# Bridge Week-at-a-Glance

# November 6th - 10th, 2023







Monday November 6 Tuesday 7	International Inuit Day Photo Retake Day	PHOTO RETAKES
Wednesday 8	National Indigenous Veterans Day Kindergarten Hearing Screening	
Thursday 9	PAC Hot Lunch-Pizza Hut-Pre-Orders only	
<b>Friday</b>	Remembrance Day Assembly @10:45am	

Thank you so much to our amazing PAC and Bridge Community for the fun **Halloween Howl** this year. It was great to see so many families attend, our wonderful volunteers and the fabulous costumes and dancing!

### **Remembrance Day**

Our students and staff will each receive a poppy to wear at our Remembrance Day assembly on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to donate to the Poppy Fund, there will be a collection bin in the front office. **Thank you for supporting our veterans.** 



# International Inuit Day – November 7th

An opportunity to celebrate, listen to, and learn from Inuit from across the North. It is a day to honour the rich contributions and vibrant ways of knowing and being of Inuit across the globe.

### Did You Know...

- The word "Inuit" means "people".
- When referring to Inuit, please note the following:
  - o Inuk = individual
  - Inuuk = two individuals
  - Inuit = many people
- It is incorrect to say "Inuit people" because that would be like saying "the people people".
- Most Inuit in the place commonly known as Canada live in 51 communities spread across the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (Northwest Territories), Nunavut, Nunavik (Northern Quebec), and Nunatsiavut (Northern Labrador).
- This vast arctic region is called Inuit Nunangat. It encompasses roughly 35 percent of Canada's landmass and 50 percent of its coastline.
- About a quarter of the Inuit population lives outside of the Inuit Nunangat region.

You can learn more about the Inuit in the place commonly known as Canada here:

https://www.itk.ca/national-voice-for-communities-in-thecanadian-arctic/



National Indigenous Veterans Day is an important day of remembrance that honours the contributions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people who participated in Canada's military efforts.

This Government of Canada website shares a commemorative history of Indigenous veterans, details of unfair treatment by the Canadian government, videos of veterans speaking about their experiences, and so much more. The Minister of National Defence puts out a video annually in recognition of the day Here is last year's address:

https://www.canada.ca/en/department-nationaldefence/corporate/video/leadership/2022/11-08-2022-indigenousveterans-day.html

Indigenous soldiers chose to serve Canada when they didn't have legal standing, and when they returned from service, they weren't provided access to full Veteran benefits and support programs. While their sacrifices were equivalent to other veterans, their history and contributions are largely unknown to most Canadians. An opportunity to amplify their voices today is to incorporate them into Remembrance Day observances and assemblies



## **Visitor Sign-in**

We are waiting our new signage for our exterior doors but would like to remind **visitors** (including parents and caregivers) to always sign-in at the office when entering the school. As part of our **Health and Safety Protocols**, this helps us know who is in the building and where everyone is. It also helps to keep our students and staff safe. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

### Student Late Sign-in

A gentle reminder to all students that you must sign in at the office if you arrive after 8:45am. Teachers record attendance at this time and begin instruction. Late arrivals are also noted on the student report card and permanent record. If students do not sign in at the office, the office staff will call home to check that the student is safe. Thank you for your efforts to arrive at school by the second bell at 8:45 so that you don't miss out on important morning routines and learning.

Oops!
You're Late...

Your child must be signed in by an adult in the office.

### **Feeding Futures School Program Fund**

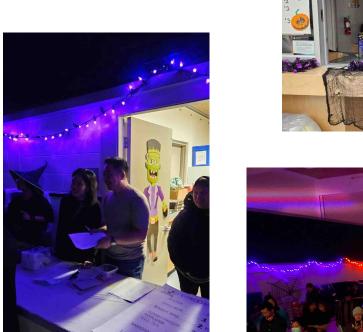
Recently, the provincial government announced a new Feeding Futures School Program Fund, designed to assist schools in the development and enhancement of school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students. If you would like to request support for your child at school, please reach out to Karen Lin, Principal at klin@sd38.bc.ca.

We are gathering information and look to provide ongoing support wherever possible. Implementation plans are underway, and we want to ensure families are aware, and as always, able to reach out if they require support. All requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with families to ensure that your children have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

# Here and there at Bridge...













# Tuesday, November 14 Thursday, November 16 Thursday, November 16 Friday, November 17 Tuesday, November 21 Thursday, November 23 Wednesday, Nov. 29 Thursday, November 30 Thursday, November 30 Friday, December 1 Wednesday, Dec. 6 Thursday, December 7 Friday, December 8 Thursday, December 14 Friday, December 15

Thursday, December 21

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Monday, December 25

Friday, December 22

Monday, January 8

Monday, November 13

### Schools Closed for Remembrance Day Safety Drill Grade 7 Bottle Fundraiser – 8:45am drop-off PAC Hot Lunch - Bar Burrito - Pre-Orders only Will et Seeka – French Cultural Performance PAC Meeting via Teams at 6:45pm PAC Hot Lunch – Fusion Feast - Pre-Orders only Grades 6 and 7 Immunizations TCO2 Presentation for Grades 4-7 PAC Hot Lunch - Pizza Hut - Pre-Orders only Pro-D Day – schools not in session Safety Drill PAC Hot Lunch - Sushi Lovers - Pre-Orders only First Day of Hanukkah PAC Hot Lunch – Bar Burrito - Pre-Orders only Report Cards published in MyEd for families Grade 7 Bottle Fundraiser – 8:45am drop-off

PAC Hot Lunch – Fusion Feast - Pre-Orders only

Last Day of School before the Winter Break

First Day of School after the Winter Break

**Christmas Day** 



The Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome **Kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2019, turning 5 in 2024**. These children will begin Kindergarten in September 2024. Online registration opens on November 1, 2023. Please visit our website <a href="https://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten">www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten</a> 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 to January**, in order 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 2, 2024.

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 <a href="https://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten">www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten</a>.

Finally, there will be a **Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of students** with disabilities and diverse abilities on Zoom held on November 8th from 6:30 – 7:30pm. A link to the Zoom is available on our District website <a href="https://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten">www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten</a>.

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