






# WEEK AT A GLANCE

# HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



January 30 - February 3

<b>Monday, Jan. 30</b> Pro D Day 	<b>Tuesday, Jan. 31</b> Farewell & Good Luck Mr. Vines 	<b>Wednesday, Feb. 1</b> Welcome to Homma Mme Val 	<b>Thursday, Feb. 2</b> Outdoor Ed Parent Info Night in the gym @ 7:00pm	<b>Friday, Feb. 3</b> Hot Lunch Pizza
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## Important Dates

- Feb. 01** - Global School Play Day
- Feb. 02** - Outdoor Ed Parent Info Night
- Feb. 08** - PAC Bingo Night
- Feb. 16** - McMath Gr. 7 Parent Info Night

## 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 make sure to sign in so that we can adjust their attendance.

*Thank you!*



Today, January 27, International Holocaust Remembrance Day, a date designated by the UN to commemorate the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust at the hands of the Nazis. This date marks the anniversary of the Soviet army's liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration and death camp. On this annual day of commemoration, the Richmond School District pays tribute to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust. The district is committed to supporting those who identify as being a part of the Jewish faith and will continue to develop educational programs that help prevent antisemitism, racism and other forms of intolerance.



# 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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## West Coast Seeds

*Untreated seeds for organic growing, non-gmo*

**LAST DAY TO ORDER!** Support the Homma School Community by purchasing your seeds via our West Coast Seeds Fundraiser: <https://homma.sd38.bc.ca/parent-advisory-council/news/2023/01/fundraiser-homma-pac-west-coast-seeds>. 40% of sales will go directly to our school!! Your order will be delivered to the school and ready for pick up on Mar. 2 in time for spring planting!



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# BINGO!

**FAMILY BINGO NIGHT IS BACK!** Join us on Wed. Feb. 8 at 6:00pm. Admission to the event is free, but you must reserve your spot by ordering a ticket for each family member attending at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/520667339027>. Please be prepared to show your e-ticket(s) upon arrival. Seating is limited due to the gym's capacity. Not sure about dinner plans? Fresh Slice Pizza can be pre-ordered by Feb. 1 (9:00pm) for Bingo Night on the Hot Lunch website. Please note that there will be no pizza sold onsite at the event.



# HOMMA Gr. 6/7 BASKETBALL

## COMPETITIVE TEAMS & INTRAMURAL PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No Morning Practices	7:45am BOYS Practice	No Morning Practices	7:45am BOYS Practice	No Morning Practices
Lunchtime GIRLS Practice	Lunchtime BOYS Practice	Lunchtime INTRAMURALS	Lunchtime GIRLS Practice	Lunchtime BOYS Practice

## GAME Schedule for February

Tuesday, January 31	BOYS	Away @ Diefenbaker
Wednesday, February 1	GIRLS	Away @ Diefenbaker
Wednesday, February 8	BOYS	Away @ Westwind
Tuesday, February 14	GIRLS	Home vs Diefenbaker
Wednesday, February 15	BOYS	Home vs Westwind
Thursday, February 23	BOYS	Away @ Byng
Monday, February 27	GIRLS	Away @ Byng
Tuesday, February 28	GIRLS	Home vs Byng



Wednesday, February 1 is Global School Play Day!

Numerous studies have shown unstructured play time is linked to improved social, emotional, and academic outcomes (for example, independence, language development, problem solving and critical thinking skills - with an increase in overall positive behaviour).

You can read more about the day on the  
GSPD website

[www.globalschoolplayday.com](http://www.globalschoolplayday.com)



# Important Parent Information

## February 2 at 7:00pm - Camp Jubilee Info Night for Gr 6/7

Camp Jubilee staff will be coming to Homma to provide an overview of our upcoming visit and answer questions that families and/or students may have. We will meet in the gym. The meeting should be about an hour in length.

## February 16 at 6:00pm - McMath Grade 7 Parent Info Night

We are encouraging parents/guardians to attend to learn more about the transition to Grade 8 at McMath.

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.

# **OUTDOOR CLASSROOM NEWS**

## **Research Project coming to Homma!**

**The Play Outside UBC Lab and researchers from Norway are working together to do a research study at Homma. Researchers would like to know more about how kids, aged 8-10 (grades 3-5), deal with risks in everyday situations.**

**To do this, researchers will be using virtual reality technology, and asking kids to do three common tasks within virtual reality:**

- crossing a road with car and bike traffic;**
- crossing a river; and,**
- getting from point A to point B on a balancing frame.**

**Afterwards, students will be interviewed to discuss their experiences. When this study was done in Norway, children said the virtual reality tasks were a lot of fun.**

**The consent form for parents and guardians and the assent form for children has been emailed to parents of students in grades 3-5 and has more detailed information about the study. If you are interested in having your child take part in the study, please check for the email from your child's teacher.**

**Researchers for this project will be on site at our school February 8-15.**



## 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.



## 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