



WEEK AT A GLANCE

HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



January 23 - January 27

Monday, Jan. 23

Gr. 6/7 Basketball
practices begin.
See schedule
below.



Tuesday, Jan. 24

Wednesday, Jan. 25

Karim Essa
Dance Workshop
K-7

Thursday, Jan. 26

Friday, Jan. 27

Hot Lunch
Dairy Queen

Family Literacy Week Jan 22-29

Important Dates

Jan. 22 - Chinese Lunar New Year

Jan. 22-29 - Family Literacy Week

Jan. 24 - World Day for African and
Afro Descendant Culture

Feb. 02 - Outdoor Ed 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!*

HOMMA Gr. 6/7 BASKETBALL



COMPETITIVE TEAMS & INTRAMURAL PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Basketball practices will begin the week of January 23, 2023.
Stay tuned for the GAME schedule.



Monday, Jan. 23

No Morning
Practices

Lunchtime
GIRLS Practice

Tuesday, Jan. 24

No Morning
Practices

Lunchtime
BOYS Practice

Wednesday, Jan. 25

No Morning
Practices

Lunchtime
INTRAMURALS

Thursday, Jan. 26

No Morning
Practices

Lunchtime
GIRLS Practice

Friday, Jan. 27

No Morning
Practices

Lunchtime
BOYS Practice



Important Parent Information

February 2nd 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 16th 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.



Family Literacy Week



Make it count!
Play * Sort * Measure



Resources to support Numeracy at Home!

- [Where does math live in our Community this winter?](#) [CLICK HERE](#)
- Are you looking for ways to [build numeracy during everyday activities](#) with your children?? [CLICK HERE](#)
- Are your older kids working on reading infographics? [Discuss these from Stats Can!](#) [CLICK HERE](#)

Supporting Literacy at Home

Younger Children

- Read books and nursery rhymes aloud together in any language
- Talk daily about home and community life
- Sing, draw and tell stories
- Notice letters and words in the spaces



Older Children

- Play word games and point out new words
- Ask questions before, during or after reading
- Encourage and support different types of reading material
- Discuss events in the community and consider different opinions

"Literacy and numeracy are fundamental to all learning. While they are commonly associated with language learning and mathematics, literacy and numeracy are applied in all areas of learning."

Primary School
DIARY

Literacy is the ability to understand, critically analyze, and create a variety of forms of communication, including oral, written, visual, digital, and multimedia, in order to accomplish one's goals.

Numeracy Is the ability to understand and apply mathematical concepts, processes, and skills to solve problems in a variety of contexts.

Why read with children at home?

- Helps in language development
- Aids in brain development
- Strengthens family relationships
- Improves imagination and creativity
- Leads to academic success
- Aids in understanding a world outside our own!

The Public Library is an excellent place for literacy and numeracy adventures!



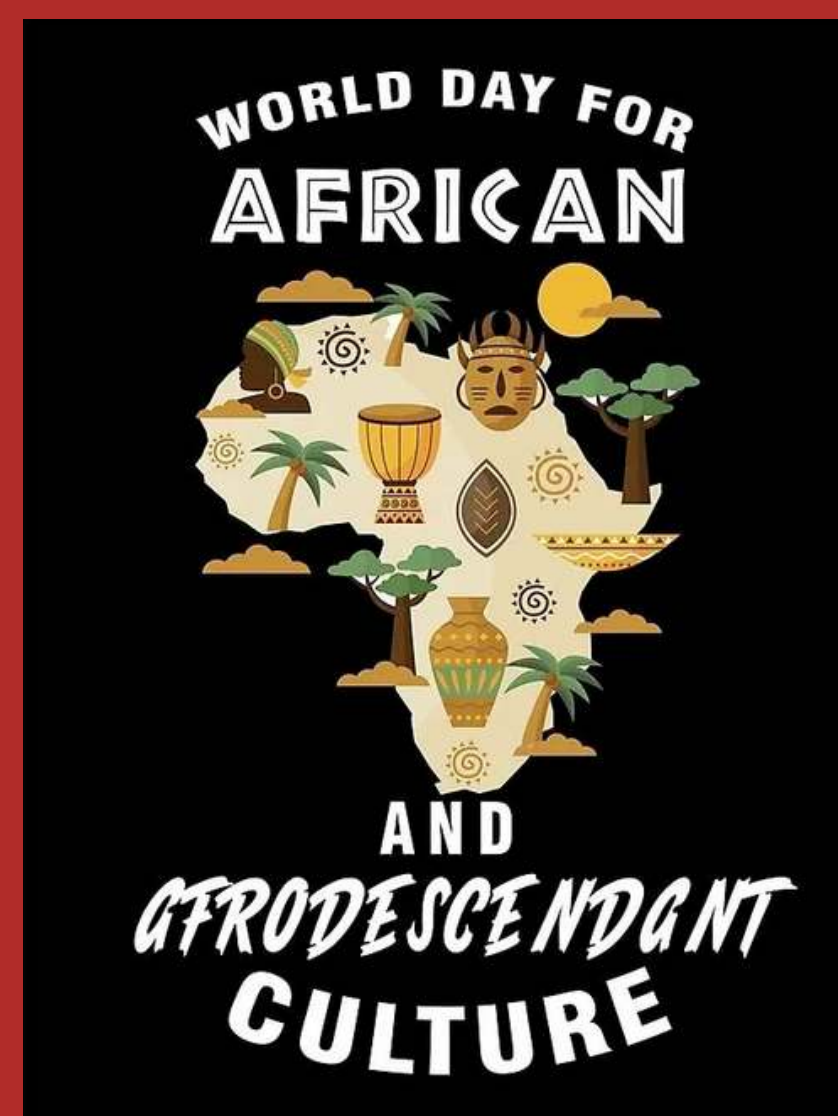
Karima Essa Dance Workshop

January 25



In her trademark charming and humorous style, award-winning Bollywood dancer and choreographer Karima Essa showcases Bollywood dance as a fun cultural art form by opening with an electrifying dance in full regalia.

She leads a fun and engaging dance workshop to inspire people of all ages and abilities to get up on dance with her. Students will learn the basic elements of Bollywood dance, including signature neck and head movements, facial expressions and foot and hand movements, to current Bollywood hits.



January 24, 2023 is World Day for African and Afro Descendant Culture (WDAC).

It is a day for us to highlight the contributions of the many living cultures of the African continent and the African diasporas around the world, as well as their role in driving sustainable development, dialogue, and peace.

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.



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 6:30pm 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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Connect with the school community as we bring back a popular

Homma event - Family Bingo Night!

More details to come next week,

but mark your calendars for the evening of Wednesday, February 8!

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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.



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.

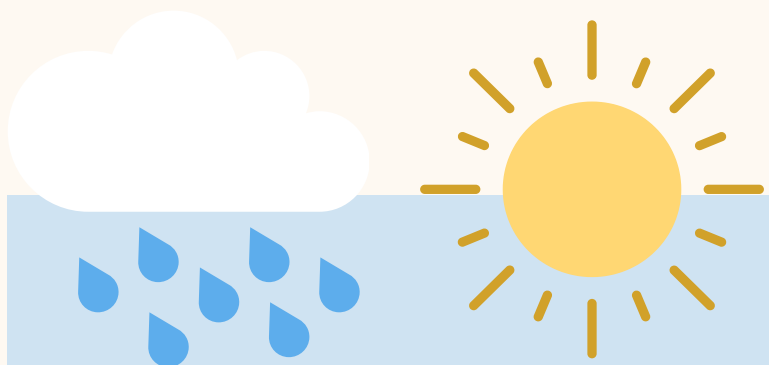
It would be **very helpful for cars not to left turn from Brunswick Dr** into the parking lot. Cars are unable to exit the parking lot thus causing an extreme back up for drop offs.

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