



# WEEK AT A GLANCE

# HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



November 7 - November 11

**Monday, Nov 7**  
  
**TTCO2 Presentations for Grades 4 - 7**

**Tuesday, Nov 8**  
**Running Club 7:55 am**  
  
**Volleyball @ 12:15**  
  
**Indigenous Veterans Day**

**Wednesday, Nov 9**

**Thursday, Nov 10**  
  
**Hot Lunch**  
  
**Remembrance Day Assemblies**

**Friday**  
**LEST WE FORGET**  
NOVEMBER 11  
  
**Remembrance Day**  
**No School**

## Important Dates

**Nov 8** - Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib\*

**Nov 15** - Photo Retakes

**Nov 16** - Popcorn Sales

**Nov 21** - Pro D Day

**Nov 22** - Deb McNamara Presentation

**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.



## plea Children of the Street

Providing awareness, education and support to keep children, youth and families safe from sexual exploitation

### TTCO2 Presentations for Grades 4 - 7

Taking Care of Ourselves, Taking Care of Others (TCO<sup>2</sup>) is a unique workshop designed and delivered by youth, for youth about preventing sexual exploitation. Using monologues, role-plays and engaging activities, two young adult facilitators involve participants in a meaningful and interactive discussion of what sexual exploitation is, who is involved, and how to prevent it from happening. Following each workshop, TCO<sup>2</sup> provides a safe space for youth to ask questions and come forward with disclosures about any concerns they have.

## 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!*



# 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.

Parents are welcome to attend.



## November 8 Indigenous Veterans' Day

Today is the day for all Canadians to recognize the special contribution of Indigenous Veterans. Thank you to our Peoples who have served to protect this country and the freedom we enjoy.



**If any of our students are Scouts, Cubs, Girl Guides or Cadets, we encourage you to wear your uniforms for the assemblies on November 10th**

Homma will be collecting donations for the Poppy Fund using School Cash Online starting Wednesday, Nov. 3rd to Monday, Nov. 14th.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Through your generosity to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Trust Fund, the Legion is able to provide funding to eligible organizations undertaking Veteran support initiatives.

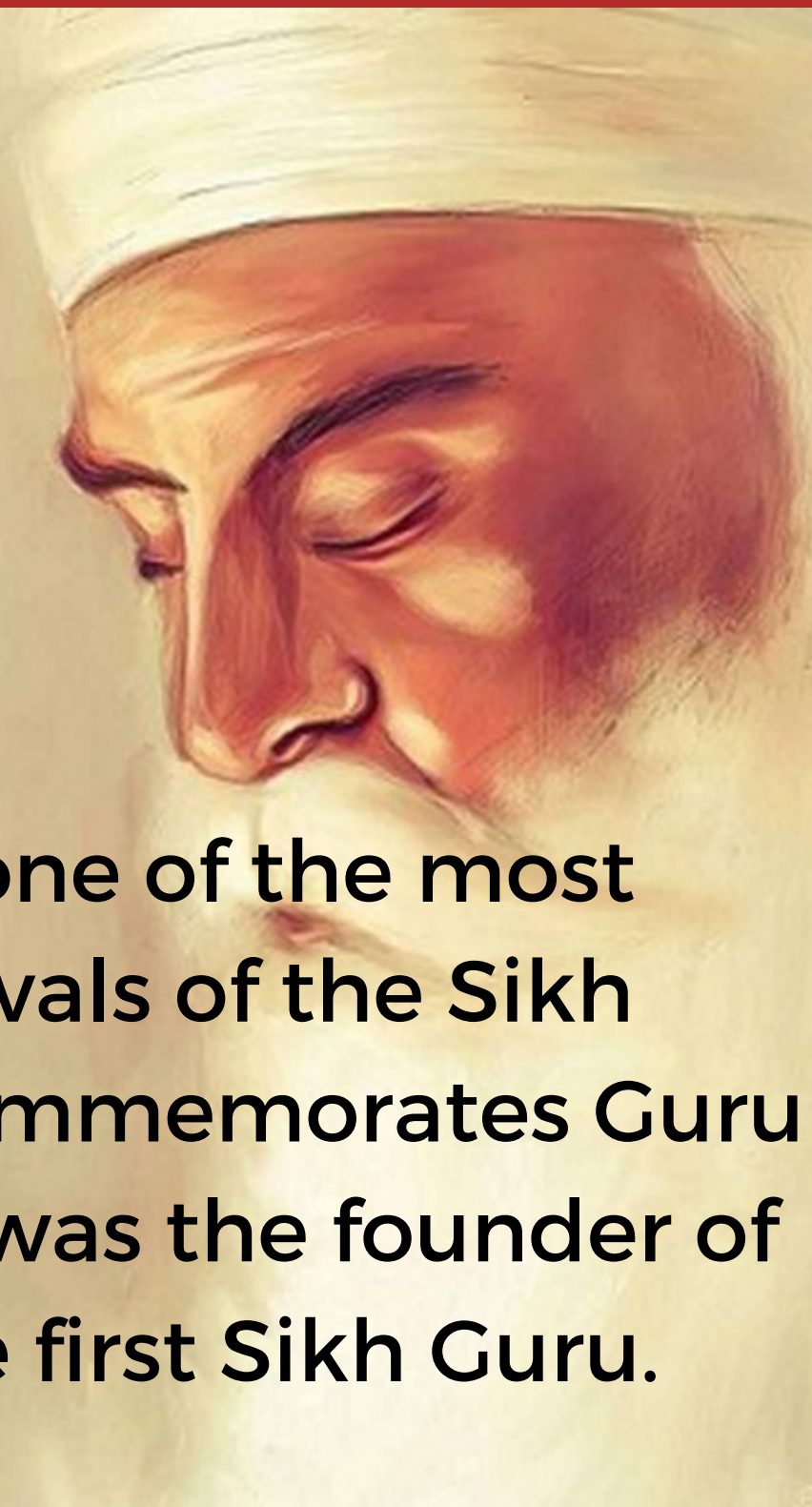
Please, take a moment to reflect on the freedoms and peace in your life, and to remember the men and women who served and sacrificed for all we have today. If a tax receipt is required, please donate directly with the Poppy Fund Canada.

Thank you for your support.



## November 8 Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib

This holiday is one of the most significant festivals of the Sikh community and commemorates Guru Nanak Sahib who was the founder of Sikhism and the first Sikh Guru.



**Thank you for the candy and sock/mitten donations for the student leaders at McMath! Your generosity is amazing!!**

# HOMMA SPIRIT WEAR IS HERE!



**Store  
opens on  
Nov 6!**

We are happy to be able to offer Spirit Wear to our Homma school community.

This year we will have lots of options to choose from: Hoodies, Crew Necks, T Shirts, Baseball Caps, Touques and much more.

Please visit the Homma Online Store for full list of options, pricing and ordering. The store will be open from November 6-20

[Click here for the HOMMA Spirit Wear Store](#)



**PRESENTS**

## Guest Speaker Deborah McNamara - Children and Anxiety -



Join us for a virtual meeting on Zoom at **6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 22nd** to hear author and speaker Deborah McNamara.

A link will be sent out shortly.

Deborah is a dynamic teacher and experienced counsellor with over 20 years' experience in educational and mental health settings. She is passionate in taking developmental science and making it applicable to everyday life in the home and classroom. The purpose of all services is to put adults in the driver's seat by making sense of kids from the inside out.

From everyday questions to complex problems, strategies for making headway with a child or teen is grounded in a rich developmental framework. Deborah will be sharing research and information about childhood anxiety, the importance of play and building resiliency. Deborah worked with Homma staff during our Professional Development Day in September. We encourage you to attend.

Thank you, Homma PAC, for supporting this opportunity for the school community.

If you would like to learn more about Deborah please go to her website @ <https://macnamara.ca/> or if you would like to learn more about her involvement in the Neufeld Institute, please go to <https://neufeldinstitute.org/person/deborah-macnamara/>



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



## Upcoming Hot Lunch

### Hot lunch Day

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

### Vendor

Pizza Factory  
Dairy Queen  
Pizza Factory  
Dairy Queen

### Deadline

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



# Kindergarten Registration

**NOV • DEC • JAN**

[www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten](http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten)



Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2018, turning 5 in 2023. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2023. Online registration opens on November 1, 2022. Please visit our website <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates and FAQs.

Families are encouraged to register any time during the Priority 1 registration period (November – January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 3, 2023.

Instead of in person information evenings this year, we have posted short videos that provide our new parents with information about the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options – Early French Immersion and Montessori. These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten>.

Finally, there will be a Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of students with additional support needs on ZOOM held on November 16 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. A link to the Zoom meeting will be posted on the Kindergarten Registration website closer to the meeting date <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten>

Thank you and please share this information with your friends and family who have Kindergarten aged children!



## Dress for the weather!

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



winter coat



rain coat



rain boots



mittens



touque



scarf



extra clothing  
including socks



## **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.

It would be **very helpful for cars not to left turn from Brunswick Dr** into the parking lot. Cars are unable to exit the parking lot thus causing an extreme back up for drop offs.

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.

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.

Thank you for your support with this.



# 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.**



# Important Message



## 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.



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](mailto: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