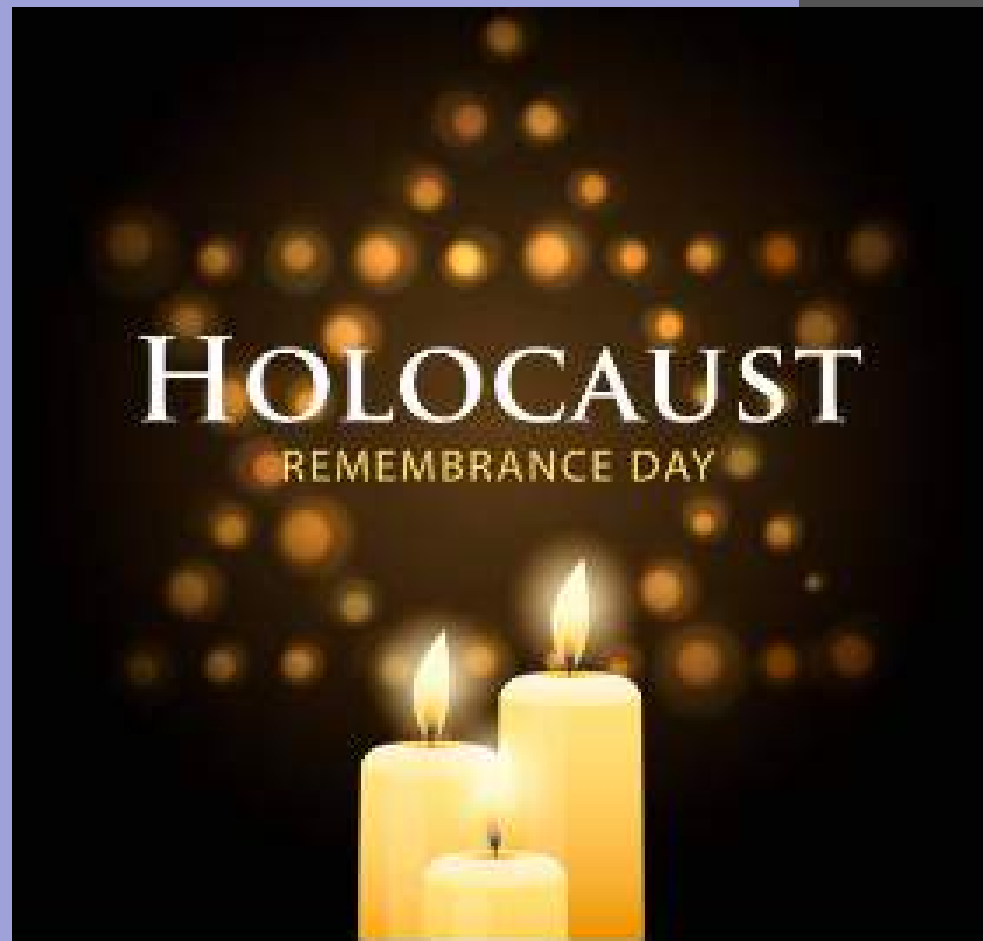
Thank you!



HOMMA Gr. 6/7 BASKETBALL Schedule

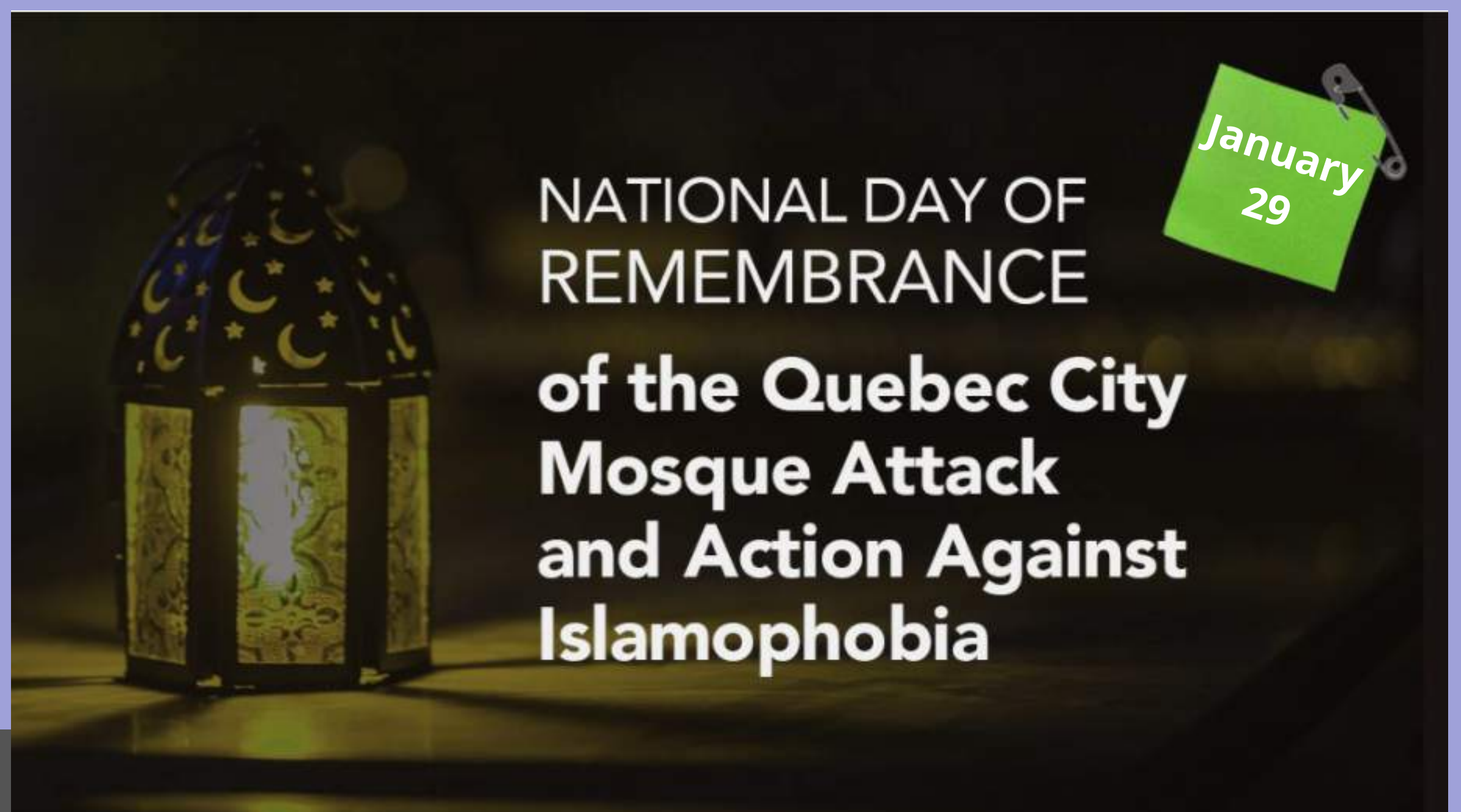
Homma Red Girls Team	Homma Gold Girls Team	Homma Boys Team
Practices: Monday AM Wednesday Lunch	Practices: Monday Lunch Thursday AM	Practices: Wednesday AM Thursday Lunch
Open gym times: Tuesday Lunch	Open gym times: Tuesday Lunch	Open gym times: Tuesday AM Friday Lunch
January 30 vs. Gilmore @ Homma	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

International Holocaust Remembrance Day



On January 27, 1945, the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp – where more than one million people were sent to gas chambers and to their agonizing deaths during the Holocaust – was liberated. In 2005, that day was designated as the annual International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. Each year, Canadians and individuals all over the world take this opportunity to remember the victims of the atrocities of the Holocaust and reflect on the dangers of anti-Semitism.

In 2015, Canada and the international community marked the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp. The Government of Canada commemorated this day at a special ceremony that brought together government officials, religious leaders and Holocaust survivors.



On Jan. 29, 2017, a gunman killed six men and injured many more in a hateful attack at The Islamic Cultural Centre of Quebec City. The National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia on Jan. 29 honours the victims and shows solidarity with the survivors. It is also a reminder of the work we must do to combat Islamophobia.

Wondering how to ease your child's worries?



especially during times of change
and uncertainty?

AS THE MOST IMPORTANT BIG PEOPLE IN YOUR CHILD'S WORLD, PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS CAN HELP CHILDREN FEEL SAFER AND SOFTEN THE SHARP EDGES OF WHATEVER IS HAPPENING TO MAKE THEIR WORRIES GROW.

COME AND HEAR ABOUT THE EASE (EVERYDAY ANXIETY STRATEGIES OF EDUCATORS) PROGRAM WE ARE USING WITH STUDENTS AT HOMMA TO GIVE THEM TOOLS THEY CAN USE TO RECOGNIZE AND MANAGE THEIR FEELINGS AND WORRIES.

LEARN ABOUT RESOURCES AND STRATEGIES THAT YOU CAN USE AT HOME TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING!

Please RSVP to
homma@sd38.bc.ca by
Friday, January 26

PARENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN

MRS. CONNIE EASTON

(RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT'S COORDINATOR
OF MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIAL EMOTIONAL
LEARNING AND COUNSELLING PROGRAMS),

MME VEILLEUX

(HOMMA TEACHER LIBRARIAN AND
COORDINATOR OF EASE LESSONS AT HOMMA),

MR. CHERRY AND MLEE LEE

(HOMMA'S PRINCIPAL AND VICE PRINCIPAL)

ON

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH AT

6:30 PM

IN THE HOMMA LIBRARY

ALONG WITH SOME OF OUR OWN HOMMA
STUDENTS WHO WILL BE SHARING SOME HELPFUL
TECHNIQUES THAT THEY HAVE LEARNED
THROUGH EASE LESSONS!

We strongly encourage parents to attend this workshop in person, however, we do recognize that some parents are not able to attend.

For those who cannot attend in person, please use the Teams link below to join the workshop

Meeting ID: 224 214 538 466

Passcode: qczuXR | [Join on the web](#)

Important Grade 7 Dates and Information

January 25.....Visit from McMath Counsellors to discuss programming at 10:30 am
 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.



January 21-28, 2024

Family Literacy Week

Let's have a family party!

"Family literacy refers to the way parents, children, and extended family members use literacy at home and in the community. Family literacy occurs naturally during the routines of daily living and helps children and adults get things done."

- Hayden, R. & Sanders, M. (2007)



Focusing on Family Literacy has some sweet results

- Helps in language development
- Aids in brain development
- Strengthens family relationships
- Improves imagination and creativity
- Leads to academic success
- Aids in understanding a world outside our own!



Literacy Lifts Us Up!

"Literacy is the ability to understand, critically analyze, and create a variety of forms of communication, including oral, written, visual, digital, and multimedia, in order to accomplish one's goals."
BC Ministry of Education



"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift."

-Kate DiCamillo

Check out more resources at:

- Your School or Public Library
- Decoda Literacy Solutions



Develop Literacy by planning a party together!

- Make a list of people to invite
- Plan, write, decorate and deliver invitations to family and friends
- Read, select and make recipes together. This is a great way to practice literacy and numeracy!
- Plan, prepare and play games at the party. Giving and listening to instructions is a great way to practice oral language skills.

"Children can learn about decision-making and organizational skills when they help plan a family party. It encourages creativity when they design activities and decorations. They will also practice communication and teamwork through coordinating with other family members."

- Decoda



Upcoming Pro D Days

Friday, February 16

Friday, April 19

Friday, May 17



Community Services Connectors Program



Are you a Richmond resident with a lower income looking for services or support?

Drop by the Living Room at **Ironwood Library**, enjoy a drink and a snack, and chat with a Community Services Connector.

When:

Every Sunday
From January 28 - May 26
2:00 - 4:00pm

Where:

Ironwood Library
8200-11688 Steveston Hwy,
Richmond, BC



For more information, visit: richmond.ca/CommunityResources

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!



Come join us for Homma Bingo Night!

**Wednesday, February 7
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Homma Gym**

Prizes to be won!

Drinks/snacks will be available by cash on the evening of.

Pizza will be available by pre-order on the Homma Hot Lunch program until January 31.

Tickets are FREE and must be reserved on the Homma Hot Lunch program. All guests, regardless if playing or not, will require a ticket to enter. Due to limited gym capacity, this event is for Homma students and their family. Reserve your ticket early as once we sell out, we are unable to sell additional tickets. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.

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!

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.

Upcoming Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch Day

Friday, Feb 02
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

Takeya Sushi
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, Jan 25
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

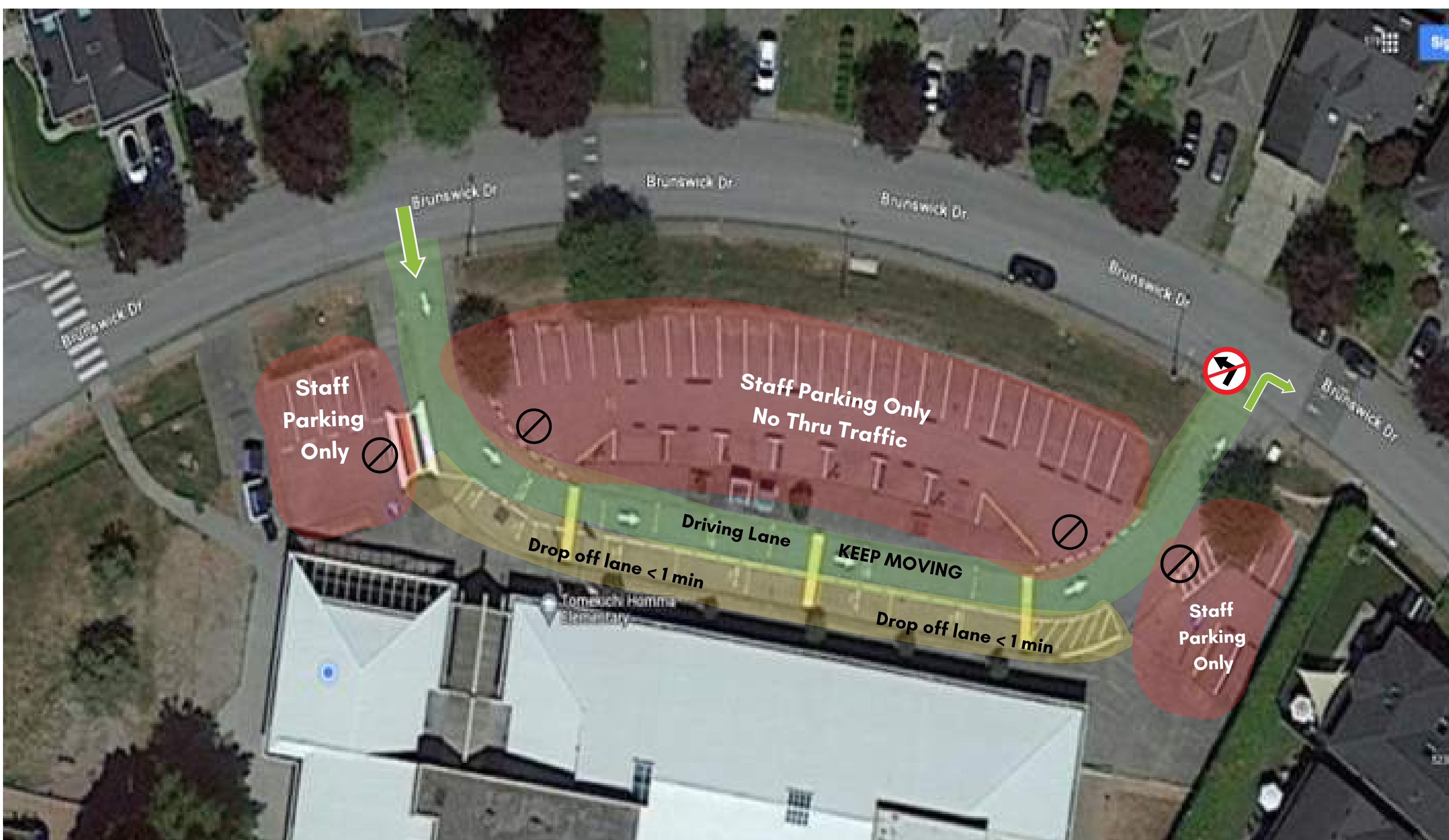


PLEASE KEEP OUR PARKING LOT SAFE

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



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.**

