



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

Wednesday, Sept 25, 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 23-27					Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30- Oct 4	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – no school				Terry Fox Run 1:30-2:15pm Last weekend for Gr 6/7 students to gather camp equipment and supplies

Truth and Reconciliation



To acknowledge the National day for Truth and Reconciliation our school will wear orange shirts on Friday September 27th.

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. In the 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.

Parent survey regarding social emotional learning

At the Meet the Staff and Welcome back BBQ event on September 19, 2024 a powerpoint presentation and survey was shown to allow Walter Lee Lion parents and guardians to opportunity to share their thoughts around defining respect, kindness and care. Please use the link below to have your say!

[Parent and Guardian Survey Sept 2024](#)

The information collected with help our school develop a common understanding and language throughout our whole school community to better engage our students in PAWsitive social emotional being.

To see the powerpoint slides please click on the link below:

<https://lee.sd38.bc.ca/our-school-story/news/2024/09/parent-survey-care-self-sept-2024>

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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



Walter Lee Elementary is getting ready for the 2024 Terry Fox School Run! The Run will take place on Friday Oct. 4 and start with an assembly at 1:00pm. We're super excited to take part in this annual tradition that supports cancer research while building school spirit. Families are welcome to participate. Walter Lee Lions are truly exceptional of their participation and dedication to making a difference in our community and in ending cancer, no matter what!

Thank you for staying committed to our Terry Fox School Run this year. You make the future of cancer research look very bright!

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/WalterLeeElementary>
Click on “Donate”

Thank you so much for your support.

School District Updates

Gang prevention Information Sessions

Gang Prevention Information Sessions – in partnership with the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of BC, Richmond RCMP, and Touchstone Family Association, these free sessions are designed for parents, guardians and caregivers. Registration is required (see digital card and PDF below).

File #1: Gang Prevention Information Sessions - Digital Card

File #2: Gang Prevention Information Sessions - Poster /sites/StudentServices

[File #1 Link](#) [Last File Link](#)

Erase Refresh: Launch of New Website and Resources

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has refreshed the [Expect Respect and a Safe Education \(erase\) website \(link\)](#). Launched on Friday, September 6, the new website features a streamlined design with improved access to information and resources for students, adults, and school staff. In addition, you will find two new videos, a downloadable poster, and a QR code decal to promote *erase* in schools.

City of Richmond – Active Recreation & Sport Fund

Active Recreation & Sport Fund – for residents 18 and under, funding is provided for children and youth to participate in active recreation programs and sports where financial barriers impact inclusion (see digital card below).

File #1: Active Recreation & Sport Fund - School Digital Card 2024 /sites/SchoolServices

[Last File Link](#)

Digital Device policy

An email was sent to all Richmond families to present the Digital Device policy. [This attachment is available on our school website.](#)

Elementary Schools (K-7):

- Students should not have personal digital devices in their possession during the school day unless permission is granted by the supervising staff for educational purposes. This includes during recess and lunch or while outside on the playground or on school property.
- It is recommended that students do not bring personal digital devices to school.

- Personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or to access the internet, such as a cell phone, a tablet, smart watch, gaming device, and electronic toy.

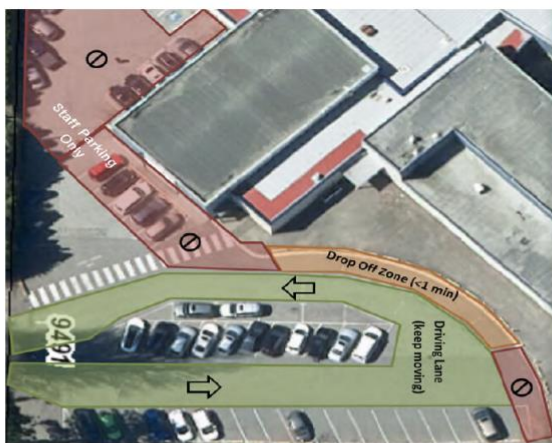
Please also be reminded that our classrooms and school will **NOT** be using any social media applications (Discord, Whatsapp, X, Instagram, etc) to relay information with families (notices, homework, etc).

Do Not park in townhome visitor parking please

We have received a complaint from the townhomes in our school community. Please **DO NOT** park in the townhome complex's visitor parking spots.

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.



Registration for September 2024 is now open!
Children born in 2020 may apply

Our preschool program is specifically designed for 4-year old children (born in 2020) to attend Just B4 with the hope of inspiring and supporting the creation of rich, joyful early childhood spaces.

Our approach is emergent, play-based and focuses on children's natural inquiries.

"The image of the child is upheld in the belief that children are strong and capable in their uniqueness and full of potential."

PROGRAMS

Just B4 – Lee Elementary

M/W/F Program (9:00 – 11:30 am)

Just B4 – Lee Elementary

T/Th Program (9:00 – 11:30 am)

Just B4 – Grauer Elementary

M/W/F Program (12:30 – 3:00 pm)

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Apply online:

<https://sd38.bc.ca/programs/early-learning-programs/just-b4-preschool>



DATES TO REMEMBER

SIGNIFICANT DATES IN OUR COMMUNITY

September 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month**
- 2 Labour Day
 - 7 Ganesh Chaturthi 🐘
 - 8 International Literacy Day
 - 8-14 Mennonite Heritage Week
 - 15-16 Mawlid-al-Nabi 🕌
 - 22-28 Gender Equality Week
 - 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day

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