



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 hən̓qəmin̓əm̓ language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn, and live.

Monday, March 9 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 9-13	Rhythm Drumming program - all classes Gr 7 McNair basketball Jamboree 1-5pm	Rhythm Drumming program - all classes Gr 7 McNair basketball Jamboree 1- 5pm	Rhythm Drumming program - all classes	Rhythm Drumming program - all classes Hot lunch- Premier Central Kitchen	Rhythm Drumming program - all classes Drumming performance @ 1:30pm Families welcome
March 16-27	Spring Break – no school for 2 weeks				
March 30-April 3	First day back to school				Good Friday – No School

Message from the Principal

Please lock up your bikes



It's wonderful to see so many of our students choosing to bike to school—what a great way to stay active, reduce traffic, and help the environment. We would like to remind families that, for safety and security, all bicycles should be properly locked when placed in our school bike racks. Taking a moment to secure bikes helps ensure that students' belongings remain safe throughout the day.

Drumming instruction from "Rhythm Resource"

Next week, all students will be receiving drumming instruction from "Rhythm Resource" each day. We are excited to welcome Daniel Dungan to Walter Lee.

The program is called "**Resilient Rhythms**". This is a fully integrated arts project that aims to illuminate the potential of embracing the important life messages of overcoming challenges through action, growth mindset, positive thinking and mental resilience + increase appreciation of; histories, traditions and cultures. Through drumming and classroom discussion - Students will explore question about '**What Resilience is, Why Resilience is important & How to be more Resilient**'. This is an energetic, interactive, Stomping, Clapping, Drumming experience through immersive hands-on workshops using percussion from around the world.

Parent/Guardian Guide to Emergency Preparedness

Walter Lee Elementary School 9491 Ash Street, Richmond, B.C. V7A 2T7

Tel: 604.668.6269 student absence

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

Mr. A. Chan, Principal

Ms. M. Nasar, Area Superintendent Ms. D. Sargent, School Liaison Trustee

School web page: lee.sd38.bc.ca

The Richmond Board of Education places the safety of students and staff at the centre of its work. The attached document outlines how the district prepares for and responds to emergencies. Families are encouraged to review the guide to better understand district procedures, emergency drills, communication protocols, and the student reunification process.

[Please click here to access the document https://lee.sd38.bc.ca/news/2026/02/parentguardian-guide-emergency-preparedness](https://lee.sd38.bc.ca/news/2026/02/parentguardian-guide-emergency-preparedness)

Spring Break offerings – City of Richmond

Please click on the link for more information about spring break offerings from the City of Richmond <https://www.richmond.ca/culture/calendar/special-events/springbreak.htm>



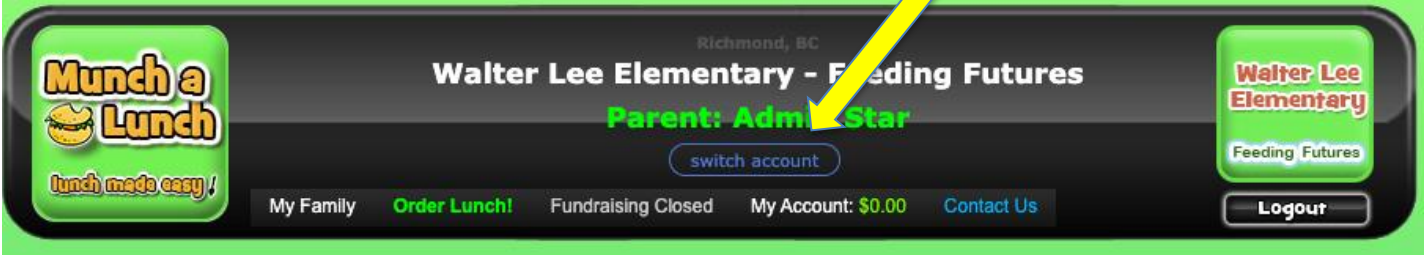
NEW – Feeding futures Hot lunch program – Free for all students

The Richmond School District will be offering a Universal Hot Lunch program at our school. This lunch will be offered at no cost to all students at Walter Lee Elementary School *ONCE* each month for interested families. (April 16, May 14, June 11)

We will be using the MunchaLunch ordering platform for this hot lunch opportunity.

[Please use this link for more information about this new initiative: https://munchalunch.com/docs/sd38/FF](https://munchalunch.com/docs/sd38/FF)

- If you are new to Munch-a-lunch you will be required to register. Please use the link above for more information
- If you already have a munch-a-lunch login you will notice the option to “switch accounts” at the top banner of the webpage. That will allow you to order all the lunches available to Walter Lee families.



Additional information:

- **All orders will be due 7 days before the hot lunch day**, for the first hot lunch day, please order by April 9
- **There are dairy free, gluten free and halal options.**
- **Please confirm the portion size:** You get to choose the size for your child. For example, if your child is in grade 1, they can still order large portion or any size they want.

Volunteer Driver update: Safety Protocols

To ensure the safety for our students, all volunteer drivers are now required to complete a Criminal Record Check (CRC) before driving for field trips.

- If you are volunteer driving for the first time this school year, please visit the office to:
1. Pick up the new Driver Authorization Form.
 2. Get the Access Code to complete your free online CRC: [Information on our school website HERE](#)

Checklist for Drivers: Please ensure the office has copies of your:

- CRC Submission Confirmation
- Driver’s License
- Vehicle Insurance
- Signed Authorization Form

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe!

PAC information



Our upcoming lunches are:

Premier Central Kitchen - being served on Thursday, March 12th - **order by TONIGHT - FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH, 11:59PM!!**

Lunches and treats for the last term - ORDERING WILL OPEN DURING SPRING BREAK:

Fukuroku Japanese - Thursday, April 9th

The Country's Best Yogurt (and Sorbet!) - Friday, April 17th (at dismissal)

Fusion Feast Pizza, Pasta and Curry - Friday, April 23rd

Westcoast Poke - Thursday, May 9th

Premier Central Kitchen - Thursday, May 21st

Fusion Feast Pizza, Pasta and Curry - Thursday, June 4th

Subway and Booster Juice - Sports Day lunch - Friday, June 12th

Just Poke - Thursday, June 18th

The Country's Best Yogurt (and Sorbet!) - Wednesday, June 24th (at dismissal)

*****Stay tuned for announcements about upcoming after school treat sales!*****

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 an on-going success! Without our wonderful volunteers, hot lunch wouldn't happen! We are always looking for help to organize/pack orders and a time commitment of only 90 minutes is needed! If you would like to participate, please check the “**VOLUNTEER**” option in Munch-a-Lunch that is provided after placing your order, email the PAC team at LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com or message us via WhatsApp!

PAC Meeting:

Thank you to everyone who participated in our February PAC meeting! Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 22nd, 5:30PM, Lee library. Please join us for coffee and to get an update from Mr. Chan and the PAC! If you cannot join in person but want to participate, we will have a Teams link available the week of the meeting.

Important events and fundraisers:

Pedalheads Promo Code - The PAC has once again partnered with Pedalheads (Swim, Bike, Soccer and Trail) to offer all of our Lee families a \$25 discount on programs and camps all while fundraising for our school! With the code **WALTERL26**, you will automatically receive \$25 off your camp or program and that same amount will be kindly donated by Pedalheads to the Walter Lee PAC! As always, the funds raised through this and all of our other initiatives go towards important learning resources for your children including classroom technology, guest speakers and field trips!

How it works: Simply log onto www.pedalheads.com/british-columbia and click "Find a Program" to explore their variety of bike, soccer, swim and trail programs offered. Choose your program/camp and go to checkout. At the checkout screen, under "Payment Method" click on "Have a promo/coupon code?" and then enter WALTERL26 to have \$25 automatically deducted from your total! Though this code **expires on June 30th, 2026**, you can register your children for camps in July and August using the code, you just have to register and apply the code before June 30th. The code is valid for all Pedalheads programs in BC.

Family Movie Night - Once again PAC is hosting a night filled with fun, pizza and most importantly, a movie! A new twist this year: each class will get to vote on their choice of movie (out of 3 choices) and the movie with the most votes will be screened on **Friday, April 24th!** More details to come!

Above and Beyond Productions - The PAC is again collaborating with Above and Beyond Productions to offer mini family photo sessions in May! Stay tuned for details on bookings so you can capture family memories in a beautiful outdoor setting! This fundraiser will again be helping us fund important classroom wishlist items!

Prowl-a-Thon - PAC's largest annual fundraiser is happening on **Friday, May 22nd!** This year our goal is to fundraiser for additional bike racks for our school! Please check here and our socials for updates on this exciting event - including theme, awesome prizes and more!

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
www.oliverslabels.com/WalterLeePAC

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

March 4, 2026 – Holi (Hindu)
Warm wishes to the Hindu students, staff, and families celebrating Holi! Known as the Festival of Colours, Holi is a joyful celebration of spring, renewal, and the triumph of good over evil. May this vibrant day bring happiness, togetherness, and hope.

Translation note: Holi (होली) is pronounced HOH-lee.

March 20, 2026 – Nowruz (Persian New Year)
Warm greetings to all celebrating Nowruz, the Persian New Year. Marking the arrival of spring and the renewal of life, Nowruz is a time for family gatherings, reflection, and hope for the year ahead. May this new beginning bring peace, prosperity, and joy.

Translation note: Nowruz (نوروز) means “New Day.” Pronounced NOH-rooz.

March 20, 2026 – Eid al-Fitr (Islamic)
Eid Mubarak to the Muslim students, staff, and families celebrating Eid al-Fitr! This joyful festival marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan and is a time of gratitude, prayer, charity, and celebration with loved ones. May this special day bring blessings and happiness to you and your communities.

Translation note: Eid al-Fitr (عيد الفطر) is pronounced EED al-FIT-r. The date may vary slightly by moon sighting.

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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