



The Lion's Roar



Walter Lee Elementary

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School Website: <https://lee.sd38.bc.ca/>

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

Monday, January 13, 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jan 13-17	LFI Gr 5 information parent session 6-7pm (virtual meeting)			Hot lunch: Fresh Slice	
Jan 20-24		District parent info session: Cellphones.... Please see below for more information	PAC meeting 5:30pm – school library	Popcorn/Candy Sales @ 11:50am	Wear Something Wacky spirit day

Retirement announcement



We would like to extend our congratulations to Lee Lion staff who will be retiring at the end of January: *Lori Bazso and Cecilia Ip-Thomas*.

Ms. Bazso has been an integral part of the Walter Lee staff since 2006. Her enthusiasm and positive spirit inspire both students and staff to fully commit to the greater good. Ms. Bazso has played a crucial role in raising awareness for cancer research through the annual Terry Fox runs. Additionally, she has dedicated countless hours to coaching girls' basketball, creating lasting memories and fostering a love for the sport in many players over the years, in fact Ms. Bazso plans on returning this year to coach our girls' team for another season.

Ms. Ip-Thomas has been a valued member of the Walter Lee staff since 2013. As an educational assistant, she has dedicated herself to working with our most vulnerable students. We are deeply grateful for her important and impactful work.

District offerings and presentations for families



[Cellphones: What's Healthy, What's Not, and What We Can Do to Support Our Kids](#)

Presented by Hannah Beach January 21, 2025 | 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Many of our kids are anxious and glued to their phones, seeking endless distraction and feeling isolated and disconnected. Aggressive outbursts have become common and yet others seem to have stopped

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Mr. A. Chan, Principal

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talking all together. As parents and caregivers, we are increasingly alarmed. We entice, cajole, bribe, encourage, shout, but nothing seems to work long term.

Join Hannah for a warm and conversational workshop exploring practical strategies we can use to help our children and youth when it comes to managing devices. This conversation has never been more important as we look at how we can support our children and youth to grow, learn, develop, and reach their fullest potential.

Closed captioning in multiple languages will be available for participants.

[Click here to register](#)

[Please click this link for future parent sessions](#)

Gr 7 information nights for high school

Grade 7 families will be receiving information about next school year's transition to high school. Please refer to the school website for information regarding:

- Confirming catchment high schools
- Parent information evenings
- Grade 8 Course planning

10 Days of Giving – Thank you!



Thank you for your support during our 10-Days of Giving jacket and food drive.

On Friday, December 20th, we dropped off 5 bulging large bags of warm jackets to each location: St. Alban's Church, Richmond Family Place; and 3 large boxes of adult jackets to Turning Point society. In addition, we donated a cheque totaling \$862.10 to the food bank.

Gr 5 families LFI parent information evening – virtual meeting

The Late French Immersion program is a unique District program designed for 10 and 11 year-old students who have completed grade 5, who do not speak French but who are interested in becoming functionally bilingual (French and English). In grade 6, 100% of the BC curriculum is taught with an emphasis on students acquiring French language skills: reading, writing, speaking. Students do not receive English Language Learner (ELL) support in grade 6. In grade 7, English Language Arts are reintroduced while other subjects continue to be taught in French.

Program Information Virtual Meeting:

If you are interested in learning more about Late French Immersion, please join our Virtual Information meeting on January 13th, 2025 at 6:00 PM. Please click the link below to join the webinar:

[Click here](#)

Meeting ID: 289 737 577 876

Passcode: FH3pm3Sg

PAC updates

Upcoming hot lunch and treat dates:

Thursday, January 16th - Freshslice Pizza

Thursday, January 30th - Fukuroku Japanese - order by Friday, January 24th, 11:59PM!

Thursday, February 13th - Subway sandwiches and Booster Juice - order by Friday, February 7th, 11:59PM!

Thursday, February 27th - Westcoast Poke - order by Friday, February 21st, 11:59PM!

Wednesday, March 12th (just before dismissal) - TCBY Frozen Yogurt/Sorbet - order by Thursday, March 6th, 11:59PM!

Thursday, March 13th - Fusion Feast Pizza, Pasta and Curry - order by Friday, March 7th, 11:59PM!

Hot Lunch and treat menus are now live on Munch-a-Lunch!!

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

1) Go to: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/walterlee/>

2) Click the "Login Here" button to access your account

3) Click "Order Lunch" to place order & Pay

Please complete payment within one hour of placing your order as Munch-a-Lunch will automatically deletes any unpaid orders. Thank you!!

As always, PAC could not operate without the help of all of you! Please consider volunteering for any of bi-weekly hot lunch days or fruit/milk distribution. Email us at LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com if you can assist! Thank you!

January PAC Meeting:

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 22nd, 5:30pm in the library. Please join us for coffee and an update on all things PAC plus a school update from Principal Mr. Chan.

Upcoming agenda items include - new fundraising items for the year and a creation of a Grade 7 parent committee (to plan the leaving ceremony).

If you would like to request an addition to our agenda, please email us - LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com

Important fundraisers:

Mabel's and Oliver's Labels - 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 campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search 'Walter Lee PAC'

or

www.oliverslabels.com/WalterLeePAC

**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 LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com **

Stay Connected!

Follow Us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1396269781230206>

Receive PAC updates via WhatsApp by emailing your interest to LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com

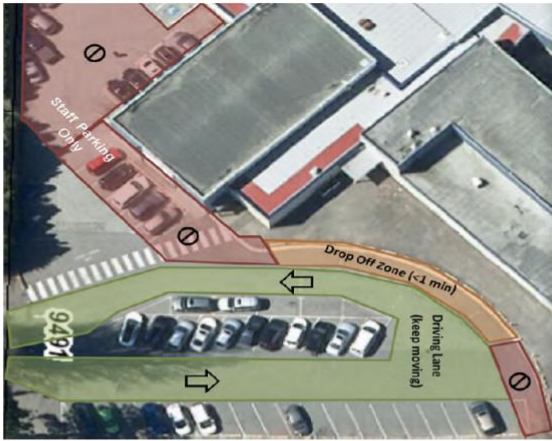
Check our PAC site for current information <https://lee.sd38.bc.ca/parents/parent-advisory-council-pac>

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.

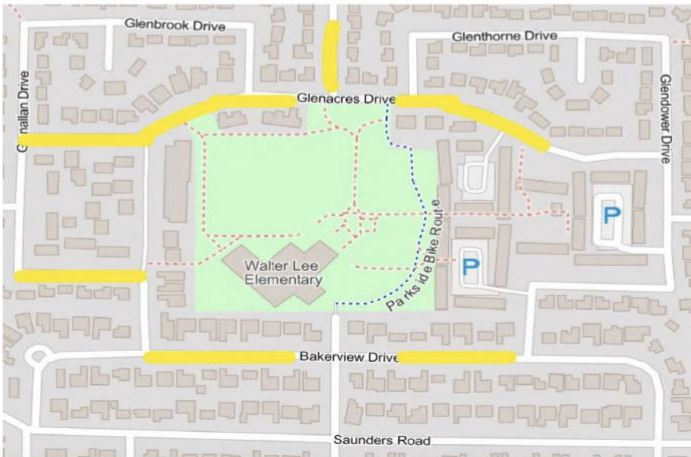
We strongly encourage families walk to school and use street parking for morning drop off and afternoon pick up.

WALTER LEE PARKING LOT MAP



NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKING OPTIONS

Available street parking options in **yellow**



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.



DATES TO REMEMBER

January 2025						
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Tamil Heritage Month

- 1 Ochetookeskaw – Kissing Day – Hand Shaking Day (Métis)
- 4 World Braille Day
- 5 Guru Gobindh Singh Birthday/Prakash ☸
- 13 Maghi ☸
- 14 Mahayana New Year ☸
- 15 Black Excellence Day
- 17 Raoul Wallenberg Day
- 21 Lincoln Alexander Day
- 24 World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture
- 27 Elementary Mini Conference
- 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 28 **Semester 2 Starts (Select Secondary Schools)**
- 29 Lunar New Year ☸
- 29 National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia
- 29 Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia (in the Province of BC)

SIGNIFICANT DATES IN OUR COMMUNITY

January 13 Hinduism: Maghi

Also known as Makar Sankranti. A Hindu celebration of the harvest.

January 14 Faith-Based Buddhism: Mahayana New Year

The celebration of Buddhist new year rituals on the first full moon of January month according to Georgian calendar.

January 15 Cultural: Black Excellence Day

Created by the Ninandotoo Society to rejoice and learn about the stories, art, and history of Black people.

January 27 Anti oppression: International Holocaust Remembrance Day

The anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. This day of remembrance was established to honor the six million Jews and millions of other victims of the Holocaust and Nazism. The United Nations calls on individuals to hold memorial services and undertake educational initiatives to learn more and help prevent such tragedies from occurring in the future.

January 29 Cultural Faith-based Buddhism: Lunar New Year

Also known as the Spring Festival, Chinese New Year, Tet

for Vietnamese Canadians, or Solnal for Korean Canadians — LNY is celebrated in Canada and several other countries. It is one of the largest celebrations for Canada’s Chinese population, it is also celebrated by Canadians from Vietnam, Korea and Southeast Asia. This year marks the Year of the Snake.

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

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