



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

# HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



January 9 - January 13

**Monday, Jan. 9**

**Notice of Intent  
to Attend  
form going home  
today**

**Tuesday, Jan. 10**

**Wednesday, Jan. 11**

**Thursday, Jan. 12**

**Friday, Jan. 13**

**Hot Lunch  
Pizza**

### **Important Dates**

**Jan. 07** - Ukrainian  
Christmas

**Jan. 17** - Raoul Wallenberg  
Day

**Jan. 20** - Hot Lunch

**Jan. 22** - Lunar New Year

## 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!*



**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)



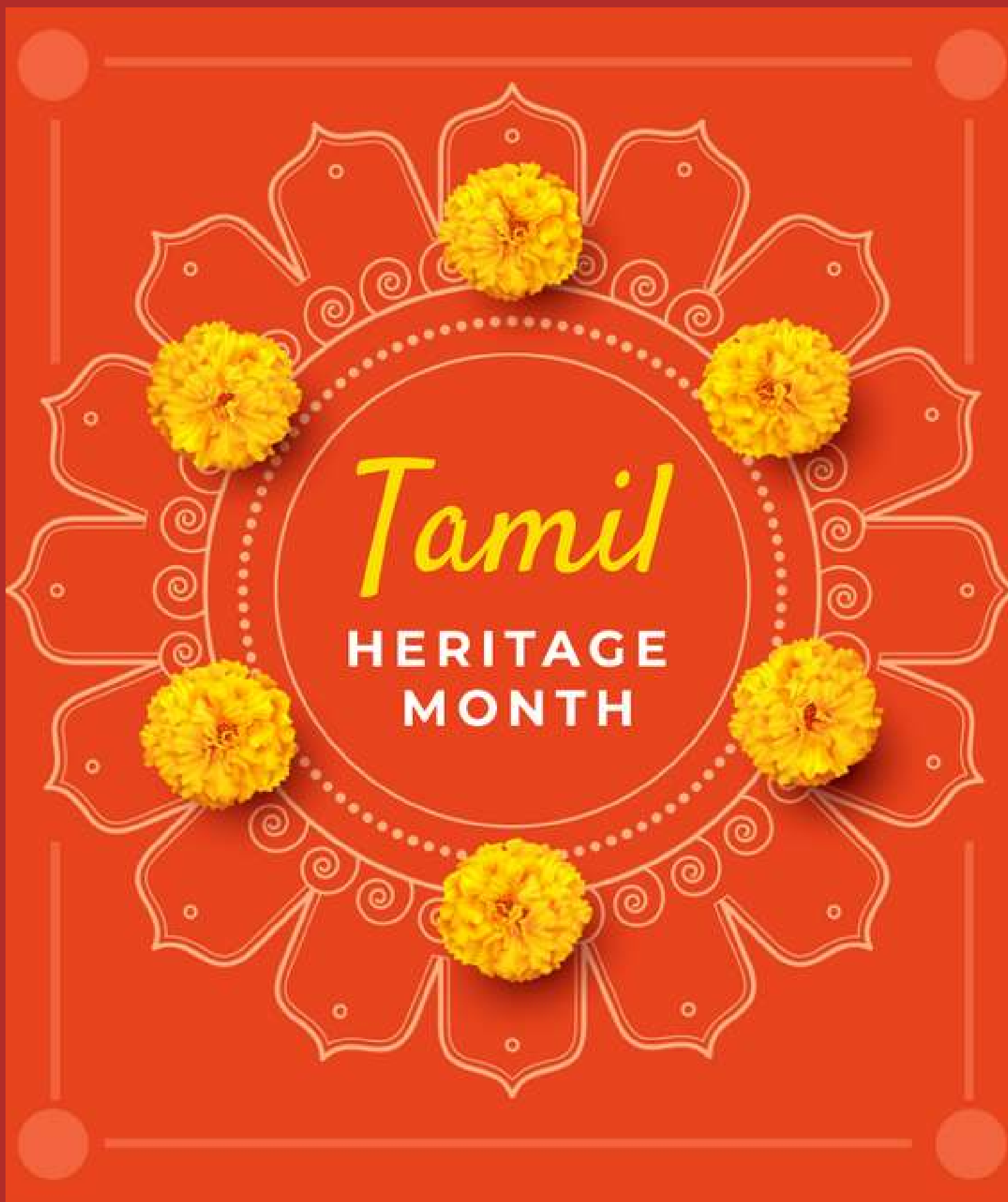
## January is Tamil Heritage Month in Canada

Approximately 200,000 Tamil people call Canada home. The theme of this year's Tamil Heritage Month is "Tamils in Trade and Commerce."

Celebrated in Canada each year since 2016, this month is an opportunity to recognize the major contributions Tamil people have made to the growth and prosperity of the country, while overcoming tremendous obstacles.

### Facts About Tamil Culture & Traditions:

- The Tamil people are an ethnic group originally from southern India and Sri Lanka with a recorded history going back more than 2,000 years.
- The Tamil language is considered a classical language, like Hebrew, Latin or Greek.
- Tamil People practice a variety of faiths including Hinduism, Islam, Christianity and Jainism.
- Tamil Heritage Month is celebrated in January to coincide with the celebration of Thai Pongal, a Tamil harvest festival, as well as other Tamil artistic and cultural events.
- A common greeting in Tamil is to say "Vanakkam" while joining your palms together over your heart in a prayer position.



## January 17 is Raoul Wallenberg Day

"Today, we pay tribute to Raoul Wallenberg, a remarkable hero and humanitarian who put his life in jeopardy to save some hundred thousand Hungarian Jews from persecution and death during the Holocaust.

"Working as a Swedish diplomat in Budapest, Mr. Wallenberg conducted one of the most extensive and successful rescue efforts during the Second World War. Shortly after his arrival in Hungary in July 1944, he issued special protective passports – Schutz-Passes – to thousands of Jews, giving them diplomatic immunity and saving them from deportation to death camps. Under increasingly dangerous circumstances, Mr. Wallenberg also established dozens of safe houses that served as hideouts for Jews fleeing persecution, which were operating under the protection of the Swedish flag. His commitment to this humanitarian cause did not end there – he went on to organize a network of hospitals, soup kitchens, and orphanages that provided Jews with safety and security in Nazi-occupied Hungary in 1944 and the beginning of 1945.

"Over the course of six months, Mr. Wallenberg saved more Jews from the Holocaust than any other individual, group, or government. Tragically, he disappeared in 1945, following his arrest by Soviet forces toward the end of the war. While his fate remains unknown, Mr. Wallenberg's legacy lives on through the stories of survivors and lives saved, and the several monuments, institutions, awards, and honours around the world that now bear his name. In 1985, the Government of Canada named Mr. Wallenberg its first honorary citizen, and in 2001, designated January 17 – the day of his disappearance in 1945 – as Raoul Wallenberg Day to ensure that his personal example of heroism, courage, and decency is always remembered. In addition, at the Malmö International Forum on Holocaust Remembrance and Combating Antisemitism on October 13, 2021, the Government of Canada pledged to use the legacy of Raoul Wallenberg as an inspirational role model to educate and raise awareness about the Holocaust and antisemitism in Canada.



"Mr. Wallenberg's work served as a beacon of light during the darkest days of the Second World War. The Government of Canada will always continue to fight – and reject – antisemitism, hatred, and racism in all of their forms. This past November, we reappointed the Honourable Irwin Cotler as Canada's Special Envoy on Preserving Holocaust Remembrance and Combatting Antisemitism. The government will also keep honouring Mr. Wallenberg, as well as the victims and survivors of the Holocaust, by defending our core principles of peace, freedom, democracy, and human rights when they are threatened.

"On this day, I encourage all Canadians to find inspiration in Mr. Wallenberg's legacy. His undeniable bravery serves as a reminder to us all to protect our most vulnerable and fight against discrimination as we work to build a more just, inclusive, and compassionate society – here at home and around the world."

The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau





December 2022

## WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Things to consider if your child feels unwell:

1. The wellbeing of your child. Without proper rest, a child may have a hard time fighting an illness or be at risk for other illnesses.
2. The ability of your child to actively take part and learn at school.
3. The school staff cannot care for a sick child and give them the support that they may need.
4. The protection of other children.

Please keep your child home if they:

- Have a fever.
- Are too sick to take part in all normal school activities.
- Have a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox, measles).
- Is vomiting or has diarrhea. It is recommended that students be symptom free at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Keep your child home until they are able to participate fully in normal school activities or as told by a health care provider.

Please let the school know your child's symptoms, as per the school's call back procedures.

If the school finds it necessary to send your child home because of illness, please make sure you have arranged an emergency contact if you are not available. Inform your school of these arrangements.

### Where can I find more Information?

**Health Link BC** – By calling 8-1-1, you can speak to a health service navigator, who can help you find information and services, or connect you with a health professional. You can also find information online at <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca>

**Sneezes and Diseases** – online at <https://sneezesdiseases.com/>

**BCCDC** – online at Schools ([bccdc.ca](https://bccdc.ca))

**VCH** – online at Children, youth & schools - Vancouver Coastal Health ([vch.ca](https://vch.ca))



# 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.

## Happy New Year Homma Families!

You can now order hot lunches for dates from January to March 2023.



Orders can be submitted at  
<https://homma.hotlunches.net!>



To learn more about how to order, please check out  
our FAQs at  
<https://homma.sd38.bc.ca/files/homma/2022-09/Homma%20Hot%20Lunch%20Update%20and%20FAQs%20-%20September%202022.pdf>

## Upcoming Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch Day	Vendor	Order Deadline (9pm)
Friday, January 13	Pizza Factory	Thursday, January 5
Friday, January 20	Takeya Sushi	Thursday, January 12
Friday, January 27	Dairy Queen	Thursday, January 19
Friday, February 3	Pizza Factory	Thursday, January 26
Friday, February 10	Dairy Queen	Thursday, February 2
Friday, February 24	Boston Pizza	Thursday, February 16
Friday, March 3	Dairy Queen	Thursday, February 23
Friday, March 10	Pizza Factory	Thursday, March 2



# SWIS

## Settlement Workers In Schools Presents

**Connecting Math  
Learning  
Between School and  
Home**

**Janice Novakowski**  
**Wednesday, January 11**  
**From 10 am to 11:30 am**

**To register:**



More Info: [mbharaj@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:mbharaj@sd38.bc.ca)



**SWIS**

RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Settlement Workers  
In Schools

**RICHMOND**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.38

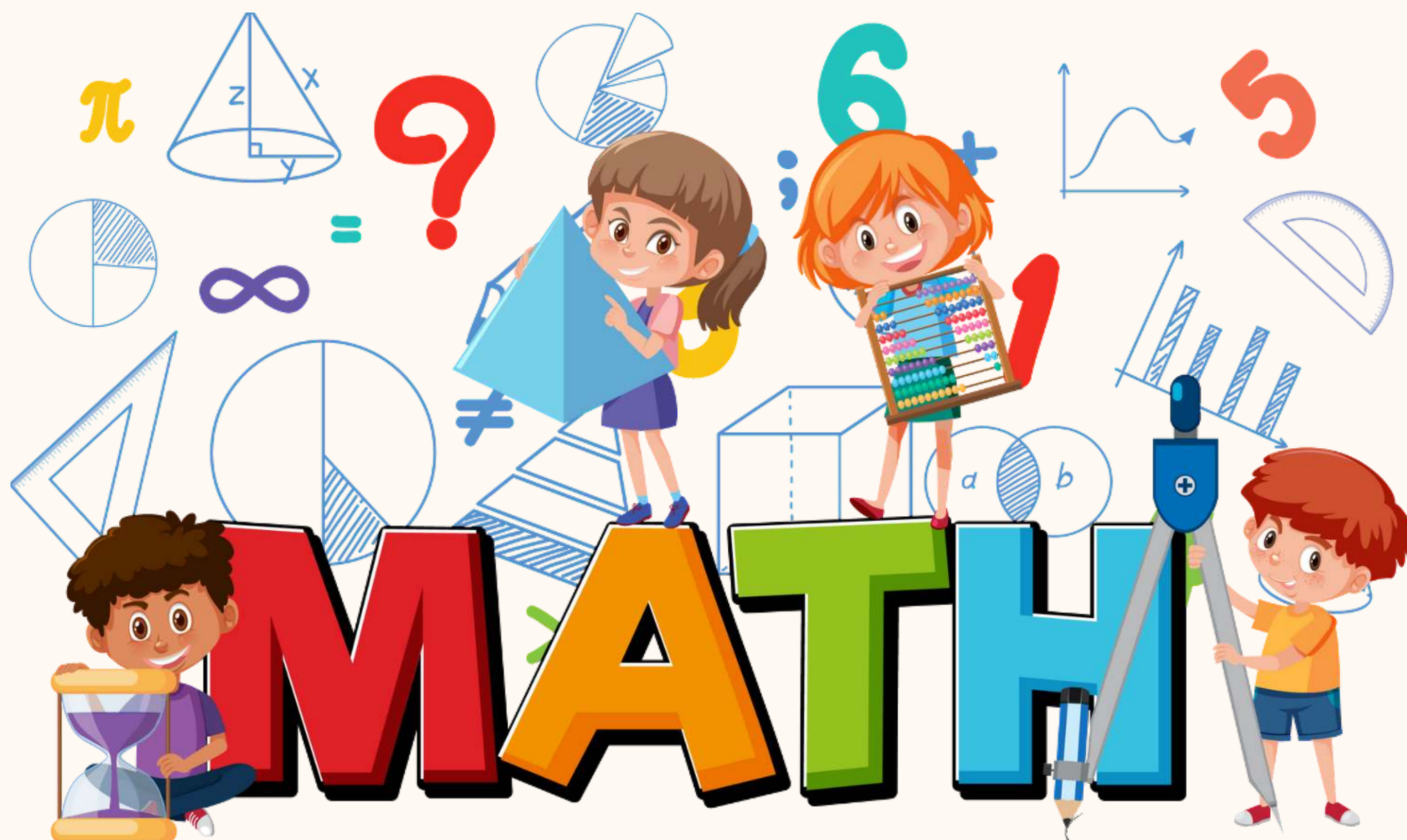


Richmond  
Public Library



Immigration, Refugees  
and Citizenship Canada

Immigration, Réfugiés  
et Citoyenneté Canada







## 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.

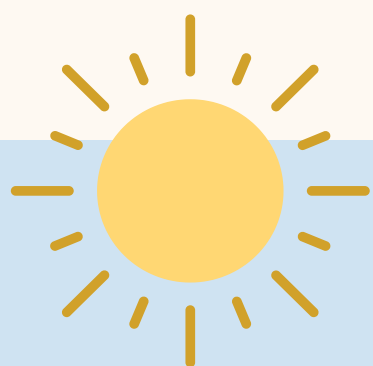
It would be **very helpful for cars not to left turn from Brunswick Dr** into the parking lot. Cars are unable to exit the parking lot thus causing an extreme back up for drop offs.

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 to snow, cold and rain, it might be helpful to bring:



winter coat



rain coat



rain boots or  
winter boots



mittens



touque



scarf



extra clothing  
including socks