

" Home of the Blundell Bobcats!"








Blundell Bobcats Bulletin



Acknowledgement of Territory:

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the Hə́n̓qə́m̓i̓nə́m (Hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn, and live.

January 6-10, 2025

Monday, January 6	Tuesday, January 7	Wednesday, January 8	Thursday, January 9	Friday, January 10
<p>Open Gym Basketball with Coach Dhillon from McNair at lunchtime</p>  	<p>Dance Club with Ms. Chen at lunchtime</p> 	 <p>Hot Lunch: Pizza Day</p>	<p>Breakfast Club 8:00 am</p>	<p>Hot Lunch: Pasta</p>  <div data-bbox="1143 1415 1576 2070" style="border: 1px solid brown; padding: 10px;"> <p>Reminder: Kindly please report any absences, lates, early dismissals, etc. to our Early Warning Line at (604) 668-6519 Please include your child's name, Division, why they will be away and for how long. Thank you.</p> </div>

DON'T FORGET

January 27: Professional Development Day--students do not attend on this day

Thank You to our Blundell PAC!



UPDATES FROM THE PAC

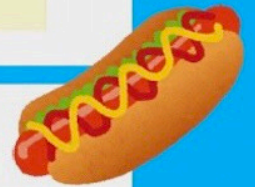
HOT LUNCH - JAN, FEB, MAR

- MunchaLunch is NOW OPEN!!
- We are accepting orders for Jan, Feb, Mar (19 lunches! All the way until Spring Break! WOW!)
- Order some or all at once.
- DEADLINES: Orders CLOSE ONE WEEK BEFORE lunch. Please don't miss these deadlines!
- If you have late requests/changes to make, you can email us and we will try to help you!
- Look for new menu items including A&W and Subway!
- TIP for Subway, you can choose your sandwich toppings from this menu. It appears at the END of ordering, just before payment:



PARENT VOLUNTEERS

- Hot Dog Day is Friday Jan 17 and we NEED EXTRA parents to help! If you can help cook hot dogs, or help with distributing food and snacks, please email us at blundell.elementary.pac@gmail.com to let us know!
- If you're free on any other hot lunch days, on Wednesday or Friday, you are welcome to come to the gym to help us. No experience is necessary. Email us or sign up via MunchaLunch on the days you're available!



NEXT PAC MEETING

- Friday Jan 17, 2025 at 1:15pm in the library after hot dog day!
- All parents are welcome to the meeting! Come to listen, chat, and learn more about your child's school.

blundell.elementary.pac@gmail.com

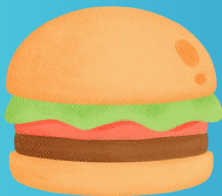
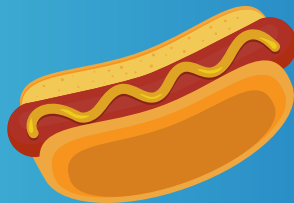
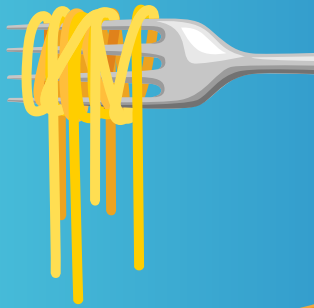


Thank You to our Blundell PAC!

Thank you to our hardworking PAC for organizing and supporting fun, special schoolwide activities including our twice weekly hot lunches, memorable activities like our pumpkin patch, Terry Fox run in the fall, and the Family Night Skate held the week before winter break! Your efforts and time help make Blundell the special school community that it is! We appreciate all of your efforts from term one, and look forward to working with the PAC in the new year as well! If you would like to hear more about the PAC, or hear about how you can participate in these events, please come and join us at our next PAC meeting on Friday, January 17 at 1:15 pm in the library! All are welcome to attend!



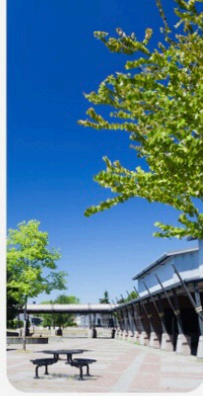
HOT LUNCH MENUS FOR TERM TWO:



Menus Available: (Scroll down and click Next)

01/08 (Wed) - Pizza Wednesday
01/10 (Fri) - Pasta
01/15 (Wed) - Pizza Wednesday
01/17 (Fri) - Hot Dog
01/22 (Wed) - Pizza Wednesday
01/24 (Fri) - Subway
01/29 (Wed) - Pizza Wednesday
01/31 (Fri) - A&W
02/05 (Wed) - Pizza Wednesday
02/07 (Fri) - Sushi and Rice Bowls
02/12 (Wed) - Pizza Wednesday
02/19 (Wed) - Pizza Wednesday
02/21 (Fri) - Taco Luis
02/26 (Wed) - Pizza Wednesday
02/28 (Fri) - Subway
03/05 (Wed) - Pizza Wednesday
03/07 (Fri) - Sushi and Rice Bowls
03/12 (Wed) - Pizza Wednesday
03/14 (Fri) - A&W

District Information: Long Range Facilities Plan Information Session and Invitation



Date: January 14, 2025

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Where: Zoom

Register: QR code below

ONLINE PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

LONG-RANGE FACILITIES PLAN

The Richmond School District invites community members to participate in an Online Public Open House.

This virtual event offers a convenient opportunity to learn about the 2025 Long-Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) and provide input that will help shape the district's long-term facilities strategy.

If you are unable to attend, you can still contribute. Email your questions or feedback to the Richmond Project Team at planning@sd38.bc.ca.

Scan QR code to register:



  | sd38.bc.ca/lrfp

RICHMOND
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

District Information: Late French Immersion Information Evening

Parent Education Session:

District Program Options

Late French Immersion

The Richmond School District provides the Late French Immersion program beginning at Grade 6 at James Whiteside and John Diefenbaker Elementary schools. We invite families of current Grade 5 students to join us for a program information virtual meeting.

This informative session will include the following topics:

- Program Overview
- Student Experiences
- Registration Process
- Frequently Asked Questions



Virtual on Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 289 737 577 876

Passcode: FH3pm3Sg



Monday, January 13, 2025



6:00pm



**Hosts: Brett Cameron, Linda Chau,
Brooke Douglas, Regina Vosahlo**

**Microsoft
Teams Link**



District Information: Parent/Guardian Information Evenings Coming Up



DISTRICT INFORMATION AND UPDATES

Parent Education Sessions | School District No. 38 (Richmond)

The Richmond School District is excited to offer the following parent education sessions during the 2024/25 school year:

Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship, and Cyberbullying

- Jan. 21st: Cellphones: What's Healthy, What's Not, and What We Can Do to Support Our Kids (Hannah Beach)
- Feb. 25th: Reclaiming Play: Revitalizing Childhood to Combat Anxiety and Aggression (Hannah Beach)
- Apr. 8th: Cybersafe from Exploitation (Exploitation Education Institute)

<https://sd38.bc.ca/news/2024-10-16/parent-education-sessions>

<https://sd38.bc.ca/news/2024-10-16/parent-education-sessions>



Let's All Stay Healthy AT BLUNDELL

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.**



As we come back from the winter break, we remind families to please keep your child(ren) at home if they are exhibiting signs of illness (eg. coughing, runny noses, etc.) Signs of illness lead to other students getting sick, and our staff as well. Let's all do our part to keep Blundell as healthy as we can so that all of us can enjoy a happy and healthy start to the new year. Thank you.

Change of Clothing:

For our younger students, it would be helpful if parents had extra socks/pants/shirt in their backpacks if possible. When the weather is wet, students may slip and fall in a puddle, etc. In order to prevent us from having to call home, it would be helpful for our younger students to have a simple change of clothing in a Ziploc bag stores in their backpack.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

West Coast Recess:

During recess and lunchtime breaks, students are expected to always be outside this year. Students are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather. You may also send a change of clothes to school just in case your child gets wet. Playing outside will ensure our students get some fresh air and exercise to enliven their day.



Please note that Blundell is a “gum and pop free” school as we encourage students to make healthy choices. We would appreciate your help with reinforcing this at home. Thank you!





StrongStart Outreach Program

Blundell Elementary

This new StrongStart Outreach is a free early learning program for all children aged 0 to 5. Children attend StrongStart with their parent/caregiver. StrongStart educators will lead a variety of learning activities designed to support children on their learning path before they enter school.

**JANUARY 16-MARCH 13, 2025 | EVERY THURSDAY
(EXCEPT FEBRUARY 6, 2025)
9:00AM - 11:00AM**

**BLUNDELL ELEMENTARY
6480 BLUNDELL RD, RICHMOND, BC V7C 1H8
IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Drop-In Program



MORE INFORMATION
earlylearningprograms@sd38.bc.ca



CONTACT US
+1 (778) 296-4255

RICHMOND
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.38



Ministry of
Education and
Child Care

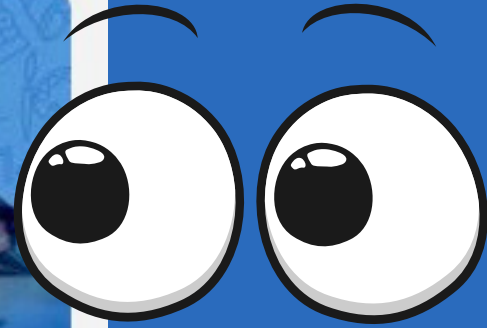
Richmond School District

Kindergarten Registration

November–January

  | sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten

RICHMOND
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38



Kindergarten Registration for September 2025 Began on November 1, 2024

Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome Kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2020, turning 5 in 2025. These children will begin Kindergarten in September 2025. Online registration opens on November 1, 2024. Please visit our website <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

We encourage families to complete their registration within the Priority 1 registration window, which spans from November 1, 2024 to January 17, 2024, to maximize their chances of securing a spot at their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 7, 2025.

Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available on our District website, providing new parents with guidance on the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori). These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration>.

Thank you and please share this information with your friends and family who have Kindergarten aged children!

Blundell's Bell Schedule

8:40 am: First Bell Rings

8:45 Instructional Time Begins

10:10 Morning/Recess Break

10:25 Instructional Time Resumes

11:50 Outdoor Lunch Break (Play First)

12:20 Lunch Break (students return to classes to eat lunch)

12:42 Instructional Time Resumes

2:45 Dismissal



Parking Lot Reminders



We continue to have some issues with cars parking in our drop off lane and also with double parking. Please be reminded of the parking guidelines listed below. Thanks in advance for being part of our solution!

We have a VERY busy parking lot - both in the morning and after school.

Tips to help keep students SAFE!

- 1) Please walk to school with your child if you live close by
- 2) The drop off lane is not for parking - please drop off your child and go, making room for others. We have several school buses arriving each day and this blocks their access to leave the parking lot.
- 3) If you are a kindergarten parent or need to drop your child off at their classroom door, please park in our visitor lot or near the school and walk
4. ALWAYS keep your vehicle speed at a very LOW speed in our entire parking loop.
5. DOUBLE PARKING IS DANGEROUS. Please do not stop beside a car that is already parked in the drop off lane or a car parked in the parking lot--this impacts other drivers being able to leave, including some staff who may have to leave right after dismissal.



Blundell's Reminders/Dates

Upcoming Dates to Note/Looking Ahead:

- January 6: School Re-opens after Winter Break
- January 8: Pizza Hot Lunch Day
- January 10: Pasta Hot Lunch Day
- January 15: Pizza Hot Lunch Day
- January 17: Hot Dog Lunch Day---volunteers needed!
- January 17: PAC meeting at 1:15 pm in the library
- January 21: Online session for Parents (with Hannah Beach, topic: Cellphone usage/Healthy Cellphone Usage)
- January 27: Professional Development Day--no school for students on this day
- January 29: Lunar New Year (Year of the Snake)
- January 31: January Recognition Assembly, 9:15 am
- February 13: Early Dismissal for Conferences at 11:50 am
- February 14: Professional Development Day/Valentines Day



Save
THE
Date

BE KIND
TO ALL
KIND

DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT

HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to provide all members of our school district community with a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment.

As we learn and work together, we will...

- 1 Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.
- 2 Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.
- 3 Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.
- 4 Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.
- 5 Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property. Respect the non smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.
- 6

Our expectations for how we learn and work together shall apply to everyone in our schools and at school functions.

The complete code of conduct
is available online at:
sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct



RICHMOND
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38