



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

# HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



**October 24 - October 28**

**Monday, Oct 24**

**PICTURE  
DAY!**

**Happy Diwali**

**Tuesday, Oct 25**

**Volleyball**

**Wednesday, Oct 26**

**XCountry  
Running Club**

**Thursday, Oct 27**

**Volleyball**

**Kinder  
Hearing/Dental  
Screening**

**Friday, Oct 28**

**Hot Lunch**

## October 24 is Photo Day!

Edge Imaging will be photographing the students again this year and offers a variety of purchase options. Students will receive an order form with proofs along with instructions to order online at a later date.

Should your child be absent or require a retake, photographers will be back in the school the afternoon of November 15th.



**Picture Day**

## Upcoming Events

**Oct 24** - PICTURE DAY!

**Oct 24** - Diwali

**Nov 11** - Remembrance Day

**Nov 21** - Pro D Day

## 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 drop off at the office in order for us to adjust attendance accordingly.

*thank  
you!*



## Have you checked out the Homma Website?

- get the latest news
- check out the latest WAAG
- calendar events
- important information
- and much more.....



[homma.sd38.bc.ca](http://homma.sd38.bc.ca)







**On October 24th it will be the beginning of Diwali. Diwali is celebrated over 5 days. Diwali, or Dipawali, is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row (avali) of clay lamps (deepa) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness.**

**We want to wish families in our school community Happy Diwali!**



# **HALLOWEEN**

We are in for a very exciting week with a variety of Halloween activities taking place in our classrooms!

## **Costumes and Candy**

Many classrooms will be engaging in costumes, crafts, and movies but we ask that you **do not** send Halloween treats for other students.

As in years past we encourage students to wear costumes to school on Monday, October 31st and remind everyone that scary face masks and costume weapons of any kind are to be left at home.

As always we want Halloween to be fun for ALL. When choosing costumes, a few things to keep in mind that the following are NOT Costumes:

- RACE (black face/brown face)
- CULTURE (Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks)
- RELIGIOUS FAITH (religious figures /gods /saints/ gurus/hijab)
- GENDER (gender switching for humour or to mock)
- TRAUMA (hangman's noose/weapons)

**An email regarding Halloween activities will be sent out next week**

## *Remembrance Day Assembly*

This year we are planning to have an in-person assembly for this very important day when we reflect on those who have served and think about moving forward in peace. We are planning to welcome families to join us, but in order to accommodate an anticipated large group of people, we will be having separate primary and intermediate assemblies. To have 537 students, 50 staff and parents in the gym would well exceed fire safety occupancy regulation. More information about the assemblies will be sent out shortly.



**Homma  
Spirit Wear  
Coming soon**



## Provincial Changes to Reporting in Richmond Schools - Parent Information Session

Reporting is changing across the province. Please join District staff for an information session on K-12 reporting and what to expect in Richmond. This session is open to caregivers and staffs and will be recorded for future use. This session is a webinar on zoom and will include an opportunity for questions.

**When: Oct 25, 2022 06:00 PM Vancouver**

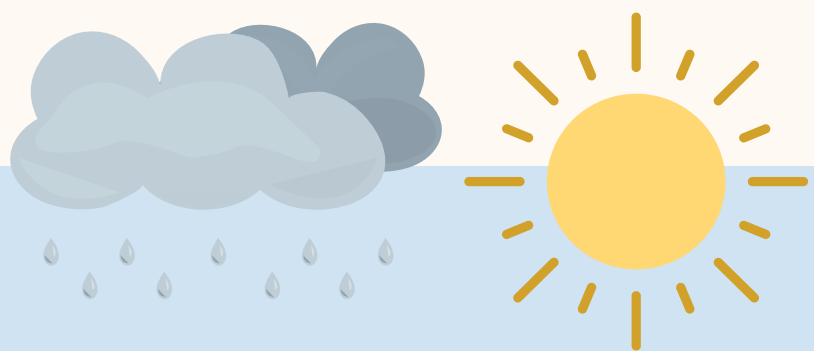
**Topic: K-12 Reporting Information for Parents**

**Please click the link below to join the webinar:**

**<https://sd38.zoom.us/j/63271614481>**

**Webinar ID: 632 7161 4481**

**Passcode: 6000**



### Dress for the weather!

**As our weather is changing and the rain is starting, it might be helpful to bring:**



winter  
coat



rain  
coat



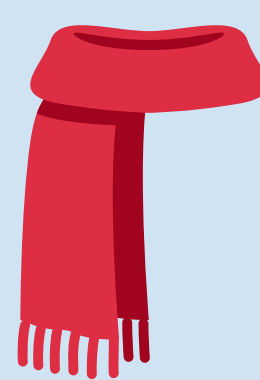
rain  
boots



mittens



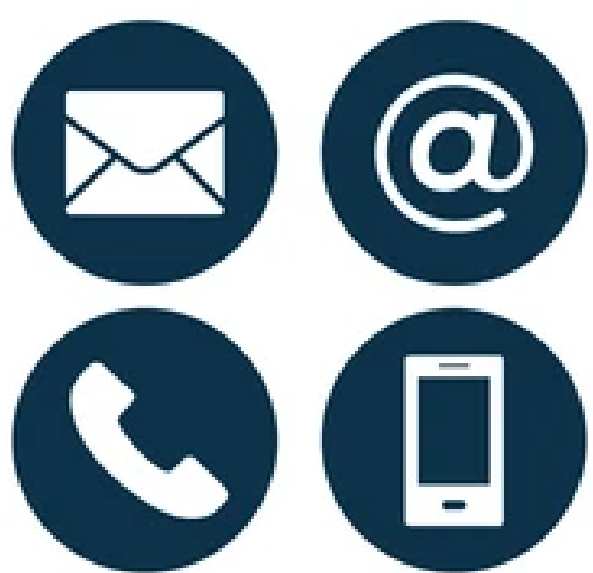
touque



scarf



extra clothing  
including socks



**Contact Information:** Please ensure the school has your up-to-date email, residential address and contact information. This is very important if we do need to get in touch with you, that we have the correct information. Any updates or changes, please email [homma@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:homma@sd38.bc.ca)





# NEWS



The Homma Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is a group that fosters school and community spirit for all connected with Tomekichi Homma Elementary School. All parents are welcome!

**We are looking for volunteers!**

Please email [contacthommapac@gmail.com](mailto:contacthommapac@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining one of our committees.



## Upcoming Hot Lunch

**Hot lunch Day**

Friday, October 28  
Friday, November 4  
Friday, November 18  
Friday, November 25  
Friday, December 2  
Friday, December 9

**Vendor**

Booster Juice  
Taco Luis  
Pizza Factory  
Dairy Queen  
Pizza Factory  
Dairy Queen

**Deadline**

Thursday, October 20  
Thursday, October 27  
Thursday, November 10  
Thursday, November 17  
Thursday, November 24  
Thursday, December 1



# CONTINUING EDUCATION



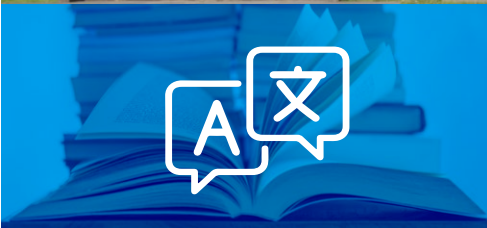
## FOUNDATION LANGUAGE ARTS (ENGLISH COURSES)

Designed for adult students to improve their speaking, listening, vocabulary, fluency, conversation, comprehension and writing skills. **FREE** for BC residents who are Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents and Refugees.



## ADULT SECONDARY COURSES

For students who wish to complete their high school diploma or to upgrade their BC Transcript of Grades, a variety of high school credit courses are offered during the day and evening. **FREE** for BC residents who are Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents and Refugees.



## MANDARIN LANGUAGE STUDIES

Affordable and quality courses for both English and non-English speakers. Courses include introductory to advanced levels, conversation classes, Pinyin and Chinese Hybrid Classes for all school ages and adult students.



## YOUTH & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

After school and weekend classes for children and youth ages 5-18 years of age to help strengthen their skills and develop other interests important for their success.



## RICHMOND EDUCATION ASSISTANT PROGRAM (REAP)

Do you have a passion to work with students with diverse abilities and disabilities? REAP will help you acquire practical skills and knowledge to work as an Education Assistant in different school settings.



## SUMMER LEARNING

Offering a wide range of high school full credit and engaging enrichment classes. **FREE** for BC residents who are Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents and Refugees. Affordable camps are also available.

Learn more online and register today!  
**richmondce.ca | 604.668.6123**

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