



# The Lion's Roar

Walter Lee Elementary



**Wednesday, December 1, 2021**

Dear Lee Lion families,

On behalf of the staff, we would like to take this early opportunity to thank you for your support and to wish all of our Lee Lion families a safe, happy and fun-filled holiday. We hope you enjoy the upcoming break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Holidays!  
Mr. Elcombe



## CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. KISELYOVA!

We are happy to announce that Ms. Kiselyova, our Band teacher, had a baby girl last month! We are very happy for her and congratulate her family on the new addition. We are now in the process of hiring a replacement for Ms. Kiselyova.

## STUDENT EXTENDED VACATION

A friendly reminder to all families, if you are planning on a family vacation, please fill out an Extended Leave Form, which can be found at the office. Remember that the Richmond School Board only allows for **20 school days** absence at one time to stay enrolled at our school. If you plan on travelling for more than 20 school days, your child will be removed from the school, and you will need to re-register your child on the Richmond School District website upon your return to Richmond.

Please also keep in mind as per federal requirement, anyone that travels outside of Canada and is not fully vaccinated, **cannot attend school for 14 days after arrival**. Please refer to the here for more information:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/fully-vaccinated-travellers-without-covid-19-symptoms-returning-canada.html>

## LOST & FOUND



can look to see if any items belong to them.

Is your child missing any items of clothing? We have accumulated a large number of items in our "Lost and Found" bin over the course of the term. These items will be put onto tables so students

Also, a reminder to please label all items that come to school so that lost items can be returned to your child easily.

**\*\* Please note that items not picked up by Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> will be donated to local charity. \*\***

## FOOD DRIVE



Our annual Food Drive is happening once again! We will be collecting non-perishable items for the Richmond Food Bank until Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Currently the most needed items for the Food Bank are:

- Canned and Powdered Milk
- Rice
- Chunky Soup
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter (all sizes)
- Canned Beans and Lentils
- Diapers (size 4, 5 and 6)
- Toiletries and Personal Hygiene Items

We will also be collecting monetary (cash) donations in support of the food bank and the flood relief in support of those families affected by the recent flooding. Donations of \$20 or more are eligible for a tax receipt. If you would like a tax receipt, please provide your full name and address when handing in your donation.

Thank you for all of your support!

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Children that are **born in 2017, turning 5 in 2022**, will begin kindergarten in September 2022. Families are encouraged to register any time during our Priority 1 registration period (November – January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school.

All registration applications completed during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions via e-mail from the school by **February 4, 2022**.

For more information, please visit Richmond School District's Kindergarten Registration Website: <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration>

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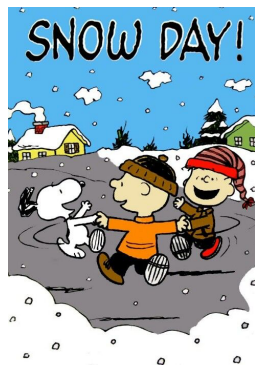


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## SNOW DAYS – WHAT TO EXPECT



In anticipation of the potential snowfall on or before school days, we would like to outline what you can expect from us on a snow day. Snow days cause inconvenience for all of us. Closing schools is a difficult decision for the school district – trying to weigh the safety of our students and staff traveling to and from school with the inconvenient repercussions for families who are forced to make alternate arrangements. Due to the unpredictable nature of these events, we feel that it is important for us as a school and you as families to prepare for such occasions. To help assist families, we would like to outline what you can expect from us on a snow day.

The following things will happen:

1. Schools will be **OPEN** unless conditions reach civic emergency proportions. Radio will also only announce those schools that are **CLOSED**. Please listen to radio **CKNW 980AM, NEWS 1130AM, CBC 690AM, 1470AM, CHQM 103.5FM** or watch on television **CBC, BCTV, City TV and CTV**.
2. It will not be a regular school day as many students and teachers may be absent. We will ensure that the children are cared for and are safe. Many alternate activities may be planned so that students who are absent will not miss any work.
3. Walter Lee School will remain open as regularly scheduled and in the event that we have to close early, students will not be sent home without contacting parents first.
4. In the event of a school closure, there will be a scrolling message on the school and district website.

You have some choices:

1. Students are not required to attend school on a snow day if you feel that their safety or your own safety may be at risk. You may keep them home.
2. Make plans in advance for what you and your family will do on a snow day.
3. You may send your child/children to school knowing that they may be participating in alternate activities for the day.

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