



# The Lion's Roar

## Walter Lee Elementary



We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the *hən̓q̓əmi̓n̓əm* (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.



Thursday, September 21, 2023

### Staffing changes at Lee

Congratulations to Ms. Banga! who has announced her retirement to start on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Banga has been a permanent fixture at Walter Lee (been with us 17 years!) and taken such great care of the students throughout the years. We will miss her always positive attitude at school.



Last Friday, we wished Ms. Hsieh good luck as she begins her maternity leave.

Ms. Tsui has been hired as our Senior Admin Assistant while Ms. Hsieh is away.

Welcome Ms. Tsui to Walter Lee!

### Welcome Back BBQ and Meet the Staff

We look forward to see you all this evening at our "Meet the Staff" and "Welcome Back BBQ" event. On the behalf of the Lee staff, we would like to thank the PAC for all the work that was involved with putting the event together.

### No School this Friday (September 23)

Please be reminded that there is **no school on Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. teachers will be engaged in a non-instructional day focused on Indigenous learning.

### Terry Fox Run

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning until our school Terry Fox run on Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be getting active for "Tuesday for Terry and Thursday for Terry". In support of cancer research we will be collecting donations in 2 ways:

**Cash donation collection at school** – "toonies for Terry"

**Online donations-** <https://schools.terryfox.ca/31619>

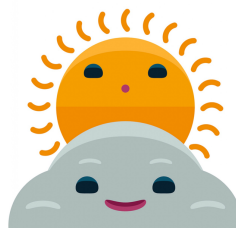
Click on "Donate"

Thank you so much for your support.



### ANY DAY READY

Come Rain or Shine



As the weather begins to change and more rainy days are in our forecast, we want to remind parents that we are supporting "Any Day Ready" here at the school. This means that students will be going outside if it is raining. We ask that parents make sure that their child(ren) are dressed for the weather, i.e. boots, rain/warm jacket, umbrella, hat and gloves in the winter months.

### Walter Lee Elementary School

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## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We are now accepting payments online. If you have not already registered, please visit <https://richmondsd38.schoolcashonline.com/> to register your child(ren). You will need their student ID # to register. Please see your child's agenda for a sticker that includes the student ID #.



## ORANGE SHIRT DAY

**No school on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** as we observe Truth and Reconciliation Day.

On Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> We invite all students and staff to wear an orange shirt to school recognizing the process of Reconciliation for First Nations families that had their children taken from their homes for an entire school year at a time and sent to Residential Schools.

In Residential Schools, First Nations children were forced to assimilate to Canadian and European ideology. Children were forced to forget their family and First Nations Traditions, including their culture, values, language, celebrations and stories. It was a very dark time in Canadian History. As part of the Refreshed BC Curriculum, we teach students about Residential Schools and the devastating effects they had on First Nations children and their families. We choose not to forget these events but use them as an opportunity to learn from as part of the process of Reconciliation.



## PAC

NEXT PAC MEETING: Wednesday Sept 27 5pm-6pm