



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

Monday, February 10, 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb 10-14		Early Dismissal @ 11:50am for parent/teacher conferences		Hot lunch: Subway and Booster Juice	Pro - D (no school)
Feb 17-21 Kindness Week	Family Day (no school)	6/7 Girls Basketball @ Whiteside	6/7 Boys Basketball vs Debeck @ Lee	Kindergarten hearing screening Div 11 to Children's festival 6/7 Boys Basketball vs Whiteside @ Lee	Formal Spirit Day Sharing Assembly @ 1:30pm

EARLY DISMISSAL @ 11:50am ON TUESDAY FEB 11

To accommodate parent teacher conferences on **Tuesday February 11th** there will be an **early dismissal at 11:50am**. Please ensure that you have arranged a conference time to discuss your child's progress in literacy, numeracy and aspects of core competency.

Focus on Kindness and CARE in the month of February

This school year, we've placed a focus on treating each other with CARE, specifically on what kindness and respect look like, feel like, and sound like. Although these skills are easy to learn, they can be challenging to put into action, especially when we are overwhelmed by emotions like frustration, anger, and stress.

This month, we will take extra time to highlight kindness. We will share some of our learning during a school-wide sharing assembly scheduled for Friday, February 21st. Additionally, we will recognize Pink Shirt Day on February 26th.

Please leave sleds home

Lee Lions enjoyed a week of winter weather; it was wonderful to watch all the different ways our students played in the snow.

But as the weather begins to change next week, **we are asking all students to leave all sleds at home next week**. As the freezing temperature continues next week, sledding at the hill by the playground will make it too slippery for students and adults.

Student learning survey

Students in Gr. 4, 7, 10, 11, and 12, parents, and all staff in BC public schools are invited to participate in an annual online satisfaction survey about their school experience (Grade 11 results being included this

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year for a first time). Surveys for our students in grades 4 and 7 will be conducted during class time sometime during the period listed below.

The survey covers a range of topics, providing a comprehensive picture of the educational experience in BC public schools. Questions were developed with input from partner groups, teachers, and experts in educational measurement and special education. *The survey will take about 30 minutes.* Results will be used to guide planning, research, and advocacy work for children and youth.

Parents interested in completing the 2024/25 Student Learning Survey link (SLS)

- [Please click here to complete the survey. Parents DO NOT need an access code to complete the survey.](#)
- Simply select the District (38 Richmond) and school (Walter Lee Elementary), and begin!

The survey will be open from **January 6, 2025 to May 2, 2025.**

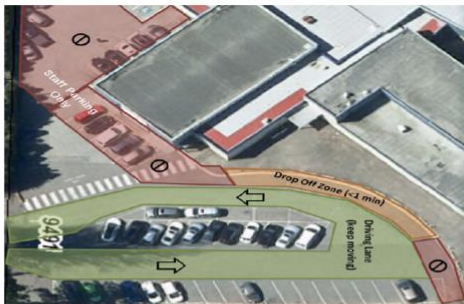
Drop off and pick up in our parking lot: Reminder to All Families: Student Safety is Our Priority

Please help us ensure student safety by following these guidelines when dropping off and picking up your child in our parking lot:

- The **DROP OFF** area is for quick drop-offs only. Parents must **not** leave their cars for any reason.
- Park only in authorized parking spots.
- Obey city parking bylaws and the parking regulations of nearby apartments.

Additionally, please note that all exterior doors are unlocked from 8:40 AM to 8:50 AM. Students can enter the school through any door and go directly to their class without needing to walk through the parking lot to the office.

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.



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

[Walter Lee school website link Here](#)

Upcoming hot lunch and treat dates:

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

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

Friday, March 7th - Popcorn and treat sale - after school at basketball court - **CASH ONLY**

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!

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 be sure to complete payment for your order(s) within one hour of ordering as Munch-a-Lunch automatically deletes all unpaid orders****

If your student will be away for a hot lunch date, please notify PAC by email - LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com to arrange pick-up of the lunch.

There will be no refunds, and all lunches without pick-up details will be donated to a student without a lunch.

We appreciate your support for our hot lunch program, and thank you for understanding.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The PAC needs help to make Hot Lunch a success. We are always looking for parent(s)/guardian(s) who can help organize orders on Hot Lunch days. Please check the "VOLUNTEER" option in Munch-a-Lunch that is provided after placing your order, or email the PAC team at LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com.

January PAC Meeting:

Thank you to all who attended our first PAC meeting of the year!

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 26th, 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.

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

Important fundraisers:

Samosa Fundraising Company - A brand new fundraiser for us!

Here's your chance to buy yummy samosas, butter chicken and other delicious items while supporting the PAC!

25% from **every order** goes back to the PAC.

Order online at <https://samosafundraiser.com/walterlee/>

Order by Friday, February 28th; pick up at Walter Lee on Monday, March 10th!

Pedalheads Promo Code Fundraiser - Exciting news Lee Families! The Walter Lee PAC has partnered with Pedalheads Camps and Programs to offer a Promo Code that allows for families to book any Pedalheads camps or programs for \$25 off - all while fundraising for our school! With the code WALTERL25, you will automatically receive \$25 off your camp or program and that same amount will be kindly donated by Pedalheads to the Walter Lee PAC! As always, the funds raised through this and all of our other initiatives go towards important learning resources for your children including classroom technology, guest speakers and field trips!

How it works: Simply log onto www.pedalheads.com/british-columbia and click "Find a Program" to explore their variety of bike, soccer, swim and trail programs offered. Choose your program/camp and go to checkout. At the checkout screen, under "Payment Method" click on "Have a promo/coupon code?" and then enter **WALTERL25** to have \$25 automatically deducted from your total! Though this

code expires on June 30th, 2025, you can register your children for camps in July and August using the code, you just have to register and apply the code before June 30th.

****Registration is now open for Spring Break camps!!**** Questions about registration? Call Pedalheads at 1-888-886-6464 or email info@pedalheads.com

Return-It Express - Support your Walter Lee PAC by returning your refundable containers including [milk and plant based beverages](#) throughout the year in this ongoing fundraiser!

Walter Lee PAC has set up an account with ***Return-It Express***. to help the environment while supporting your Walter Lee PAC!

3 EASY STEPS TO SUPPORT YOUR PAC:

STEP 1: Go to your nearest Express Return-It Depot [Location](#) and bring your unsorted rinsed containers in a sealed, clear plastic bag.

STEP 2: Use the phone number **604-668-6269** to log in at an Express Kiosk. **WALTER LEE PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL** -Click "YES"

STEP 3: Print your tags + tag your bags + leave them in the designated Express drop-off area. Tip: Print a few extra tags to save time for future bottle returns.

Funds will be credited directly to the Walter Lee PAC account. All funds raised go directly back into your Walter Lee Students & School.

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

Other PAC News:

We are putting a call out to all Grade 7 parents to come and join our Grade 7 leaving event group! Have a say in how the event will be organized! We are hoping to have a group meet one evening per month to start this planning! Please email the PAC to indicate your interest!

We thank you for your ongoing support of the PAC and our efforts to fund important items for your students!

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>

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 2025						
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Black History Month

1-7	UN World Interfaith Harmony Week
2	Vasant Panchami 🌀
5	Ash Wednesday †
5	Richmond School District Student Voice Forum
12	Lantern Festival
12	Magha Puja Day 🌀
15	Nirvana Day 🌀
17	Family Day
20	World Day of Social Justice
21	International Mother Language Day
26	Maha Shivaratri 🌀
26	Pink Shirt Day
28	Ramadan Begins (Ends March 29) ☾

SIGNIFICANT DATES IN OUR COMMUNITY

February 28 – March 29 Ramadan:

Ramadan is the ninth month of Islamic lunar calendar. Muslims consider this whole month a blessed month. They fast during the days of this month and make special prayers at night. People also give more charity and do extra righteous deeds. Information is posted on Richnet here on how schools can recognize and be considerate of colleagues, students, and families.

February is Black History Month: Black History Month in Canada is an annual celebration held in February to honor the rich cultural heritage, achievements, and contributions of Black Canadians to the country's history and society. It provides an opportunity to reflect on the ongoing struggles against systemic racism and to recognize the resilience and accomplishments of Black communities in shaping Canada's past, present, and future.

In addition, Richmond Public Library is offering a variety of free programs suitable for various audiences including:

- Black Author talks featuring Ruby Diaz, *Searching for Serafim*
- Black History Trivia challenge
- Unveiling of a new Canada post stamp in honour of Black historical Canadian figure(s)
- Soul Music by Black Musician Checo Tothomaso
- A film Screening of the movie *Till* (includes popcorn)
- Reflections on the 30th Anniversary of Black History Month Panel discussion featuring our very own **Superintendent, Mr. Chris Usih**

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.

4 Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.

2 Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.

5 Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property.

3 Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.

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: sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct