



# WEEK AT A GLANCE

# HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

December 11-15

Monday, Dec 11

Tuesday, Dec 12

Wednesday, Dec 13

Thursday, Dec 14

Friday, Dec 15

Maker Minds Club  
at lunch

Chess Club at lunch

Hot Lunch  
Pizza

Karima Essa  
Presentation  
(French)  
1:15pm

Karima Essa FRENCH Workshop December 11-15

## Important Dates

- Dec 15.....Karima Essa French Presentation
- Dec 21.....Report Cards Published
- Dec 22.....Last Day before Winter Break
- Dec 25-Jan 05.....Winter Break
- Jan 08.....Back to School



### HAPPY HANUKKAH

Hanukkah (also spelled Chanukah or Chanukkah) is a Jewish holiday that lasts for eight nights and usually occurs in December. It is also known as the Festival of Lights.

According to tradition, the Jews found only one small jar of lamp oil when they entered the Temple, enough for just one night. With the oil, they relit the Temple's lamps. Miraculously, the oil lasted for eight nights until more oil was obtained.

To celebrate the eight nights of Hanukkah people light candles on a branched candlestick called a menorah. They start with one candle and add a new candle each night. In addition to the lighting of the candles, gifts are exchanged and children play holiday games during Hanukkah.

Hanukkah starts the evening of December 7 and ends on December 15.



## Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Calendar for December

- Dec 07-15.....Hannukah
- Dec 25.....Christmas
- Dec 26-Jan 01.....Kwanzaa



# SPIRIT DAYS

**Friday  
Dec 8**

## **Fun Friday Hair Day**

**Students are encouraged to style their hair in a creative and fun way!**

**Friday  
Dec 22**

## **PJ Day**

**Students are encouraged to wear their favourite PJ's for our last day of school for 2023.**

**THANK  
YOU!**

*Thank  
you!*

We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to our teacher volunteers for taking time to supervise the Volleyball teams and the Fun Run.

Thank you the following:

Mr. Dempsey  
Mr. Dhollivar  
Ms. Kerr  
Mme Lisa

Thank you for your generosity to the McMath Holiday Drive and the Shoebox Project! We were able to donate 3 very large rubbermaid boxes of personal care items!

Thank you Homma Families!!

*Thank  
you!*

# • MCMATH HOLIDAY • MARKET

McMath Secondary is looking for vendors (and audience members!) for its Winter Concert and Holiday Market which will take place on Thursday December 14th at 7pm. Interested makers/vendors can fill out the Google form on McMath's website or contact Mme. M<sup>lle</sup> Abbé [mabbé@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:mabbé@sd38.bc.ca) directly. There is no table fee for this event.

Thank you so much for your support!

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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

## Richmond School District IPALS Sessions for 2024 For New to Canada Families with Pre-schoolers

To register:

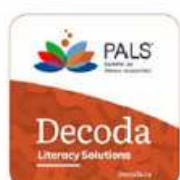
Ask your StrongStart Educator at Grauer, Lee, McNeely, Thompson  
or Woodward and Currie Early Learning Centre

By Email: Megan Zeni [mzeni@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:mzeni@sd38.bc.ca)

Intake sessions: Tuesday & Thursday, January 9th  
and January 11th from 9:00- 11:00am

Program runs Tuesday or Thursday morning. Sessions run  
from January -March 9:00- 11:30am

All sessions are held at Woodward Elementary Strong Start  
10300 Seacote Road, Richmond



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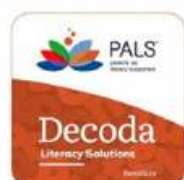
## IPALS Sessions for January-March 2024

Please attend either Tuesday or Thursday at Woodward StrongStart

- u Session 1: ABC's and Learning Tuesday January 16 OR Thursday, January 18
- u Session 2: Print in our Community Tuesday, January 23 OR, Thursday January 25
- u Session 3: Storybook Reading and Learning to Read Tuesday, January 30 OR, Thursday February 1
- u Session 4: Linking Literacy and Play Tuesday, February 6 OR, Thursday February 8
- u Session 5: Early Writing Tuesday, February 13 OR, Thursday February 15
- u Session 6: Early Math Tuesday, February 20 OR, Thursday February 22
- u Session 7: Riddles, Raps and Rhymes Tuesday, February 27 OR, Thursday February 29
- u Session 8: Tiny Techies/ Physical Literacy/ Celebration Tuesday, March 5 OR, Thursday March 7
- u *Registration is limited to 12 caregivers and their children. Dates reflect holidays and pro-d days.*
- u **Families who register for Tuesday sessions attend only on Tuesday 9-11:30.**
- u **Families who register for Thursday sessions attend only on Thursday 9-11:30.**



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# NEWS



As a Homma parent, you are automatically a valued member of the PAC. If you're eager to contribute more, feel free to reach out by:


- Email [contacthommapac@gmail.com](mailto:contacthommapac@gmail.com)
- Join our WhatsApp group

We also invite all parents to join the Homma PAC Community on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @HommaPAC, where we regularly share updates and information!



The next PAC meeting is set for Thursday, January 18 starting at 6:30 p.m. It will be conducted virtually. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join us on WhatsApp!



Homma PAC Parents  
WhatsApp group

Scan or upload this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to join this group

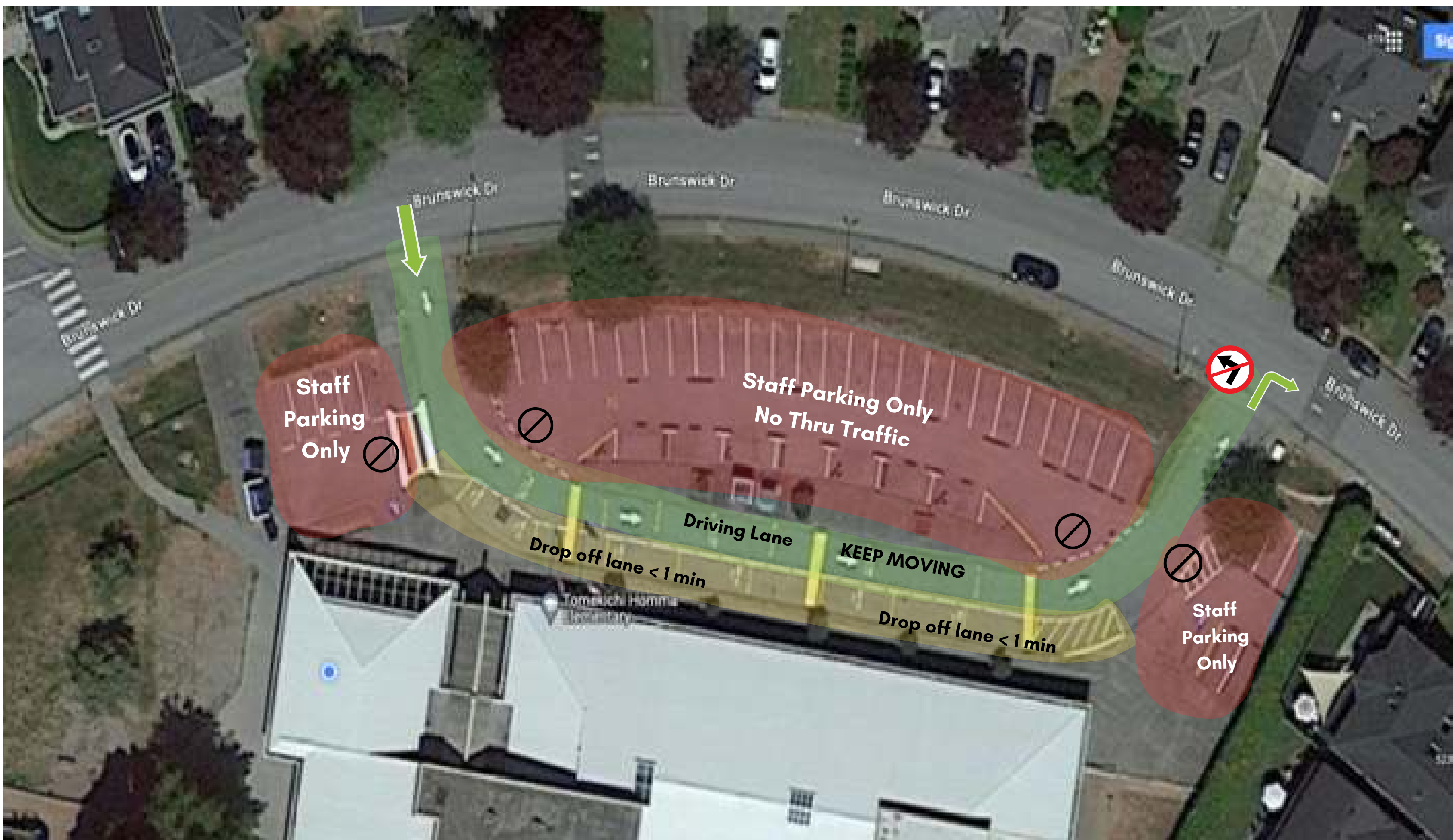
<b><u>Upcoming Hot Lunch</u></b>		
<b>Hot Lunch Day</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Order Deadline (9pm)</b>
Friday, Dec 15	Pizza Factory	Thursday, Dec 07



# PLEASE KEEP OUR PARKING LOT SAFE

We appreciate and are thankful for families who are following the parking and traffic expectations around the school. By working together, we can all help to make sure that our Homma students and families are safe.

## Homma Parking Lot Map



November 15, 2023



Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Richmond School District is implementing a new communication tool that will enable both the district and your child's school to send you text messages. This is being implemented to improve the ability to deliver time-sensitive information to you, including emergency notifications. Given the significance of this communication tool, we strongly encourage you to opt-in for this service.

You can choose to opt-in by texting 978338 with a Yes. Please complete this action before November 30, 2023.

To opt-in, please send a text message with a  
Y or YES to 978338



Once you have opted in, you should receive a confirmation text message from School Messenger. School Messenger is fully compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge, ensuring the safety and confidentiality of your information. Your data will never be shared or sold to any third party.

Thank you for staying connected with us through this new communication tool.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### *How do I "opt-in" to receive text messages?*

- Ensure your child's school has your cell number listed within MyEducation BC.
- Text Y to 978338 from each wireless device you wish to receive texts on.

#### *How do I "opt-out" of receiving text messages?*

- Recipients not wishing to receive text messages to a particular number can simply do one of the following:
  - Do not opt-in and do not reply to the opt-in invitation message.
  - Text STOP to 978338 at any time.
  - Opt-out online at <http://schoolmessenger.com/btmsg>.

#### *I "opted-in", but I am not receiving texts?*

- Ensure that your child's school has your correct cell phone number in the MyEducation BC Student Information System. It may take 24 hours for a number to become active after being changed or added.
- Send a text with Y, from that specific device to 978338. You should receive an opt-in confirmation message from the service.
- To receive texts on multiple devices, each device number must complete the opt-in process.

#### *Will I be charged for the text messages I receive?*

- School Messenger does not charge recipients for text messages they receive or send, if using a Canada-based phone number; however, wireless providers may charge for individual text messages, depending on the plan associated with the wireless device. Please consult your carrier if you are uncertain if you have a text messaging plan.



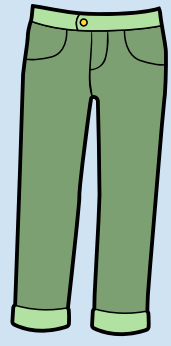
# Dress for the Weather



As our weather is changing and its getting wet and cold, it might be helpful to bring:



rain coat



rain pants



rain boots



mittens and scarf



winter coat



extra clothing including socks

## 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.

Staying home when sick helps keep our entire school community healthy including teachers, admin staff and students. **Please do your part and stay home when sick.**



## 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!*



**If your child needs to leave school early.....**

**If your child needs to leave early for an appointment or needs to be pulled from school for any reason, PLEASE email your teacher and the Homma Office [homma@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:homma@sd38.bc.ca)**

**This will be less disruptive to the rest of the class if the teacher knows ahead of time that a student will be leaving. Thank you!**

