

# Bridge Week-at-a-Glance

September 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024



<b>Monday</b> 9	
<b>Tuesday</b> 10	
<b>Wednesday</b> 11	
<b>Thursday</b> 12	<b>Kindergarten students first full day!</b>
<b>Friday</b> 13	<b>PAC Freezie Friday - \$2 - @2:45pm near the Primary Playground</b>

*What a wonderful first week of school we had welcoming students back to school and getting to know our newest Kindergarten Bulldogs as well as new students and families!*

*And thank you to our PAC for hosting the coffee, tea and treats welcome centre in the gym on our first day of school along with a fun photo station! Students moved to their new classrooms this afternoon and teachers will be sending home a welcome letter with more information soon.*

## New Staff:

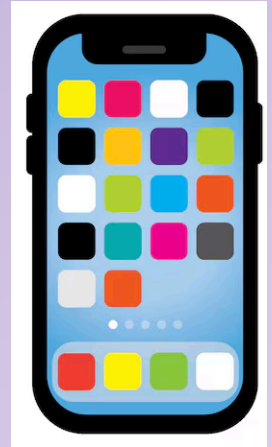
We are happy to welcome **Ms. Vanessa Wardell** and **Ms. Marilyn Sun** to our Bridge Bulldog Team as Resource/ELL Teachers.



## Student Personal Digital Devices

The Richmond Board of Education passed a motion to update Policy 105: District Code of Conduct effective July 1, 2024. The updated policy will:

- Restrict students' use of personal digital devices at school, including during instructional time or learning related activities, to promote online safety and a focused learning environment, unless use is permitted by supervising staff.
- Support the acceptable use of student personal digital devices for accessibility and accommodation needs, medical and health needs, and to support equity of learning outcomes.



In conjunction with the updates to Policy 105, the district developed Policy 104-G (A): Acceptable Use of Personal Digital Devices. The key components of these administrative guidelines are as follows:

### **Elementary Schools (K-7):**

- Students should not have personal digital devices in their possession during the school day unless permission is granted by the supervising staff for educational purposes. This includes during recess and lunch or while outside on the playground or on school property.
- **It is recommended that students do not bring personal digital devices to school.**

To view the complete policies and guidelines, please visit the district website or use the provided links below:

- [Policy 104-G \(A\): Acceptable Use of Personal Digital Devices](#) ([link](#))
- [Policy 105: District Code of Conduct](#) ([link](#))

## Broken Windows



We have several windows at Bridge that have been boarded up. They were broken over the summer and we are waiting for them to be replaced. This may take several weeks due to the amount of vandalism at many schools in Richmond this summer.

Unfortunately this replacement cost falls on the taxpayers, all of us.

**We need your help!**

This sign is posted near our gym. Please call the appropriate number if you see any suspicious activity near the school. Thank you for looking out for our Bridge home away home.

## **School Supplies**

In the Richmond School District, **basic school supplies** (pencils, erasers, paper, etc.) are provided to students by the school. There will be a basic school supply fee to be paid through **School Cash Online**. Information about payment for these supplies will be sent home soon.

If you wish to send your child with extra supplies, please make sure to have your child's name on their belongings.

Classroom teachers will provide more specific information regarding their class routines and expectations, but students should come to school with:

- a backpack
- an extra set of dry clothes
- a water bottle
- a recess snack and lunch



***Please make sure that your child's belongings are clearly labeled.*** Our Lost and Found bin is often full of clothes and, if labeled, we can easily return them to the student.

**This item belongs to:**

## **Terry Fox Run**

Our annual school Terry Fox Run to support cancer research will take place on **Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> between recess and lunch**. Our students and staff will walk, run and roll in our school field and/or at South Arm Park. Our goal this year is to raise \$1000. Donations can be made at the school office (cash) or online. A link will be sent home soon.

***Family members are welcome to join us for this annual event!***



## **Student and Family Affordability Fund**

This past spring, the provincial government announced a renewal of one-time funds for the **Student and Family Affordability Fund** ([link](#)). This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in the following areas:

- School and course fees
- School supplies and course materials
- Field trips
- School-related extracurricular opportunities
- Clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities

**Please reach out to Karen Lin (Principal) at [klin@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:klin@sd38.bc.ca) if you are in need of assistance.** As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.



# SAVE THE DATE!

**Tuesday, September 17**

Wednesday, Sept. 18

**Wednesday, Sept. 18**

**Thursday, September 19**

**Friday, September 20**

**Friday, September 27**

**Monday, September 30**

Tuesday, October 1

Friday, October 4

**Monday, October 14**

**Tuesday, October 22**

**Wednesday, October 23**

**Friday, October 25**

**Thursday, October 31**

Monday, November 4

Friday, November 8

**Monday, November 11**

**Monday, November 25**

Wed., November 27

Thursday, December 19

Friday, December 20

December 21 – January 5

Monday, January 6

**PAC Meeting @7pm**

Safety Drill

**Meet the Teacher Evening – time tba**

**Terry Fox Run – All families welcome!**

**Pro-D Day – No School for Students**

**Orange Shirt Day at school and assembly**

**National Day for Truth and Reconciliation  
Schools Closed**

Photo Day – Individual and Class Photos

Candy Bones Arts Assembly

**Thanksgiving Day – Schools Closed**

**Early Dismissal at 1:45pm for Learning Updates**

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**Provincial Pro-D Day – No School for Students**

**Happy Halloween!**

Photo Retakes

Remembrance Day Assembly

**Remembrance Day – Schools Closed**

**Pro-D Day – No School for Students**

Grades 6 and 7 Immunizations

Written Learning Update #1

Last day of school before the winter break

Winter Break

Back to school after the winter break



# PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, September 7, 2024

11:00am–3:00pm

City Operations Yard

5599 Lynas Lane

[richmond.ca/PWOpenHouse](http://richmond.ca/PWOpenHouse)

*Come out with your friends and family to enjoy the fun!*



This annual family city event will take place on Saturday, September 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It's a free and fun-filled day that is for all ages and will feature:

- Real-sized heavy equipment such as dump trucks, graders and excavators
- Lafarge Kidcrete hands-on cement display
- Free kids food coupon and enter to win a grand prize by completing the Kids Passport – pick up a copy at the Greeting Station
- Lunch and snacks for purchase from one of the food trucks
- Live music and entertainment
- Richmond Fire-Rescue and other community partners onsite
- ParticipACTION Community Challenge booth
- Kidstruction zone
- Kids play area and games
- Lawn care display

## **TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Here are some tips for drivers, pedestrians and parents from ICBC to make travelling to and from school safe.



### **Drivers**

#### **Stick to the Speed Limit**

A 30 km/h speed limit is in effect in school zones from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every school day, unless otherwise posted. In playground zones, a 30 km/h speed limit is in effect every day from dawn to dusk.

#### **Scan Crosswalks and Intersections from Left to Right as You Approach**

Watch for pedestrians waiting to cross, especially during school hours.

#### **Leave Your Phone Alone**

Distraction is the leading factor for drivers in crashes involving pedestrians and cyclists.

#### **Notice if Other Drivers are Slowing Down or Stopping**

If a vehicle is stopped in front of you or in the lane next to you, they may be yielding to a pedestrian, so proceed with caution and be prepared to stop.

#### **Give Yourself Enough Stopping Distance**

You need more time to stop when you're driving fast. At a slower speed, motorists have better chance to react when children or others are crossing the road. This could be the difference that saves a life.

#### **Watch for School Buses**

When their lights are flashing, vehicles approaching from both directions must stop.

## **Pedestrians**

#### **Cross Only at Marked or Controlled Crosswalks**

Do not jaywalk or cross when it isn't your turn.

#### **Look Both Ways Before Crossing the Street**

Ensure it is safe to cross from both directions of traffic before setting foot on the crosswalk.

#### **Make Eye Contact with Drivers Approaching the Crosswalk**

Be certain they see you and that they've committed to slowing down to a stop.

#### **Double-Check Lights and Signals are Working at Controlled Crosswalks**

Make sure that the flashing traffic lights are operational and haven't timed out before crossing.

## **Parents**

#### **Let Your Child Enter and Exit Your Car on the Side Closest to the Sidewalk**

It's safest to drop off and pick up as close to the sidewalk as possible. Do not allow your child to cross mid-block.

#### **Before Starting Your Car, Check for Small Children Hidden from Your View**

Walk around your car and always look carefully for pedestrians when backing up.