

Bridge Week-at-a-Glance

January 8th – 12th, 2024



Monday January 8	Welcome back to school! <i>Munch-a-Lunch opens until January 15th to order PAC Hot Lunches for Term 2</i>
Tuesday 9	
Wednesday 10	
Thursday 11	
Friday 12	

“Snow Biz” Winter Concert

Thank you to everyone who was able to support our **Winter Concert** this year either through helping your child(ren) practice their songs at home, organizing costumes, learning lines, attending our performances, donating to our **Richmond Food Bank Drive** or entering the **PAC Raffle** for a chance to win front row seats! Together with your help, we raised almost \$1000 for new resources and programs at the school, and we collected boxes and boxes of Food Bank donations as well as generous online contributions of over \$300. **Merci beaucoup!!**

And thank you to our **Bridge Staff** who went above and beyond to provide such a fun experience for our students and families. Special thanks to **Ms. Funston, Mme Tuason, Mme Parkes, Mme Yamamoto** and **Ms. Nguyen** forgiving up their lunch hours this last month to practice with students and create all of the props! **We appreciate you!**



Merry Christmas to all those who celebrate on December 25th!

Christmas is a special Christian day celebrating the birth of Jesus. Since the early 20th century, Christmas has also been observed as a cultural and secular holiday by Christians and non-Christians.



Artwork courtesy of Kindergarten and Grade 1 French Immersion students at Bridge Elementary – Teacher Vanessa Yamamoto

Happy Holidays

Happy Holidays! On behalf of the entire team at the Richmond School District, please accept our warmest wishes for a joy-filled and peaceful holiday season.

Christopher Usih
Superintendent of Schools

Kwanzaa

(December 26 - January 1) is celebrated by many North Americans of West African descent in recognition of their African heritage. The candles of a seven-branched candelabrum representing attributes such as unity, self-determination, responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith, are successively lit over the seven days of the festival.

Please visit this link for more information:
<https://www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org/>



Happy New Year to all! – 2024

The first day of the year according to the Gregorian Calendar. Most New Year's festivities begin on December 31 (New Year's Eve), the last day of the Gregorian calendar, and continue into the early hours of January 1st. Common traditions include attending parties, eating special New Year's foods, making resolutions for the new year and watching fireworks displays.



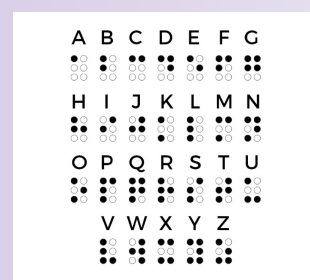
January 1st - Ochetookeskaw

Also known as Kissing Day or Handshaking Day. This is a Métis day of celebration derived from the custom of visiting everyone in the community and bringing in the New Year with the shaking of hands and kissing.

World Braille Day – January 4th

A day to celebrate Braille and what it means for the human rights of people who are blind or partially sighted.

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/braille-day>



SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, January 16

Thursday, January 18

Thursday, January 18

Tuesday, January 23

Wednesday, January 24

Thursday, January 25

Thursday, January 25

January 29-February 2

Tuesday, January 30

January 31 – February 1

Thursday, February 1

Thursday, February 8

Friday, February 9

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Thursday, February 15

Thursday, February 15

Thursday, February 15

Friday, February 16

Monday, February 19

Tuesday, February 19

Thursday, February 22

Thursday, February 22

Thursday, February 29

Wed., February 28

Thursday, March 7

Thursday, March 14

PAC Meeting at 7pm

Grade 7 Bottle Fundraiser – 8:45am drop-off

PAC Hot Lunch - Sushi Lovers – pre-orders only

Safety Drill

Winter Band Concert – 10:30am and 6:30pm

PAC Hot Lunch – Pizza Hut – pre-orders only

Grade 7 Parent Planning Info Night at McRoberts

Hip Hop for all students!

Parent Info Evening via Zoom – Body Science

Saleema Noon Body Science Workshops

PAC Hot Lunch – Fusion Feast – pre-orders only

PAC Hot Lunch – Bar Burrito – pre-orders only

Beatles Songbook Presentation @1:15pm

Happy Valentine's Day!

Early Dismissal @1:45pm for Learning Update #2

Grade 7 Bottle Fundraiser – 8:45am drop-off

PAC Hot Lunch - Sushi Lovers – pre-orders only

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District Pro-D Day – no school for students

Family Day – schools are closed

PAC Meeting via Teams at 7pm

Safety Drill

PAC Hot Lunch – Pizza Hut – pre-orders only

PAC Hot Lunch – Fusion Feast – pre-orders only

PINK SHIRT DAY

PAC Hot Lunch – Bar Burrito – pre-orders only

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Winter Break Screen-Free Family Activity Ideas

Imagination Play and Physical Activity

- Create an indoor "camp out"
- Learn a magic trick
- Go for a nature walk
- Pretend to host a radio show/podcast
- Learn to juggle
- Dance together



Science and Literacy

- Build a card tower
- Write or illustrate a book
- Design a menu for a special meal
- Write a poem, song, or story
- Read a book or a magazine together
- Listen to an audiobook
- Do a science experiment



Music, Arts, and Crafts

- Learn Origami
- Paint or draw
- Make paper planes and have a contest
- Listen to music/sing together
- Make something out of scrap fabric
- Paint kindness rocks
- Create a puppet show
- Make paper flowers or snowflakes



Games and Helping Others

- Play Charades
- Help a friend or neighbour together
- Make a card for someone
- Cook or bake together
- Do a puzzle together
- Play or make a board game