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Homma Community **The Week Ahead – November 8 to 12, 2021**

Sunday	Daylight Savings! Fall Back 1 hour at 2:00 am
Monday	Grade 6 Volleyball Practice at 12:15 pm
Tuesday	Grade 7 Volleyball Practice at 12:15 pm
Wednesday	Remembrance Day Virtual Presentation
Thursday	Remembrance Day – All Schools Closed
Friday	PAC Hot Lunch Day – Dairy Queen



In Other Homma News:

1) Supporting Mental Wellness

“One in four people will experience a mental health condition over the course of their lives. Half of these conditions begin before age 14, and 75 percent before age 26. This means that to successfully treat mental health conditions and prevent negative mental health outcomes, we need to look early at our kids’ overall emotional well-being. One of the ways parents can help do this is by creating environments that help our kids to grow up resilient.” Gene Beresin, MD, MA

The below article titled *Building Mental Wellness in Children: What Parents Can Do* offers more tips and links that we hope are useful to you.

<https://www.mghclaycenter.org/parenting-concerns/what-parents-can-do-to-promote-mental-wellness-in-our-children/>

2) Communicating Student Learning: Information for Parents and Zoom Invite

Are you interested in learning about:

- How assessment and reporting are evolving?
- The connection between the curriculum and reporting?
- How assessment supports learning?
- How student learning is communicated with families?

Join Jane MacMillan, Executive Director of Learning Services, and Lynn Archer, Assistant Superintendent, on a Zoom webinar to learn about current assessment and reporting practices in Richmond and BC.

Attendee Invitation:

Topic: SD38 Parent Meeting - Communicating Student Learning

When: Nov 9, 2021 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

<https://sd38.zoom.us/j/66990181411>

Webinar ID: 669 9018 1411

Passcode: 6000

3) Thank you - Hallowe'en Candy Donation

Thank you Homma families for all of your generosity of Hallowe'en candy! McMath Leadership students have 3 full bins of candy to pick up from Homma to bring to the Good Shepherd Ministry.





4) Emergency Preparedness

Last week students and staff at Homma Elementary participated in the Grade Canadian Shake Out. One of the main reasons we have emergency drills is to learn how to best prepare ourselves in the event of a true emergency. While standing outside in the rain yesterday after evacuating the building, we learned that many of our students would benefit from having additional items in their backpacks such as an extra pair of socks, rain pants, and a warm hat. These are all items that take up minimal space but could be very important should we be outside for an extended period of time during an emergency.

5) Hold and Secure Drill Follow Up

This past Wednesday, November 3rd was our first Hold and Secure Drill. During the drill, students and staff were guided by Mrs. Major and Mr. Vines with what to do and expect in case of an emergency happening outside of the building. In the Hold and Secure drill, students and staff remained in their classroom with doors and blinds closed while continuing on with their day. We enforced to students that this is a scenario where there is no threat to the inside of the building or the occupants. As a reminder, in the event of a true Hold and Secure, we would remain in the school until given the "All Clear" from the school administrators or the RCMP.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Major at the school.

 <div>Lockdown Protocol Emergency Situations</div>		
 LOCK DOWN Emergency Inside Building <i>(Secure all Rooms)</i>	 HOLD & SECURE Emergency Outside Building <i>(Secure the Building)</i>	 ALL CLEAR Emergency Resolved <i>(Return to normal)</i>
1. Police/emergency incident within the school; necessary to quickly secure everyone inside a locked room 2. Armed or aggressive intruder(s) who poses an imminent threat to harm others 3. Staff or student(s) who pose an imminent threat to harm others	1. Police/emergency incident in the area of the school; necessary to keep everyone secured within the school building 2. Hazard on or near the school grounds, e.g. gas leak in neighbourhood, dangerous dog on the field 3. Medical emergency in the school; necessary to keep hallways and common areas clear	1. Police/emergency incident has been resolved 2. This will happen only at the direction of the RCMP
Fire alarms during a LOCK DOWN must be ignored unless physical evidence of a fire is present (smoke, flames).	Display HOLD & SECURE Notice on exterior doors to inform parents Use discretion regarding response to Fire Alarms during a HOLD & SECURE	Ensure there is a clear debriefing protocol (for staff and students) following any LOCK DOWN or significant HOLD & SECURE

6) Drop Off Lane and Parking Lot Safety

To ensure the safety of all students, please pull up as far as possible in the drop off lane when coming to school in the mornings. Please do not park in the drop off lane to bring your child into the school as it disrupts the flow of traffic. Street parking is available on Railway Ave or Brunswick Drive. **At the end of the day, the drop off lane is closed to vehicles and we ask that you do not remove the parking lot chain to enter.**



7) Student Absences

If your child will be away from school, please call the Early Warning Line at **604-668-6491** before 9:00 a.m. with the following message:

My name is _____. I am calling to let you know that _____ (child's name) in Division _____ will not be at school today.

If your child's absence is due to answering "Yes" to any of the Daily Health Declaration questions, please report this additional information to the school.

8) Follow us on Social Media!

At Homma we love to share events and activities with our Community! Please follow Homma School on twitter and Instagram by following the handle **@homma_school** and the Homma Library on twitter by following **@hommalibrary**. Student photos will not be posted without signed parent/guardian consent.



Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, November 16

Photo Retake Day

Wednesday, November 17

PAC Pizza Day

Thursday, November 18

Early Dismissal at 1:45 pm

Monday, November 22

Early Dismissal at 1:45 pm

Tuesday, November 23

Professional Development Day

Friday, November 26

PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm

PAC Hot Lunch – Sushi

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