

Bridge Week-at-a-Glance

February 26th – March 1st, 2024



It was really nice to see so many families and caregivers at school these past few weeks as you met with teachers and support staff for Learning Updates. It's hard to believe that we are only a couple of weeks away from our Spring Break. A reminder that our last day of school before Spring Break is Thursday, March 14th and that our next set of written Learning Updates (2nd term report cards) will be published in MyEd on April 26th.

Monday 26	
Tuesday 27	Beatles Songbook Assembly
Wednesday 28	Pink Shirt Day District Free-Throw Competition at Bridge @3:30pm
Thursday 29	PAC Hot Lunch – Fusion Feast – pre-orders only Girls Basketball Game @ Anderson
Friday March 1st	Family Teams Carnaval Theme Day!

Pink Shirt Day is an annual antibullying campaign held in Canada on the last Wednesday in February. Each year schools, workplaces, organizations and individuals join this movement to celebrate diversity and create environments where everyone can feel safe, valued and respected all year long. Pink Shirt Day was started in 2007 in Canada.

Students, staff and families are welcome to wear pink to school on this day and any day. Here is a link to a short video to learn more about the origins of **Pink Shirt Day**:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tb2a4nPBgUY>





We are excited to be hosting a **District-Wide Free-Throw Competition** at Bridge on **Wednesday, February 28th at 3:30pm.**

Thank you to Mme Canas for organizing this fun sporting event. Please come out and cheer on all of the athletes.

It'll be a great afternoon of sportsmanship and athletic skill!

PAC Fundraiser

The Bridge PAC will be selling some snacks and drinks at this event. Please bring your toonies to support this school fundraiser!

The Bridge Fridge

All elementary schools in Richmond have recently received a community fridge. **"The Bridge Fridge"** is located outside our staff room and will be restocked by the district each month with **healthy food for students who may be hungry** during the day even after eating their recess snack and lunch.

This morning at our Family Team assembly, we explained to everyone, that children who are hungry may have difficulty learning so we want everyone to be able to access healthy snacks. Right now in the fridge we have apples and hard-boiled eggs.

Teachers will also discuss **The Bridge Fridge** in their classrooms. Thank you parents and caregivers for **continuing to send healthy recess snacks and a lunch for your child(ren)** and for checking in with them to see if they are eating and enjoying what you are sending. Often students mention that they don't like what is in their lunch so changing things up from time to time may help!



Professional Development Day Summary



Sponsored and organized for all district employees by members of RTA / CUPE / RMAPS / RASA

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On **Friday, February 16, 2024**, all staff in the Richmond School District came together at MacNeill Secondary for our **District Convention**, the first time this event has been held in person since 2018. It was a time to reconnect with colleagues while engaging in rich learning experiences to bring back to school and our district workplaces. Many of our Bridge staff members attended the keynote presentations as well as several of the many, many workshops available in curricular and other areas related to our educational environment. Here is a brief summary of the keynote speakers.

The Other People: Breaking Down Stereotypes

The Other People are a group of community leaders from a variety of faiths, cultures and ethnicities who are committed to breaking down the stereotypes that form the foundation of personal and societal bias. Their aim, through a panel discussion, is to help dismantle the “us vs. them” divide that leads to prejudice, exclusion and marginalization based on religious, ethnic and cultural backgrounds. The discussion was engaging and thought-provoking for all who attended. Please see their website for more information at: <https://theotherpeople.ca/>



Alan Daly: Relationships, Connections and Care



Dr. Alan J. Daly's spoke about the conditions necessary to build belonging, connection and community in a down to earth session that encouraged the audience to think about relationships from different perspectives. His research focusses on social capital, the analysis of social networks, trust, educational policy, and the building of strengths-based systems of support. It was extremely thought-provoking and heartfelt.

Carolyn Roberts - Re-imagining and Re-storying education How Indigenous education can transform your classroom.

This presentation was filled with opportunities to support culturally sustaining practices within the classroom. Using an Indigenous lens and stories, Carolyn presented ways to use Indigenous pedagogies and practices to support all students within our classrooms.



SAVE THE DATE!

March 4-6

Tuesday, March 5

Thursday, March 7

Friday, March 8

Monday, March 11

March 11-13

Thursday, March 14

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March 15 – April 1

Sunday, March 31

Tuesday, April 2

Tuesday, April 9

Wednesday, April 10

Tuesday, April 16

Thursday, April 18

Friday, April 19

Monday, April 22

Tuesday, April 23

Thursday, April 25

Friday, April 26

Co-ed Basketball Tournament at Hugh Boyd

Safety Drill

PAC Hot Lunch – Bar Burrito – pre-orders only

Author Visit for Intermediate Classes in the library

First day of Ramadan

McRoberts Striker Basketball Tournament

Pi Spirit Day

Staff vs Students Basketball Game

PAC Hot Lunch - Sushi Lovers – pre-orders only

The last day of school before Spring Break

Spring Break

Happy Easter

Welcome back to school after Spring Break!

PAC Meeting – note new date (not April 16)

First Day of Eid al-Fitr

French Festival at McRoberts 5-8pm

Grade 7 Bottle Fundraiser – Drop-off at 8:45am

Pro-D Day – no school for students today

Earth Day

Passover begins

CyberSafe Workshop for Grades 6/7

Learning Updates #2 Published in MyEd



Registration for September 2024 opens soon!
Children born in 2020 may apply

Our preschool program is specifically designed for 4-year old children (born in 2020) to attend Just B4 with the hope of inspiring and supporting the creation of rich, joyful early childhood spaces. Our approach is emergent, play-based and focuses on children's natural inquiries.

"The image of the child is upheld in the belief that children are strong and capable in their uniqueness and full of potential."

PROGRAMS

Just B4 – Lee Elementary

M/W/F Program (9:00 – 11:30 am)

Just B4 – Lee Elementary

T/Th Program (9:00 – 11:30 am)

Just B4 – Grauer Elementary

M/W/F Program (12:30 – 3:00 pm)

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M/T/W/Th/F Program (12:30 – 3:00 pm)

Apply online in the beginning of March 2024:

<https://sd38.bc.ca/programs/early-learning-programs/just-b4-preschool>



TRY SOFTBALL!



Monday Mar. 4

Ages 6-10: 6³⁰ -7³⁰

Ages 11-13: 7³⁰ -8³⁰



This **free session** is open to youth aged 6-13 who want to learn more about softball.



REGISTER NOW!

 [rgsa_bc](https://www.instagram.com/rgsa_bc)

Early Learning for Families Events



Check out the schedule below!

Do you have a 3 - 5 year old preschooler? The Richmond School District welcomes your family to the **Early Learning for Families (ELFF)** events. Join us for fun and engaging learning experiences while meeting new friends and building home to school connections. It's also a great opportunity to ask questions all about Early Learning.

Each ELFF event will include:

- hands on and collaborative activities
- music and movement experience by Ginalina
- opportunities to connect with families and Richmond Early Childhood Educators

Elementary School	Date	Time
Steves Elementary - 10111 Fourth Ave.	April 8	9:30 - 11:00 am
Thompson Elementary - 6211 Forsyth Cres.	April 8	1:00 - 2:30 pm
Tait Elementary - 10071 Finlayson Dr.	April 9	9:30 - 11:00 am
Cook Elementary - 8600 Cook Rd.	April 9	1:00 - 2:30 pm

Ginalina is a Juno-nominated Musician and Multidisciplinary Artist who uses music, stories, and movement to connect with audiences to celebrate nature, community, and the connections we share. Ginalina is featured on [BC Kids Knowledge Kids Network](#). Visit Ginalina's [website](#) to learn more.

