



WEEK AT A GLANCE

HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



January 16 - January 20

Monday, Jan. 16

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Wednesday, Jan. 18

Thursday, Jan. 19

Friday, Jan. 20

Hot Lunch
Sushi

**Notice of
Intent is due
today**

Important Dates

Jan. 13 - Black Excellence Day

Jan. 21 - Lincoln Alexander
Day

Jan. 22 - Chinese Lunar New Year

Jan. 26 - Vasant Panchami

Jan. 27 - International Holocaust
Remembrance Day

Feb. 22 - Pink Shirt Day

January 13 is Black Excellence Day

As a lead up to Black History Month in February, Black Excellence Day is today, Friday, January 13.

Black Excellence Day is a day to rejoice Black history and learn about Black stories, Black art and Black people, and a day to stand in solidarity with Black Canadians.

The term "Black Excellence" was born out of the civil rights movement in the 1960's and honours great civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who was born on January 15, 1929.

[Click here for event information.](#)

GOOD LUCK MR. VINES!

Late last week we learned that Mr. Vines, Vice Principal, is being reassigned to Diefenbaker Elementary School effective February 1st. Mr. Vines will leave a lasting impression on the Homma school community through the connections he has made. His gentle, caring, and compassionate approach to students, staff, and families will be missed. We are thankful for all that Mr. Vines has done for Homma. We wish him best of luck in his new role. Diefenbaker is lucky to have him!

Joining Homma from the Vancouver School District is Vice Principal Mme. Carriere. We are excited to be welcoming her to the school community and we are look forward to connecting with her in the weeks ahead.

WELCOME MME CARRIER!



Homma is ordering shirts for Pink Shirt Day.
Order deadline is Tuesday, January 17, 2023.
Please note, there are no sample sizes available.
Please check your School Cash Online account to order.

This year's "Lift Each Other Up" continues the message about diversity - the importance of embracing our cultures, identities, and true selves. It encourages respect and inclusion for everyone, while raising funds to support anti-bullying and support programs for kids in BC communities.

Pink Shirt Day is on Wednesday, February 22, 2023



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	32"	20.5"
S	34"	22"
M	36"	23.5"
L	38"	25"
XL	40"	26.5"
Tol.	+/- 0.5"	+/- 1"

Youth Size Chart
A - Chest
B - Length



Grade 7 Parent Information Evenings for 2023/2024 School Year

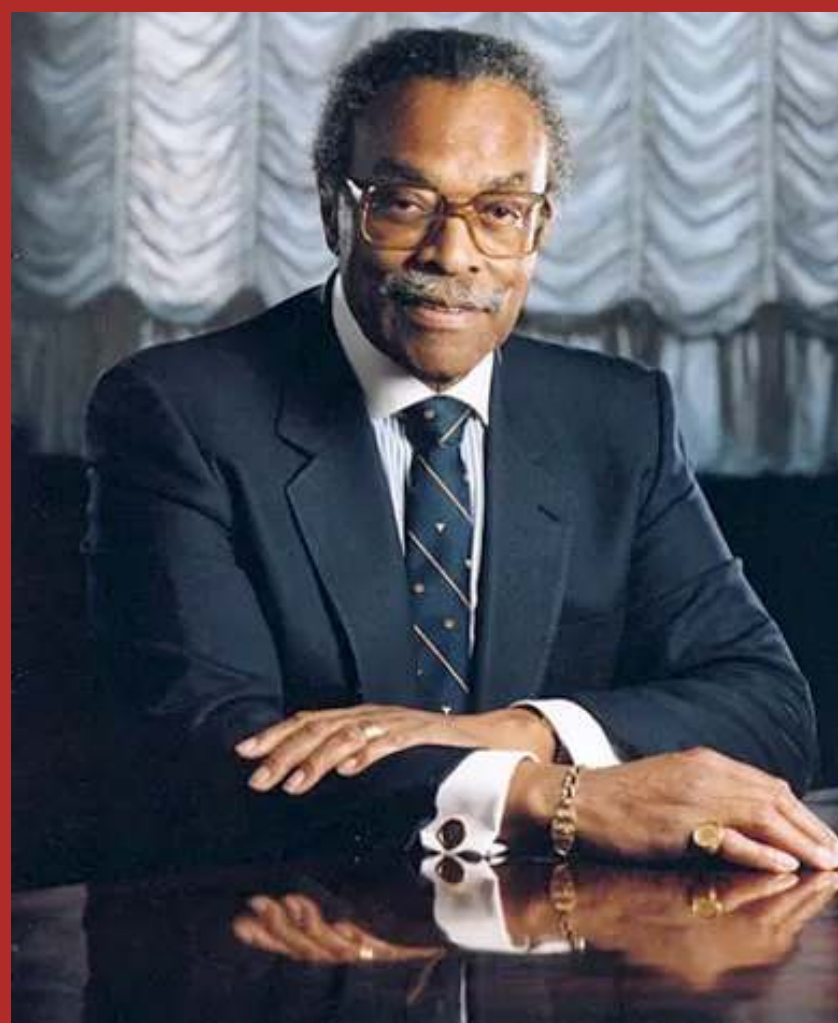
SCHOOL NAME

DATE

Hugh Boyd Secondary	January 26, 2023 @ 6:30pm
JN Burnett Secondary	January 25, 2023 @ 7:00pm via TEAMS
Cambie Secondary	January 17, 2023 @ 6:30pm
MacNeill Secondary	January 26, 2023 @ 6:30pm
McMath Secondary	February 16, 2023 @ 6:00pm
McRoberts Secondary	February 1, 2023 @ 6:00pm
McNair Secondary	January 26, 2023 @ 6:00pm
Palmer Secondary	January 26, 2023 @ 6:30pm
Richmond Secondary	February 9, 2023 @ 6:00pm
Steveston London Secondary	January 25, 2023 @ 7:00pm

For more information on the Grade 7 Parent Information Evenings, please contact the High Schools or check their school websites.

**January 21
is
Lincoln
Alexander Day**



Lincoln Alexander was a trailblazer who championed racial equality throughout his entire life. He paved the way for Black people to enter public service. Over the course of his long career, his many achievements were significant and monumental.

January 21 is known as Lincoln Alexander Day and this year also marks his 100th birthday. It is an opportunity to recognize the contributions of a man who dedicated his entire life to his community and his country.

[Click HERE for more information](#)



January 26, 2023

We want to wish Homma families who celebrate a Happy Vasant Panchami.

Vasant Panchami is considered to mark the beginning of spring and worshipping Goddess Saraswati on this day proves fruitful.

This Hindu festival is celebrated in various ways, depending on the region and religion.

[Click HERE for more information](#)

**We want to wish
Homma families who
celebrate the Lunar
New Year,
"Kung Hey Fat Choy."**



[Click HERE for more information](#)

Chinese New Year, also known as Lunar New Year or Spring Festival, is the most important festival in China and a major event in some other East Asian countries.

Chinese New Year is the festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional Chinese lunisolar calendar. It was traditionally a time to honor deities and ancestors, and it has also become a time to feast and visit family members.

Chinese New Year 2023 will fall on Sunday, January 22, 2023.

Each Chinese year is associated with an animal sign according to the Chinese zodiac cycle. 2023 is the year of the Rabbit, specifically, Water Rabbit. The sign of Rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace, and prosperity in Chinese culture. 2023 is predicted to be a year of hope.

Celebrations of Chinese New Year traditionally last for 16 days, starting from Chinese New Year's Eve to the Lantern Festival. The first 7 days are a public holiday, from January 21 to January 27, 2023.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM NEWS

We have exciting news!

Our Outdoor Classroom has been awarded a grant from Farm to School BC!



Homma was also lucky enough to WIN a greenhouse for the garden!

CONGRATULATIONS TO
TOMEKICHI HOMMA
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
ON WINNING THE
SECOND ANNUAL
GREAT GREENHOUSE
GIVEAWAY,
A 12' X 15'
HOBBY HOUSE!

Stay tuned to see how we
"grow" Homma's Outdoor Classroom.



DROP OFF LANE AND PARKING LOT SAFETY

To ensure the safety of all students, **please do not park in the drop off lane** to bring your child into the school as it disrupts the flow of traffic.

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 pull up as far as possible in the drop off lane when coming to school in the mornings.

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.





NEWS



All parents and guardians of children who attend Homma Elementary School are members of the Homma PAC and are crucial partners in creating a rich and fulfilling school experience for our children.

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PAC meeting of 2023 on Tuesday, January 24 virtually.

So far, our agenda includes PAC news and the Homma Admin Team's update.

Learn more at <https://homma.sd38.bc.ca/parent-advisory-council/2023/homma-pac-meeting-tuesday-january-24-2023>

Please submit any agenda items or questions to contacthommapac@gmail.com

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Hot Lunch Update for Term 2

[https://homma.sd38.bc.ca/files/homma/2023-](https://homma.sd38.bc.ca/files/homma/2023-01/January%202023%20Homma%20Hot%20Lunch%20Program%20Update_0.pdf)

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AN OFFERING FROM

HOMMA ELEMENTARY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)



West Coast Seeds

Untreated seeds for organic growing, non-gmo

Orders Open: Monday, January 9, 2023

Deadline to order: Friday, January 27, 2023

Every packet sold will earn 40% for our school community!

Order through the Fundraising West Coast Seeds Website:

fundraising.westcoastseeds.com

When you are ready to order, make your choices and add to your cart.

**Once you have completed your order, go to check out –
find our organization (Homma PAC) on the dropdown menu.**

No class number is needed.

Add in your details, and make payment directly online.

**Pick-up date: Thursday, March 2nd 2:30-4:30
at the front of the school.**



Step 1. Go to fundraising site at

fundraising.westcoastseeds.com

We will only get credit for seeds purchased from this fundraising site!

Step 2. SHOP!!!



You do not need to create an account. Do NOT use any order forms from this site. We are taking orders and payments directly on-line only.

Step 3. Check-Out through Your Cart

Input your contact information.

Select Homma PAC.

Class Number: Please fill out with ONE of these options –

- a) Name of oldest child at Homma (First name, Last name), or
- b) Friend/Family of [child first name, last name] at Homma, or
- c) Staff

Select your organization:

Homma PAC

Your Class Number (if applicable):

Name of oldest child at Homma (First & last name)

Your Phone Number:

Fill in your phone number

Step 4. Provide Payment Directly Online

Step 5. Pick up Seeds

Pick up your seeds from front of school on Thursday, March 2nd between 2:30-4:30pm.

RICHMOND

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

STUDENT AND FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND

As shared this past fall, the Student and Family Affordability Fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in the following areas:

- school and course fees**
- school supplies and course materials**
- field trips**
- school-related extracurricular opportunities**
- clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities**

The additional funding is also used to support school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students.

Please reach out to Mr. Cherry via email at dcherry@sd38.bc.ca if you are in need of assistance.

As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need in order to be successful at school.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

