



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

Monday May 20, 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 20-24	Victoria Day - no school	Young Actors Project workshops Day 1 Gr 7 McRoberts Day @ 9:15-12:15	PAC meeting @ 5:30pm school library	Welcome to Kindergarten 2024/25 event @ 1-2	Copy Cat Spirit day Gr 7 McNair Day @ 9:15-12:15 Ian Maksin Cello performance @ 10:45am Prowl-a-thon @ 1pm Freezie Sale @ 2:50pm
May 27-31	Young Actors Project workshops Day 2	Immunization clinic- letters from VCH will be sent to confirm with families Freezie Sale @ 11:50am	Young Actors Project workshops Day 3	Young Actors Project workshops Day 4	Young Actors Project workshops Day 5

Letter to Walter Lee from the Terry Fox Foundation

In April, we received a letter from the Terry Fox foundation to acknowledge our school's fundraising efforts in October ahead of the Terry Fox run. Walter Lee School was the top fundraiser of all the public schools in the British Columbia/Yukon area. Thank you to the Walter Lee community for your support this year.

"Your dedication and remarkable fundraising achievement have made groundbreaking initiatives like our Marathon of Hope cancer Centers network possible"

Please see the letter here: <https://lee.sd38.bc.ca/news/2024/05/letter-walter-lee-terry-fox-foundation>

Parent Input - CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Each year at this time, we begin to make school organization plans for September based upon the number of students we know are returning and new registrations. Before school ends in June, your child's current classroom teacher, resource staff, educational assistants and administration will work together to place students for the upcoming school year. Despite these challenging times, this process will still take place but with alternative procedures for staff coming together. These plans are tentative until the first week in September when final student numbers are known. In the first few days of September, all staff meet to confirm teaching assignments and review student placements.

In the organizational meetings, many factors are considered when placing students. Considerations include: learning styles and strengths, social / personal characteristics, students with special needs, ELL Levels, contractual obligations

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As you can see, this is a complicated process, and this list is by no means exclusive, as there are many factors unique to a situation that must and will be taken into account.

If you would like the opportunity to provide the school with information about your child's placement for next year, you are welcome to send a letter to Mr. Chan at alchan@sd38.bc.ca by Friday May 31st. We will not accept any letters that come in after May 31st. The information you provide should not include a request for a specific teacher, but rather some important personal or educational information that will assist us in our decision. Please be aware that the final decision regarding placement needs to be a school-based decision.

Parent and youth session: TALK ABOUT VAPING

Vancouver Coastal Health Tobacco and Vapour Reduction Program is presenting simultaneous parent and youth sessions on vaping, held at Brighthouse Branch on Saturday, June 1 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Please share parent and youth flyers provided below to your community through usual school communication channels.

File #1: Parents Vaping Session: [File #1 Link](#)

File #2: Youth Vaping Session /sites/StudentServices: [File #2 Link](#)



Our next Parent meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 22nd at 5:30pm in the Lee Library**. Join us for coffee, and get an update on the school from Principal Chan and discuss current school related events. Everyone is welcome!

HOT LUNCH

The next Hot Lunch Day is **Fusion Feast Pizza & Pasta on May 23rd**.

A&W Hot Lunch Day will be on **June 6th**. Place your order by May 31st at <https://munchalunch.com/schools/walterlee/>

Having trouble registering? Email us for assistance at LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com

PROWL-A-THON MAY 24th, 2024

We are excited for our 16th annual Lee Lions Prowl-a-thon; a walk-a-thon with a Lee Lion twist. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Every year, the PAC funds many items at Walter Lee such as Classroom allotments, Field Trip & Transportation costs, and school wish list items (i.e. technology, ELL & LRT, library, music and gym equipment), fine Arts workshops, (i.e. Taiko Drumming lessons), special guest speakers (i.e. Saleema Noon), and high school scholarships for Walter Lee alumni. Without your donations, many of these purchases would not be possible. Thank you for your continued support.

Our goal is to raise \$5,000 in this year's Prowl-a-Thon. With 338 students enrolled in the school, this works out to be about \$15 per student.

How it Works:

Students are encouraged to collect pledges from family and friends. Contributions to the PAC can be paid by cash or online through your SchoolCash online account at <https://richmondsd38.schoolcashionline.com/> (preferred method). Pledge forms went home on Thursday and more are available at the school office if you need an extra or replacement.

Please turn in the completed pledge form and collected money to the office in a sealed envelope marked "Prowl-a-Thon" by Monday, June 3rd for your student's name to be included in the prize draw June 7th.

Return-It Express Fundraiser for Grade 6 & 7's



Want an easy way to recycle returnable containers while helping raise money for your Walter Lee Grade 6 & 7 year end events?

Bring your returnable beverage containers, including [milk and plant-based beverages](#) to any Return-It Express location and have the funds go directly to your Walter Lee PAC! Simply place your containers in a clear/transparent plastic bag (no larger than 90L) and input the schools phone number (604-668-6269) at the Return-It Express kiosk and a tag will print out. Leave your tagged bag in the drop off bin and the funds will be added into the Walter Lee PAC account within a day. Click [here](#) for a full list of Return-It locations. For more information click [here](#). All funds raised go right back into Walter Lee Students!

STAY CONNECTED:

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Walter Lee Dates

- May
- 20 Victoria Day – no school
- 23 Welcome to Kindergarten
- 24 Copycat spirit day
- 24 Ian Maksin - Cello performance
- 24 Prowl-a-thon
- 28 Immunizations
- 27-31 Young Actor’s Project student workshops

SIGNIFICANT DATES IN OUR COMMUNITY

Asian and Canadian Jewish Heritage Month in May

Please see below for two separate newsletters highlighting each month’s significance and resources to share with staff. Resources are suitable for both staff and student learning.

File #1: Asian Heritage Month Newsletter 2024 [File #1 Link](#)

File #2: Jewish Heritage Month Newsletter 2024 [File #2 Link](#)

May

Asian Heritage Month

Canadian Jewish Heritage Month

- 5 Cinco-de-Mayo
- 5 Dutch Heritage Day
- 5 Red Dress Day
- 5-6 Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) 🕯️
- 10 Bear Witness Day
- 15 **Buddha’s Birthday** 🌸
- 17 International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia
- 19-25 Anti-Racism Awareness Week
- 21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue Development
- 23 Anniversary of Komagata Maru
- 24 **Vesak/Wesak/Buddha Day/Visakha Puja** 🌸🕯️

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: s438.bc.ca/codeofconduct

