

# The Lion's Roar



## Walter Lee Elementary

Student absence: 604-668-6269 & PRESS "1" School Website: <a href="https://lee.sd38.bc.ca/">https://lee.sd38.bc.ca/</a>

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the həńqəmińəm language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn, and live.

Monday, December 2, 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dec 2-8		Volleyball game @ Garden City		Hot lunch: Fukuroku Japanese	
Dec 9-13				Gr 6/7 Concert band performance @ 1:15pm	

#### **Winter Concerts**



December 12 Div 1,2,3,4 Gr 6/7 band concert @ 1:15pm; Walter Lee school gym

December 19 Winter celebration – includes all classes

**Please save Thursday December 19**<sup>th</sup> to attend our annual winter concert. Parents will be invited to attend either our afternoon dress rehearsal at 1pm or evening performance 6pm.

More information to come.

#### 10 days of Giving



From December 9<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting warm jackets for our community and monitary donations for the Richmond Food Bank. The school will provide a link on Dec 9<sup>th</sup> to collected cash donations. According to the Richmond Food Bank "Monetary donations allow us to provide food and items that are needed the most, such as protein-rich foods, fresh dairy products, baby items (diapers, baby formula and food), and other needed staples. For each dollar donated, we can give out about \$6 worth of food (based on 2019 data)."

## Registration for Kindergarten for the 2025/26 school year



We are excited to welcome **kindergarten registration applications** for children born in 2020, turning 5 in 2025. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2025. Online registration begins November 1, 2024. For more information please <u>visit the school district website Kindergarten Registration</u>

Join us for an <u>informative virtual session</u> focused on district program options for kindergarten students including Early French Immersion and Montessori.

Information shared will include:

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. A. Wong, School Liaison Trustee

School web page: lee.sd38.bc.ca



- Early French Immersion Program
- Montessori Program
- Registration Information
- Important Dates to Note
- Frequently Asked Questions

Date: Tuesday, November 26, 2024

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual on Microsoft Teams

**Registration:** To attend, please register using this form. A link for the meeting will be sent after

registration is submitted.

https://sd38.bc.ca/news/2024-11-13/parent-education-session-district-program-options-kindergarten-students

PAC updates

## **Upcoming hot lunch and treat dates:**

- Thursday, December 5th Fukuroku Japanese
- Wednesday, December 18th AT RECESS Hot chocolate and treats (order by Tuesday, Dec. 10th, 11:59PM)
- Thursday, December 19th Westcoast Poke (order by Friday, Dec. 13th, 11:59PM)

Don't know how to order? Follow these simple steps:

- 1) Go to: <a href="https://munchalunch.com/schools/walterlee/">https://munchalunch.com/schools/walterlee/</a>
- 2) Click the "Login Here" button to access your account
- 3) Click "Order Lunch" to place order & Pay

#### **Ianuary PAC Meeting:**

Our next meeting date will be in January 2025! We will confirm a date once school re-opens! If you would like to request an addition to our agenda, please email us - LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com

## **Important fundraisers:**

**<u>Lee Family Movie Night</u>** - We thank all those of you who were able to join us for our recent Movie Night! We look forward to another one in Spring 2025!

<u>Purdy's and Spirit Wear</u> - Thank you to all who supported these initiatives! With your help, over \$800 was raised with our Purdy's sales! Every dollar raised always goes to important classroom items and experiences for the students! Both Purdy's and Spirit Wear will be arriving soon and distributed to students. Please email us at <u>LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com</u> if you would like to arrange pick up at the office.

<u>Mabel's and Oliver's Labels</u> - 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 <u>campaigns.mabelslabels.com</u> and search 'Walter Lee PAC' or <u>www.oliverslabels.com/WalterLeePAC</u>

\*\*We are currently planning for our 2025 fundraisers and are excited to announce we will be again having Prowl-a-Thon, treat sales, a movie night and are happy to introduce a Lee Family Photo Session! Details about these and other fundraisers will be announced in newsletters and through Facebook and our WhatsApp group. If you have any great fundraising ideas, please to attend our monthly PAC Meetings or drop us an email at <a href="LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com">LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com</a> \*\*

## **Stay Connected!**

Follow Us on Facebook – <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/1396269781230206">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1396269781230206</a>
Receive PAC updates via WhatsApp by emailing your interest to <a href="mailto:LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com">LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com</a>

<sup>\*\*</sup>Our hot lunches for January 2025 and beyond will be live during the Winter Break - stay tuned!\*\*



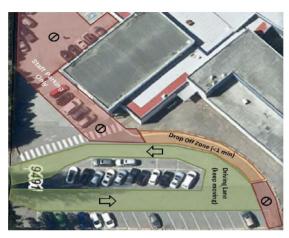


## Reminder of school parking and drop-off guidelines

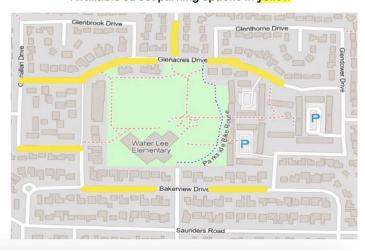
To ensure the safety of students please be aware of the guidelines and directions for our school parking lot.

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





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 LeeEle



#### DATES TO REMEMBER

## SIGNIFICANT DATES IN OUR COMMUNITY

December 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	31							

- 2 Secondary Mini Conference
- 2 International Day for Abolition of Slavery
- 3 Int'l Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
- 8 Bodhi Day 🕸
- 9 International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 13 Salgirah
- 19 Elementary Reports Published: Term 1
- 21 Winter Solstice (Northern Hemisphere)
- 24 Christmas Eve †
- 24 Quviasukvik Begins
- 25 Christmas †
- 25 Hannukah (ends Jan 2) 🍟

December 3: International Day of Persons with Disabilities A day to increase public awareness, understanding and inclusion of people with disabilities and celebrate their achievements and contributions.

December 6: National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

A day to remember the murder of 14 young women at Polytechnique Montréal (December 6, 1989) and take action to eliminate acts of violence against women.

#### December 8: Bodhi Day

A Buddhist holiday that commemorates the day that Gautama Buddha (Shakyamuni) is said to have experienced enlightenment, also known as bodhi in Sanskrit and Pali.

December 21 Winter Solstice (Northern Hemisphere) The shortest period of daylight and the longest night of the year. This date is celebrated by, and has significance to, multiple cultures and religions.

#### December 24 - January 7: Indigenous Quviasukvik

Inuit winter feast and festival observed by the Inuit, Yupik, Aleut, Chukchi, Iñupiat, and NunatuKavut. Celebrates the coming year and placates the roaming spirits for good luck in the year to come.

## December 25: Christmas Day

A Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus. Since the early 20th century, Christmas has also been observed as a cultural and secular holiday by Christians and non-Christians.

## December 25-January: Hannukah

Hannukah, or the Festival of Rededication, celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after its defilement by the Syrian Greeks in 164 BCE. The eight-day festival has become a beloved and joyous holiday. It is also known as the Festival of Lights and usually takes place in December, at the time of year when the days are shortest in the northern hemisphere.

#### 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.

