



# 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, March 3, 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mar 3-7	Gr 7 basketball tournament @ McRoberts	Gr 7 basketball tournament @ McRoberts	Girls basketball @ home vs Bridge	Dance program @ Lee Boys basketball @ home vs Bridge	Dance program @ Lee Div 1 to Lynn Canyon Popcorn & treat sale @ 2:45pm
Mar 10-14	Dance program @ Lee Gr 7 basketball tournament @ McNair	Dance program @ Lee Gr 7 basketball tournament @ McNair	Dance program @ Lee TCBY Frozen Yogurt treat	Dance program @ Lee Hot lunch: Fusion Feast Pizza, Pasta and Curry	Switch-A-Roo spirit day

### Staffing announcements

We would like to thank **Ms. Sarah Fleming** for her wonderful work at Walter Lee. We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for her exceptional work as our Senior Administrative Assistant during Ms. Hsieh's maternity leave. Her dedication and attention to detail have been invaluable to our school. Ms. Fleming's last day with us is March 13<sup>th</sup>, thank you for your hard work, Ms. Fleming.

A goodbye to Ms. Fleming means **Ms. Amy Hsieh's** return from maternity leave. Welcome back to Walter Lee, Ms. Hsieh!

Thank you, **Mr. Tom Chan** for your work as our noon-hour supervisor. You supervise our students rain or shine... all of it with a smile.

### Spring Break March 17-28

Please note that schools will be closed from March 17-28 for spring break. First day back to school will be Monday, March 31.

### Another basketball season comes to a close

This season has been an incredible journey, and much of that is thanks to our amazing basketball coaches: **Mr Cia, Mr. Shackles, Ms. Yurkovich and Ms. Bazso**. You've not only taught our students the skills and strategies of the game but also instilled the values of teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship.

### Dance program from "Jess Dance"

From March 8-13 all Lee students will be receiving dance instruction from Jess Dance instructor Nii. He will be teaching routines in the genre Afro style and Hip-hop. Parents will be able to view a video of the dance routines on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Optional Student Accident Insurance

As in previous years, families can choose to purchase an optional student accident insurance plan for their children through the "InsureMyKids®" program, underwritten by Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada.

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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](http://lee.sd38.bc.ca)

The “InsureMyKids®” accident insurance program offers protection against the potentially high costs of any injury resulting from unexpected accidents and is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

The insurance agreement will be between the family and Old Republic Canada and will be effective on the date the enrollment application and payment are received by the insurance carrier. To purchase a student accident insurance plan, families can visit <http://www.insuremykids.com>, or speak with an Old Republic Canada customer service representative at 1-800-463-5437.

The program coverage typically includes:

- A full year (365 days from date of purchase), 24 hours a day, whether at school or at home;
- Expenses such as ambulance, physio-therapy, private tutoring, counselling, and much more that are limited or not covered by private or group insurance plans, or provincial health plans;
- Injury related dental treatment as the result of an accident;
- Out-of-province or country emergency medical expenses. (Platinum Plan Only)

If you would like a brochure about this service, please pop by the office.

#### 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 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**.

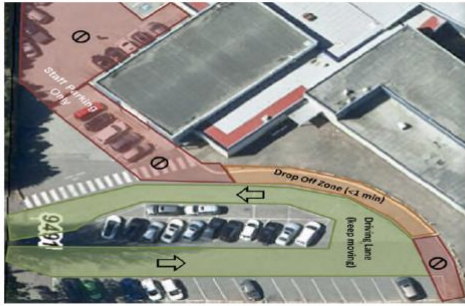
#### Drop off and pick up in our parking lot: **Reminder to All Families: Student Safety is Our Priority**

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

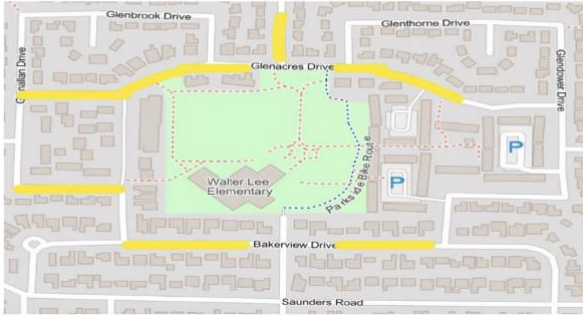
- The **DROP OFF** area is for quick drop-offs only. Parents must **not** leave their cars for any reason.
- Park only in authorized parking spots.
- Obey city parking bylaws and the parking regulations of nearby apartments.

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](mailto:LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com) or Principal Mr. Chan.



**Upcoming hot lunch and treat dates:**

Friday, March 7th - Popcorn and treat sale (everything \$2) - 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!

The next hot lunch menus will be live on Munch-a-Lunch during Spring Break!

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](mailto:LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com) to arrange pick-up of the lunch.

There will be no refunds, and all lunches without pickup 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 PACteam at [LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com](mailto:LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com).

**February PAC Meeting:**

Thank you to everyone who attended our February meeting!

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 23rd, 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](mailto:LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com)

**Important fundraisers:**

**Samosa Fundraising Company** - thank you to all of those who ordered samosas and other delicious items from our recent new fundraiser. Order pick up at Walter Lee on Monday, March 10th! Details to be sent out soon!

**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](http://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](mailto: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 LEEPARENTS 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 WalterLee 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](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and search 'Walter Lee PAC'

or

[www.oliverslabels.com/WalterLeePAC](https://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! Without you, the leaving event may not be a success!! 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](mailto:LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com)

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

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

March 2025						
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30	31					

**Irish Heritage Month**

- 1 Zero Discrimination Day
- 5 Ash Wednesday †
- 8 International Women’s Day
- 13-14 Purim 🌿
- 14 Holi 🙏
- 14-16 Hola Mohalla ☸
- 15 International Day to Combat Islamophobia
- 17 Neurodiversity Celebration Week
- 19 Nowruz – Iranian (Persian) New Year
- 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 21 World Down Syndrome Day
- 30 Chaitra Navratri (ends April 7) 🙏
- 30-31 Eid-al-Fitr Celebration 🌙

**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.

**March 5 Ash Wednesday:**

Ash Wednesday is a significant day in the Christian liturgical calendar, marking the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance leading up to Easter. It falls on the first day of Lent and is observed by many Western Christian denominations, including Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Lutherans, and Methodists.

**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](http://s438.bc.ca/codeofconduct)