



WEEK AT A GLANCE

HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



October 31 - November 4

Monday, Oct 31



Tuesday, Nov 1

**Running Club
7:55 am**

**Volleyball @
12:15**

Wednesday, Nov 2

Thursday, Nov 3

**Hold and
Secure Drill**

**Volleyball @
12:15**

Friday, Nov 4

Hot Lunch

Buddy Pumpkin Carving Activity on October 31st

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****more information below****



Upcoming Events

Nov 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov 11 - Remembrance Day
NO SCHOOL

Nov 15 - Photo Retakes

Nov 16 - Popcorn Sales

Nov 21 - Pro D Day

Nov 29 - PAC Meeting

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.



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!



October 24th, 2022

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

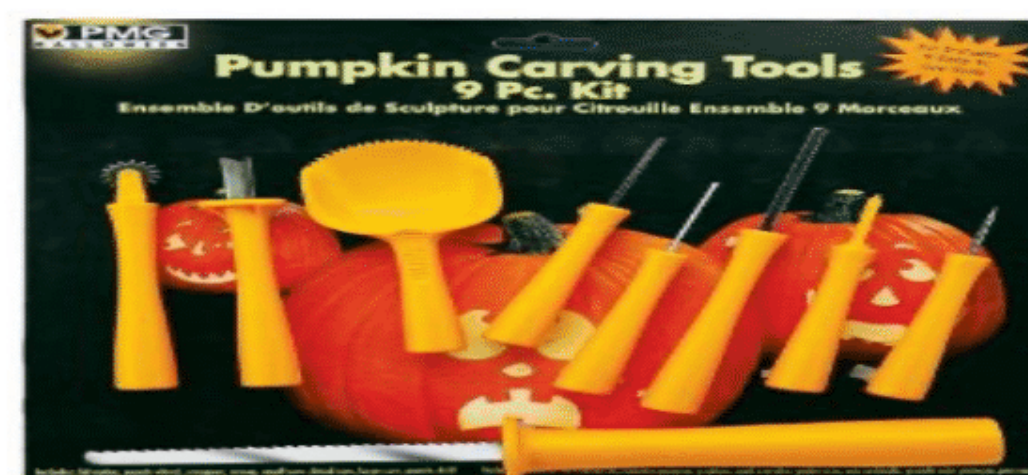
We wanted to provide you with some information regarding upcoming Halloween events at Homma.

Pumpkin Carving

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Students are invited to bring the following:

- 1) One small **CLEANED OUT** pumpkin on **Friday, October 28th or Monday, October 31st**. Please clean the pumpkin out from the **BOTTOM**. **You don't need to send in the bottom of the pumpkin.** Students must be able to carry their pumpkin to and from school by themselves. You may want to send a bag with them to use for transportation. Please label your child's pumpkin with their name and division number on a piece of masking tape.
- 2) A proper pumpkin carving tool (please see picture beside). These can be bought at most dollar stores. **NO KNIVES ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL!** Please put **child's name on the carving tools**



Please label the pumpkin with your child's name and division number on a piece of tape. We will also be looking for parent volunteers to help us with the pumpkin carving in the morning. Please contact Penny Leggo at kitsnpups@hotmail.com if you are interested in helping.

Candy and Treats

We are asking students to not bring candy or treats to share with classmates on Halloween. Homma PAC will be providing students with hot chocolate while they are carving pumpkins in the afternoon. Thank you, Homma PAC, for your support!

Halloween Costume Guidelines

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in their costumes on October 31st. Wearing costumes is completely optional, but should your child choose to wear one, we do have guidelines to remind you of so that we can all have a fun and safe day.

- Students come to school in their costumes, rather than getting changed at lunch. Students will still be expected to go out for recess to get some fresh air and exercise, so they should be able to move freely



and play in their costumes.

- **Leave masks and weapons that may go with your costumes at home. Masks can be scary, and difficult to see out of and weapons are never allowed to be brought to school, even plastic ones.**
- 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:
RACEblack face/brown face
CULTUREIndigenous regalia/dreadlocks
RELIGIOUS FAITHreligious figures /gods /saints
GENDERgender switching for humour or to mock
TRAUMAhangman's noose/weapons

Candy Donations

Once again Homma Student leadership along with student leaders from McMath will be inviting students to donate candy to the following cause.

See below...

"The GSM Street teams continue to work on the downtown eastside of Vancouver. Last year they delivered more than 15,000 candy bags and several hundred pairs of socks and other amenities to residents of this desperate neighborhood. The need for candy and donations remains. The candy bags help them to deliver a note of inspiration to those in need.

We are hopeful you will consider donating any extra candy they have, and to parents whose children are not going door to door, we are hopeful you will consider purchasing bags or boxes of treats, NEW mittens or warm socks, so that they can continue their mission."

Thank you for supporting our Halloween plans. It will be a fun day of building teamwork and community with our students. Please let us know if you have any questions.



Candy Donations Nov 1-4

Remembrance Day Assembly

A primary assembly will begin shortly on November 10th after 9:00 am and end just before recess. This will be a shorter assembly with Divisions 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 in attendance.

An Intermediate assembly which will begin at 10:20 after recess on November 10th. This will be a longer assembly with Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 13, 14, 15 and 16 in attendance.

More information will be sent home sometime next week.



If you know of any Veterans that would like to participate, please email the school by Friday, Nov 4

homma@sd38.bc.ca



LUNCH

Drop Off

For those families dropping off lunch for their child(ren), you are welcome to drop them off outside the office on the designated table.

Please make sure to have their name and division number on the lunch.





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!

Next PAC Meeting is November 29

We are looking for volunteers!

Please email contacthommapac@gmail.com if you are interested in joining one of our committees.



Upcoming Hot Lunch

Hot lunch Day

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

Vendor

Taco Luis
Pizza Factory
Dairy Queen
Pizza Factory
Dairy Queen

Deadline

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



Learning is ongoing

Students come into every learning situation with their own experiences and background knowledge. A student does not necessarily begin at Emerging or Developing at the beginning of each school year. Similarly, students do not only reach Proficient at the end of the school year. Reaching proficiency is not the end of learning; if a student enters a learning experience with Proficient understanding or achieves proficiency during the school year, the goal becomes to further enhance their learning.



Letter grades and percentages for grades 10-12

Most universities and colleges currently use letter grades and percentages as part of the admissions process. To continue the successful transition of B.C. students to post-secondary learning, letter grades and percentages will remain in the graduation years. However, the Ministry of Education and Child Care will work with post-secondary institutions in the coming years to explore the use of the Provincial Proficiency Scale at Grades 10-12.



Important Message



Ministry of
Education and
Child Care

REPORTING ON STUDENT LEARNING IS CHANGING IN B.C.

Brochure for Families

What is student reporting

Student reporting is the assessment and communication of student learning, often thought of as report cards. Every student in B.C. receives communications from the school throughout the school year that provide parents, caregivers, and students with information about student learning.

The way teachers and schools communicate student learning, and the format of traditional report cards is shifting.

Upcoming changes to student reporting

The K-12 Student Reporting Policy Framework ("the framework") is the result of many years of consultation and engagement with rightsholders, education partners, teachers, families, students, and the public.

The framework provides an overview of the upcoming changes to the K-12 Student Reporting Policy, set to be implemented in the 2023/24 school year.

Student Information

- Shifts in reporting are being made to ensure each student experiences success within the education system
- Student self-assessment of Core Competencies and goal setting gives every student input into their learning, including where they go next
- Graduation status update in Grades 10-12 ensures students know they are on track to graduate

What's new

- Student reporting practices that align with B.C.'s curriculum and provincial assessment system
- Provincial Proficiency Scale at Grades K-9
- Changing the "I" reporting symbol to "IE" to indicate "insufficient evidence" of learning instead of "incomplete" learning
- Student self-assessment of Core Competencies and goal setting, in all grades in the 3 written reports
- Graduation status updates at Grades 10-12
- All learners, including students with a disability or diverse ability, will receive regular communications of student learning in the same way as their peers in any other program

What's the same

- Timely and responsive feedback to families throughout the school year
- 5 communications of student learning; 3 written and 2 of flexible format
- Letter grades and percentages at Grades 10-12
- Written descriptive feedback to accompany scale or letter grade and percentage

CONTACT US

✉ student.reporting@gov.bc.ca

The Provincial Proficiency Scale

The use of the Provincial Proficiency Scale gives students, parents and caregivers a clear understanding of what students can do now and areas for future growth.

Reporting scales are already being used by all districts in the province. There are currently 17 or more known reporting scales in use. The introduction of the Provincial Proficiency Scale will provide consistency and alignment across B.C. schools.

	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
Proficiency Scale	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

Benefits of the provincial proficiency scale and descriptive feedback

- Views learning as ongoing, rather than signaling learning is done
- Provides feedback, to both families and students, on where the student is at and how to help them move forward in their learning
- Supports lifelong learning by shifting the focus to developing competencies rather than the achievement of marks
- Maintains high provincial standards by focusing on helping all students attain proficiency in their learning



SWIS

Settlement Workers
in Schools

SWIS in partnership with Family Services of Greater Vancouver (FSGV) are having a session about Scams and Fraud for all the parents.

Registration: <https://is.gd/OUYAzj>

SCAMS & FRAUD

"HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF"



November 2 - 10 am



Presenter:
Joanne Monteiro



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