



The Lion's Roar



Walter Lee Elementary

Student absence: 604-668-6269 & PRESS "1"

School Website: <https://lee.sd38.bc.ca/>

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əŋ language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn, and live.

Friday, Oct 10, 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct 13-17	No School - Thanksgiving	Individual Photo Day – Attached information	Candy Bag sale @ 11:50am	Hot lunch: Fusion Feast Pizza, Pasta and Curry	
Oct 20-24				Robin Layne school performance @ 10:45am	No school – staff professional development day

Message from the Principal



KEEPING KIDS SAFE ONLINE RIGHT NOW

TOP TIPS

1. SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

Check your settings are up to date and controls are applied on all devices and apps.

2. SUPERVISE ONLINE ACTIVITIES

Ensure online activities are supervised by an adult and in a public space in the house. E.G - Living/Dining Room.

3. SET CLEAR EXPECTATIONS

Talk about expectations for behaviour online, including how and when devices will be used.

4. TALK ABOUT IT

With the schools closed, online activities will increase. Let your children and young people know they can talk to you about anything that happens online.



5. GO ONLINE TOGETHER

See if you can share online experiences by joining in with their favourite app/game.

Last year, the school district introduced **Policy 104-G (A): Acceptable Use of Personal Digital Devices** which restricts the use of personal digital devices during school hours. This initiative is part of our ongoing efforts to reduce distractions and support focused learning during instructional time. Outside of school, we understand that many students use social media and other digital platforms to communicate and share content.

We strongly encourage all parents and guardians to stay informed about their child's online activity and presence. Your partnership in promoting safe and responsible digital habits is greatly appreciated.

Parental responsibility to monitor online activity.

Please be aware that most social media platforms have a restriction for anyone under the age of 13 years old; most requiring parental consent for kids to join; by consenting if your child is participating in social media and chat groups parents are responsible for monitoring their activity.

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Tel: 604.668.6269 student absence

Early Warning line: **604.668.6269 & press 1**

Mr. A. Chan, Principal

Ms. M. Nasar, Area Superintendent Ms. A. Wong, School Liaison Trustee

School web page: lee.sd38.bc.ca

School district devices

The school district is very aware of the dangers of the internet. At school, the network that link all school district devices to the internet is strictly monitored and protected. Students’ online safety is important to us and any security risks on school district devices are reported to the board office tech department.

We ask for your help to assist in teaching and supervising your child when on their devices.

We are actively working with other elementary schools in our community to organize an evening parent meeting around online safety. Please stay tuned for further updates.

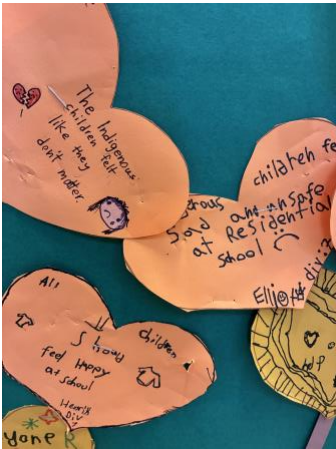
If you have any question, please contact the school at any time.

Orange Shirt Day last Monday



On Monday, September 29, we observed Orange Shirt Day in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30. As mentioned in our previous newsletter, this day is about more than just wearing orange—it’s a time to listen, learn, and take meaningful action. It’s about acknowledging the truth of our shared history and committing to reconciliation in our schools, workplaces, and communities.

All classes participated in learning activities centered around Orange Shirt Day. Some also contributed to a collaborative artwork, reflecting their understanding and demonstrating our collective commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment.



Family Smart: free in-person parenting sessions

Please see the following offerings by Family Smart (<https://familysmart.ca/>). Sessions, free in-person parenting sessions held at Brighthouse Library (100-7700 Minoru Gate)

Below are topics, dates, and links to register:

Beyond Behaviours: When Is It More? What It Looks Like Ages 4 – 8
October 7 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am

ADHD: The Real Deal

October 21 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am

<https://familysmart.ca/event/adhd-the-real-deal-25/>

Emotion Regulation

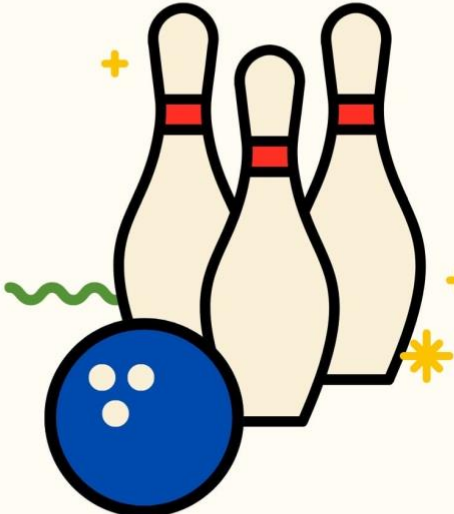
November 4 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am

<https://familysmart.ca/event/emotion-regulation-17/>

Connecting with our Kids when Anxiety Leads to social isolation

November 18 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am <https://familysmart.ca/event/connecting-with-our-kids-when-anxiety-leads-to-social-isolation-5/>

PAC family bowling night



FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT

MONDAY
NOVEMBER 10
6:00–7:30 PM
@ Splitsville Riverport

\$125 includes:

- 1 bowling lane, (90 minutes, for up to 6 people)
- 1 large pizza, fries & pop

This FUNdraiser is organized by Walter Lee PAC
LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com

Book your lane by Nov 2 on munchalunch.com/schools/walterlee

10-pin & some 5-pin lanes available

Children must have parental supervision

Lee Lion spiritwear coming soon



Orders for spirit wear will be active very soon. This year families will be able to order:

- short sleeve t-shirts
- long sleeve t-shirts
- crewneck sweatshirt
- pullovers hoodies
- zipped hoodies

Sizing samples are available at the office... beat the rush come early to confirm sizes

Reminder of school parking and drop-off guidelines

At our assembly on Friday, we shared a reminder if your child happens to be arriving to school after the 8:40am warning bell.

- All exterior doors to the school are unlocked to allow students to enter our school building safely
- Students will still need to check-in at the office if arriving to school after 8:50am

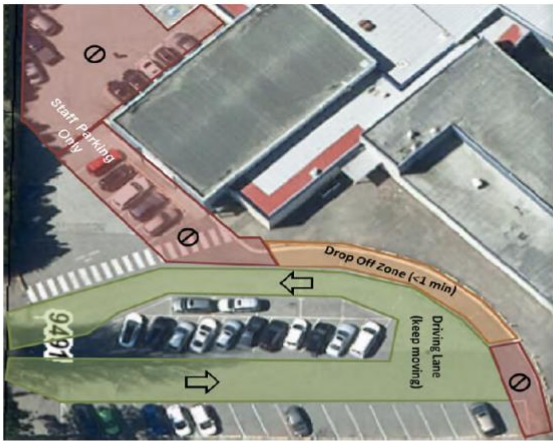
- If students are going to be dropped off by car, please enter the school at Door #8. This way students don't have to walk through the parking lot at the front of the school.

Coming in LATE?
use Door # 8



To ensure the safety of students please be aware of the guidelines and directions for our school parking lot.
We strongly encourage families walk to school and use street parking for morning drop off and afternoon pick up.

WALTER LEE PARKING LOT MAP



NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKING OPTIONS
Available street parking options in yellow



LET'S KEEP OUR PARKING LOT SAFE FOR LEE STUDENTS & FAMILIES!
Our school parking lot gets extremely busy before and after school. For everyone's safety, PLEASE FOLLOW these Parking Lot Safety reminders for safer traffic flow during these busy times.

PARKING LOT SAFETY REMINDERS

- ONLY PARK IN PARKING STALLS. Keep moving in the driving lane to avoid traffic jams.
- NO PARKING IN THE DROP OFF LANE or STAFF PARKING AREA. Only stop in the Drop Off Lane long enough for your child to get out/get into car - less than 1 minute.
- If you need to park and leave your car, PARK ON NEARBY STREETS. There is parking all around the school. Please see neighbourhood map.
- PLEASE SLOW DOWN and watch out for our students and families.
- KEEP THE CROSSWALKS CLEAR to ensure our students and families can cross safely.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE SAFETY REMINDERS TO KEEP OUR STUDENTS & FAMILY SAFE!
THANK YOU!

Questions? Contact the Lee Parent Advisory Council (PAC) at LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com or Principal Mr. Chan.





Follow us for Lee Parent updates:



Hot Lunch and treat days:

Thursday, October 16th - Fusion Feast Pizza, Pasta and Curry - ordering closes Friday, October 10th, 11:59PM

Thursday, October 23rd - TCBY - The Country's Best Yogurt (Frozen Yogurt & Sorbet) - ordering closes Friday, October 17th, 11:59PM

Thursday, October 30th - Nando's - ordering closes Friday, October 24th, 11:59PM

Thursday, November 13th - Westcoast Poke - ordering close Friday, November 7th, 11:59PM

Thursday, November 27th - Fukuroku Japanese - ordering closes Friday, November 21st, 11:59PM

Thursday, December 11th - Fusion Feast Pizza, Pasta and Curry - ordering closes Friday, December 5th, 11:59PM

Thursday, December 18th - TCBY - The Country's Best Yogurt (Frozen Yogurt & Sorbet) - ordering closes Friday, December 13th, 11:59PM

Don't know how to order? Follow these simple steps:

- 1) Go to: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/walterlee/>
- 2) Click the "Login Here" button to access your account
- 3) Click "Order Lunch" to place order & Pay

****Please be sure to complete payment for your order(s) within one hour of ordering as Munch-a-Lunch automatically deletes all unpaid orders****

If your student will be away for a hot lunch date, please notify PAC by email -

LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com to arrange pick-up of the lunch.

There will be no refunds, and all lunches without pickup details will be donated to a student without a lunch.

We appreciate your support for our hot lunch program, and thank you for understanding.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The PAC needs help to make Hot Lunch a success. We are always looking for parent(s)/guardian(s) who can help organize orders on Hot Lunch days. Please check the "VOLUNTEER" option in Munch-a-Lunch that is provided after placing your order, or email the PAC team at LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com.

PAC Meeting:

Thank you to all who joined us this week for our first PAC meeting of the school year! Our next meeting, which will also be our PAC 2025/26 Budget Meeting, will be on Wednesday, October 22nd, at 5:30PM in the PAC library. Please join us as we plan for the school year and also receive an update from Mr. Chan. If you would like to request an addition to our agenda, please email us - LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com

Important fundraisers:

Family Bowling Night - The PAC and Splitsville Richmond have partnered to bring you a night of fun family bowling! On Monday, November 10th (the night before the Remembrance Day stat holiday), the Walter Lee community will come together for an entertaining night of pizza and bowling!

Included in your \$125 package (5 pin and 10 pin lanes available):

- 90 minutes of bowling (6:00pm to 7:30pm; please arrive 10 minutes before start time), for up to six people *****All children must be supervised by an adult for entire event*****
- 1 large pizza (choice of cheese or pepperoni)
- 1 french fry platter
- unlimited fountain drinks

Splitsville allows you to wear your own clean closed-toe shoes (e.g. runners) for bowling. Bowling shoe rentals are included, if needed.

All packages will need to be pre-ordered via Munch-a-lunch under the yellow "Family Fun Bowling Night!" tab! Ordering will close Sunday, November 2nd, 11:59PM! Due to Splitsville's terms, no cancellations / refund requests will be accepted after November 3rd.

Purdy's Chocolates - once again the PAC is fundraising with these delectable chocolates! Purdy's catalogues and ordering information will be coming home with your student in a few weeks! Please consider Purdy's for your holiday gift giving!

Return-It Express - Support your Walter Lee PAC by returning your refundable containers including [milk and plant based beverages](#) throughout the year in this ongoing fundraiser!

You can now easily direct your Return-It Express refunds to the PAC! All you need to do is return your containers via the Express system (using the phone number attached to your account), log in on your home computer or phone and then choose to direct your refunds to Walter Lee PAC - either automatically each time you return containers or whenever you wish to send your funds!

Mabel's and Oliver's Labels - Help your child not lose their stuff while you support the Walter Lee PAC! Order labels for clothing, lunch containers, and so much more from Mabel's Labels or Oliver's Labels. A portion from every purchase goes back to our school. This fundraiser is ongoing and you can support it at any time in the year!

Visit campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search 'Walter Lee PAC'
or
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Stay Connected!

Follow Us on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1396269781230206>
Receive PAC updates via WhatsApp by emailing your interest to LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com
Check our PAC site for current information <https://lee.sd38.bc.ca/parents/parent-advisory-council-pac>

Significant dates in our community

October 1, 2025 – Kol Nidrei (Jewish) At sundown on October 1, the Jewish community will begin observance of Kol Nidrei, the solemn opening service of Yom Kippur. We extend our thoughts to those preparing for this sacred time of prayer, reflection, and personal renewal.
Translation note: Kol Nidrei (Hebrew: כּוֹל נִדְרֵי) means “All Vows.” It refers to a traditional prayer recited at the start of Yom Kippur. Pronounced: KOHL NEE-dray

October 2, 2025 – Yom Kippur (Jewish)
To our Jewish students, staff, and families, we wish you a meaningful Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. May this Day of Atonement bring peace, reflection, and renewal as you fast, pray, and gather with your communities.
Translation note: Yom Kippur (Hebrew: יוֹם כִּפּוּר) means “Day of Atonement.” Pronounced: YOHM kee-POOR

October 3, 2025 – Dussehra (Hindu)

We extend our warmest greetings to members of the Hindu community observing Dussehra. This festival marks the victory of good over evil and is often celebrated with prayer, cultural events, and family gatherings. May this day bring joy, prosperity, and light.
Translation note: Dussehra (also known as Vijayadashami) celebrates Lord Rama’s victory over Ravana.
Pronounced: Duh-SHEH-rah or Doo-SHEH-rah, depending on region.

October 20, 2025 – Diwali (Hindu, Sikh, Jain)

Happy Diwali to all who are celebrating the Festival of Lights! To our Hindu, Sikh, Jain, and interfaith families, may this joyous occasion bring brightness, peace, and renewal into your homes and hearts.
Translation note: Diwali (Sanskrit: दीपावली – Deepavali) means “row of lights.” It is celebrated across many faiths with the lighting of lamps, sweets, prayers, and family gatherings. Pronounced: Dee-VAH-lee

School District / Walter Lee Code of Conduct

This Code of conduct is used at Walter Lee and around the district to help remind all of us of the expectations in all school district buildings as well as when participating in all school district events.

DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT

HOW WE LEARN
AND WORK
TOGETHER

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to provide all members of our school district community with a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment.

As we learn and work together, we will...

1 Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.

2 Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.

3 Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.

4 Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.

5 Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property.

6 Respect the non smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.



Our expectations for how we learn and work together shall apply to everyone in our schools and at school functions.

The complete code of conduct is available online at: sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct

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