



WEEK AT A GLANCE

HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

January 22-26

Monday, Jan 22

Tuesday, Jan 23

Wednesday, Jan 24

Thursday, Jan 25

Friday, Jan 26

McMath Program Planning 10:30am

Oceanwise Presentation

School is in session today

Important Dates

- Jan 25.....Oceanwise Presentation
- Jan 25.....McMath Program Planning
- Jan 26.....School is in Session Today
- Feb 07.....PAC Bingo Night
- 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
- Mar 06.....Gr. 7 Feeder Basketball Tournament
- May 31.....McMath Orientation for Gr: 7

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!

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!

Library Learning Commons Update

We wanted to provide an update regarding the Library Learning Commons. This week we put in our first furniture order which should arrive in 10 to 12 weeks. Renovations should begin within the next couple of weeks. Mme Veilleux will continue to provide library service during the renovation. She is planning to use the Maker Space room beside the library as a temporary room for book exchanges and primary story time.

We want to thank the Homma PAC for their generosity in supporting the renovation. Funds allocated for this project, from the PAC, are being used to purchase a variety of furniture for the project.

Last week the Richmond News visited the school to interview Mme Veilleux and Ms. Rubio, Coordinator of Libraries and Information Services at the Richmond School District, about the transformation of libraries in the district.

Please see the link to the article below.

[Click HERE](#)



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

<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.



Cold Weather

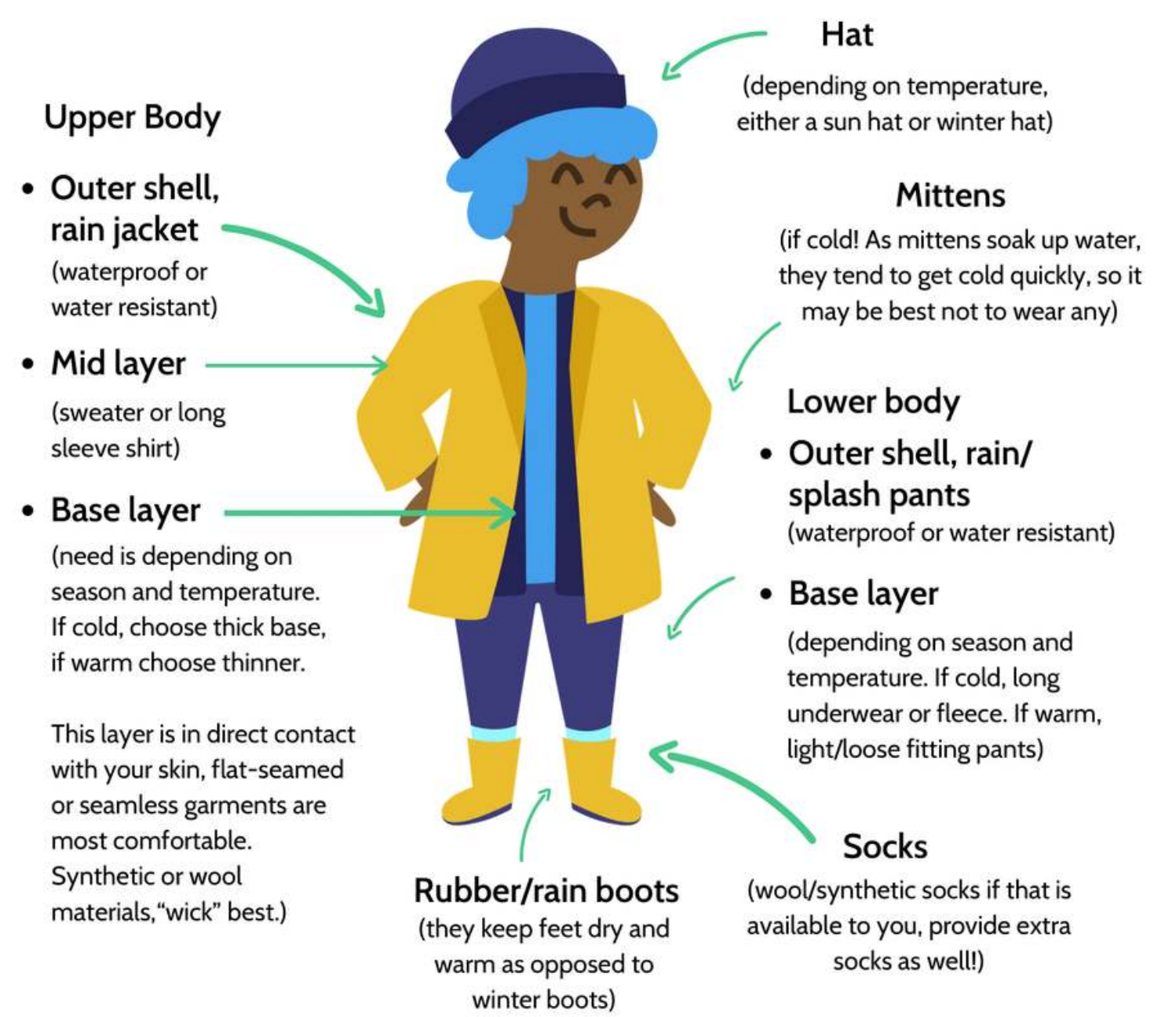


HELPFUL TIPS

- Hand warmers and feet warmers work well for instant warmth and relief!
- For educators, pack the following extra gear when in your kit/when out on a hike:
 - Socks, mittens, 2-3 pairs of winter boots, handful of grocery bags (these can be used to prevent further wetness, as they act as a protective layer in rubber boots/winter boots against further seepage. They can keep the new socks dry!)



Wet Weather



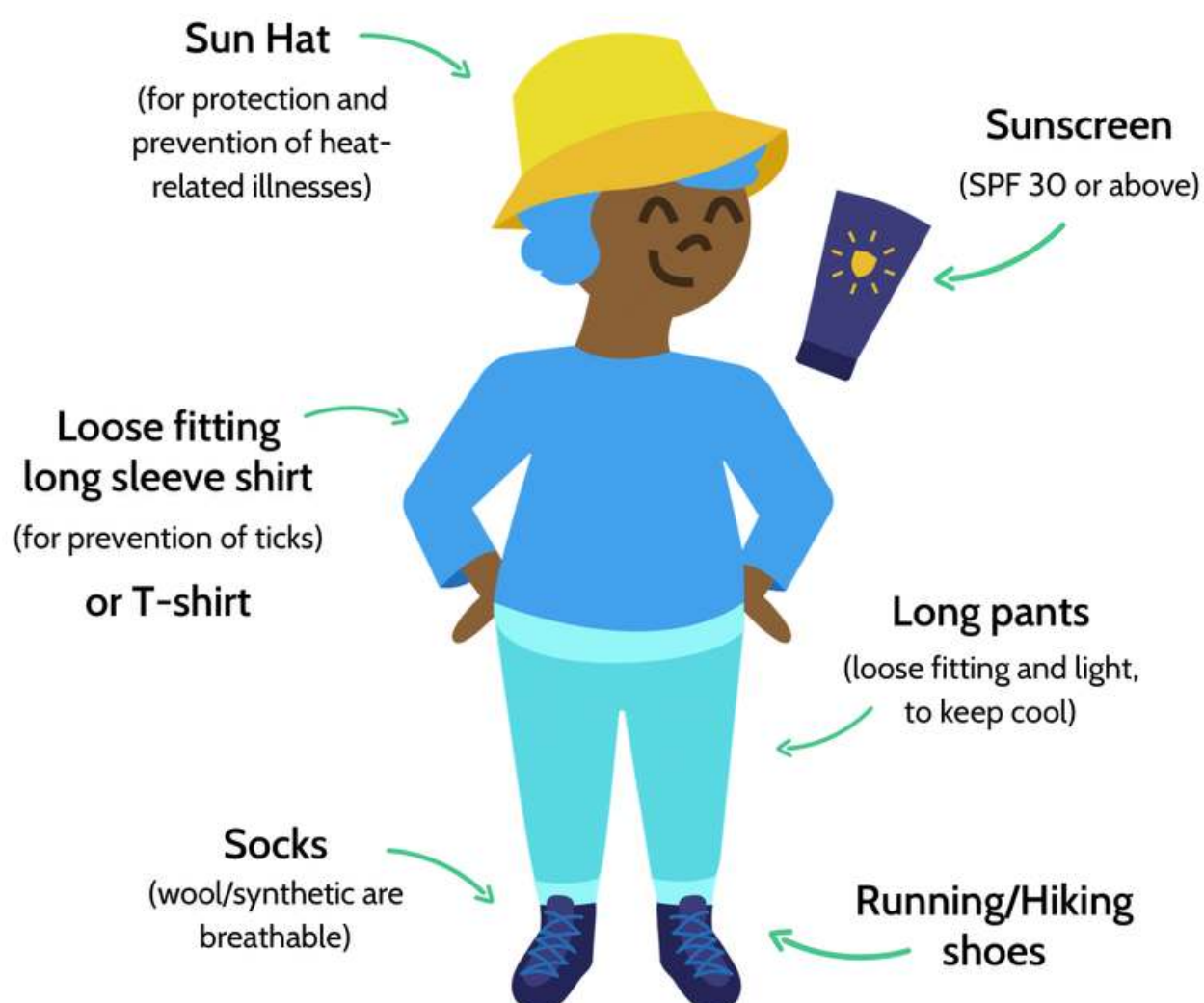
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What to Wear for Outdoor Teaching and Learning



Warm Weather



HELPFUL TIPS

- TUCK IN all clothing - shirt into pants, pants into socks (for tick prevention)
- In your kit/when out on the land, pack bug repellent and sunscreen
- Pack extra clean hats and socks (in case someone needs dry ones)
- Bring spray bottles full of water to mist/cool down children/yourself
- Bring a water source for refills and cool downs

For more information on dressing your child for Outdoor Learning, please check out our former Outdoor Learning Teacher, Megan Zeni's, article below:

<https://meganzeni.com/best-kid-clothing-for-learning-outdoors/>

School Closure Due to Inclement Weather Info

In case of school closure due to Inclement Weather, please refer to either the Homma website <https://homma.sd38.bc.ca/news/2024/01/school-closures-due-inclement-weather>

or the Richmond School District website <https://sd38.bc.ca/news/2023-11-02/school-closures-due-inclement-weather>

Pink Shirt Day

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Click below to
order

[Pink Shirt Day](#)

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

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

Upcoming Pro D Days

Friday, February 16

Friday, April 19

Friday, May 17



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!

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!



Save the Date for Family Bingo Night!

Homma PAC invites you to join us on Wednesday, February 7, for an exciting Family Bingo Night!

Pizza orders will be open from Jan 21st-31st.

Hurry and secure your spot - reservations open Jan 21st until we're sold out.

Keep an eye out for more details.

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
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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

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.

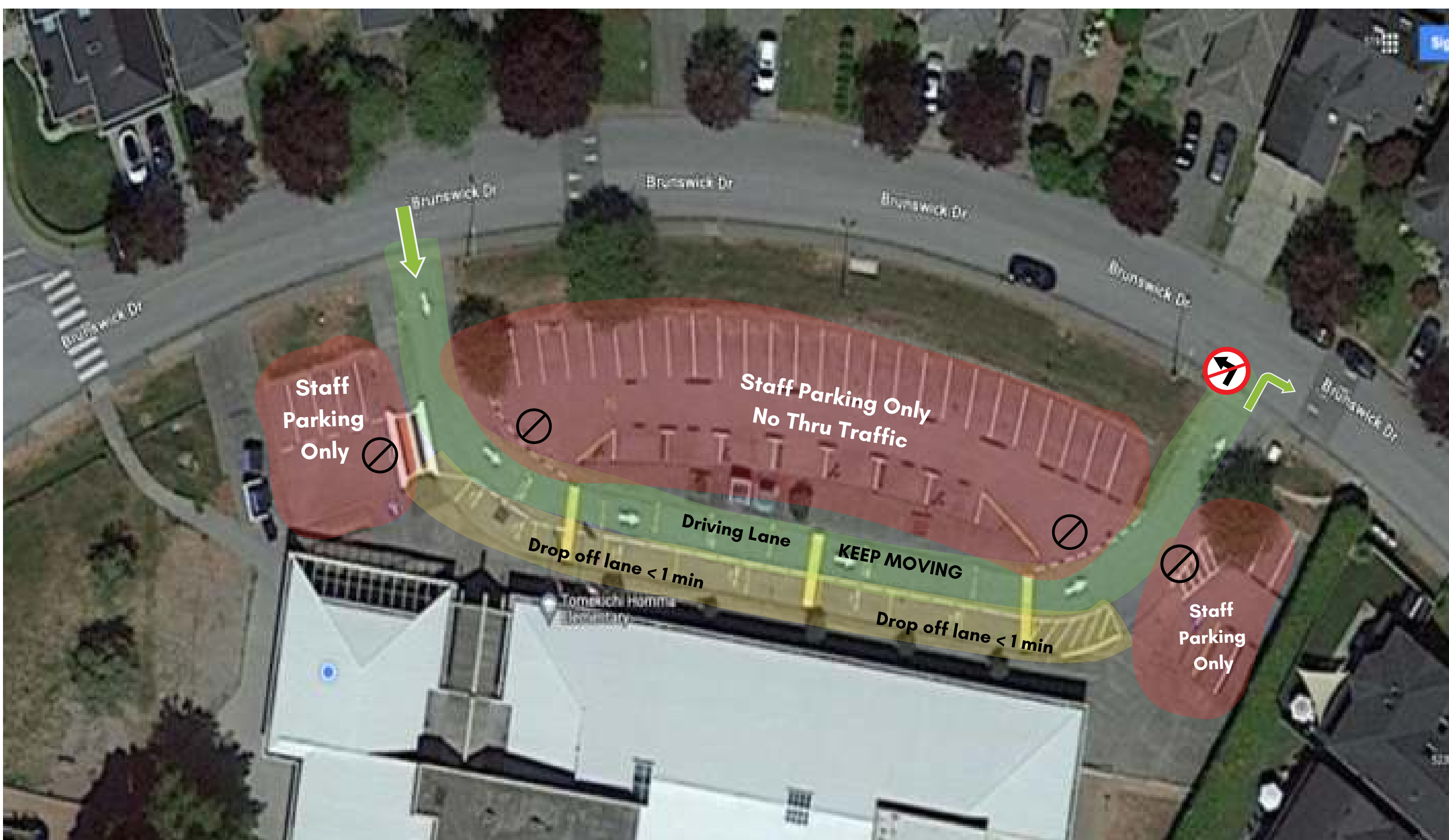


PLEASE KEEP OUR PARKING LOT SAFE

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



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.**

