

# Bridge Week-at-a-Glance

January 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024



<b>Monday</b> 15	<b>Deadline to order PAC Hot Lunches for Term 2</b> <b>Drama Workshops continue this week</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 16	<b>PAC Meeting at 7pm – all parents/caregivers are welcome!</b> <i>Teams Meeting link will be sent via email</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 17	
<b>Thursday</b> 18	<b>Grade 7 Bottle Fundraiser – 8:45am drop-off</b> <b>PAC Hot Lunch - Sushi Lovers – pre-orders only</b>
<b>Friday</b> 19	<i>Priority 1 Registration Deadline for Program Options          (ex. Grade 6 Late French immersion) and Kindergarten for 2024/2025</i>

## Food Bank Thank You

We received the letter below from the Richmond Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who supported our Food Bank drive by donating food items or cash online. Every little bit counts!!



***Thank you for your recent donation to the Richmond Food Bank Society. Your gift of \$302.00 allows us to provide reliable, nutritious grocery assistance to our neighbours in need all through the year.***

***In addition to providing weekly grocery assistance, we also offer various other programs such as the School Meal Program, Home Delivery program and a Fresh Gardens and Growing Program among others. Please visit our [website](#) and like us on our [social media](#) pages to learn more about our programs, our services and the impact your donation makes on our work and our mission.***

***On behalf of the Richmond Food Bank's Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and clients, thank you for your continued support.***

## PAC Hot Lunches

Ordering PAC Hot Lunches for Term 2 will close on **Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**. Menus and pricing information is available on the website by clicking on the Munch a Lunch button to login to your account or create a new one.



Thank you to all of our wonderful PAC volunteers who come to the school each Thursday to help sort and deliver the hot lunches. Please remember that if your child is absent on hot lunch day, you may pick up their lunch by 11:35am when our volunteers are at the school. If not picked up, it will be donated but cannot be kept for another day. Thank you for your understanding.

If you would like to request support for your child, please reach out to Karen Lin, Principal by Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at noon at [klin@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:klin@sd38.bc.ca)

## Grade 7 to 8 Transition 2024

*Parents of McRoberts-bound Grade 7 Students are cordially invited to our annual ...*



### PROGRAM PLANNING INFORMATION QUESTIONS/ANSWER NIGHT

**Thursday, January 25th  
6:30-7:30 pm**

Our program planning night offers parents of Grade 7 students an opportunity to learn about course offerings for their children entering Grade 8 in September, learn about our process which supports students' transition from elementary school to secondary school, meet McRoberts staff and administrators, and participate in a question-and-answer period.

We hope you can make time to attend this important meeting about your child's transition to secondary school.



## What is Black Excellence Day?

As a lead up to Black History Month, Black Excellence Day is a day to rejoice Black history and learn about Black stories, Black art and Black people, and a day to stand in solidarity with Black Canadians.

Black Excellence Day was created by Ninandotoo Society and takes place on January 15th each year, or the preceding Friday if it falls on a weekend or holiday. In 2024, Black Excellence Day is on January 15th.

January 15th is in honour of the great civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who was born on January 15, 1929.

The contributions of Black Canadians and the ongoing civil rights struggle of Black Canadians often go unacknowledged in our history books and school curriculum.

The term Black Excellence was born out of the civil rights movement in the 1960s.

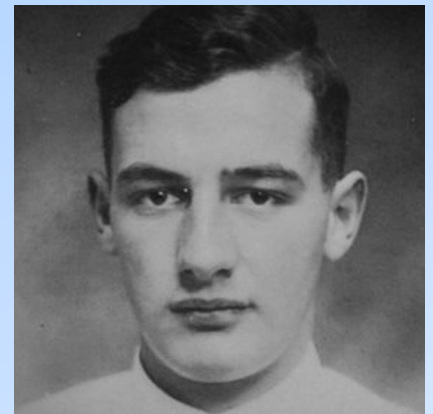
For more information, visit:

<https://blackexcellenceday.ca/>

**BLACK**  
**EXCELLENCE**  
**DAY**

## January 17<sup>th</sup> is **Raoul Wallenberg Day**

At times like these, the evil in the world can feel overwhelming and it can be tempting to cede to despair, aggravating the problem of the international community as a bystander to atrocity and injustice. How appropriate, then, that January 17 – the day of Raoul Wallenberg's disappearance in the Soviet Gulag in 1945 – has been designated Raoul Wallenberg Commemorative Day in Canada in honour of this disappeared hero. Wallenberg rescued some 100,000 Jews in six months in Hungary in 1944, demonstrating that **one person with the courage to care, and the commitment to act, can confront evil and transform history.**



For more information, please visit:

<https://www.raoulwallenbergcentre.org/en/leadership/raoul-wallenberg>

# Get REDI

## Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion with Richmond School District

**A webinar series on Zoom for parents and caregivers to understand and support SD38 initiatives around inclusion and belonging.**

This initial 60-minute session is designed to help you understand the district's commitment to reconciliation, equity, diversity and inclusion, and the values and language that inform our practices in schools. The facilitator, Destine Lord, will draw on the district's strategic plan to drive the conversation and make connections between the plan, the district's vision, and introductory concepts of anti-oppression. By building the language, you can help support your learner as they move between home and school and back again. There will be opportunities with future sessions to further explore REDI concepts.



Destine Lord (she/her) is a consultant and facilitator actively working towards the elimination of racism in Canada. For the last 15 years, she has worked in both the private and public sectors, facilitating workshops and training sessions related to anti-racism,

change management, and reconciliation. As a Black Canadian, Destine can draw on her lived experiences to inform conversations about racism. She is excited to be supporting the Richmond School District and our work to build equity and inclusion and a sense belonging for all students and staff.

### Registration

These repeated webinar sessions are intended for Richmond School District parents and caregivers only. **As space is limited, please register in advance for one session using one of the QR codes below.**

**January 25, 2024  
at 7 p.m.**



**January 30, 2024  
at 11 a.m.**



# SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, January 23  
**Wednesday, January 24**  
*Thursday, January 25*  
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**January 29-February 2**  
Tuesday, January 30  
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January 31 – February 1  
*Thursday, February 1*  
*Thursday, February 8*  
Friday, February 9  
**Wednesday, Feb. 14**  
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Thursday, February 15  
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**Friday, February 16**  
**Monday, February 19**  
Tuesday, February 20  
Thursday, February 22  
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*Wed., February 28*  
*Thursday, February 29*  
Tuesday, March 5  
*Thursday, March 7*  
*Thursday, March 14*  
**Thursday, March 14**  
**March 15 – April 1**  
**Tuesday, April 2**

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**  
*Get REDI Webinar for Parents at 7pm*  
**Hip Hop for all students!**  
Parent Info Evening via Zoom – Body Science  
*Get REDI Webinar for Parents (repeat) at 11am*  
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*  
**Early Dismissal @1:45pm for Learning Update #2**  
**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*  
**PINK SHIRT DAY**  
*PAC Hot Lunch – Fusion Feast – pre-orders only*  
Safety Drill  
*PAC Hot Lunch – Bar Burrito – pre-orders only*  
*PAC Hot Lunch - Sushi Lovers – pre-orders only*  
**Last day of school before Spring Break**  
**Spring Break**  
**Welcome back to school after Spring Break!**



## **BECOME HOMESTAY at the RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Be a host for an international student for a month, semester or year. Richmond International Education (RIE) Homestay Program is looking for local families to offer a welcoming home.

**Contact us to find out more about this enriching opportunity.**

**[study@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:study@sd38.bc.ca)**

**604-668-6217**



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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION  
ENRICHING GLOBAL MINDS