

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

Monday, April 14, 2025

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		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	April 14-18				Popcorn and Treat Sale CASH only	Good Friday – no school	
	April 21 - 25	121 - Easter Monday - no school Hot Lunch: Nando's					

Good Bye Ms. Chakrabarti

We would like to express our gratitude to Ms. Chakrabarti for her dedicated work at Walter Lee. She has shown exceptional care towards our students and staff, especially our most vulnerable students. Ms. Chakrabarti's last day will be Thursday, April 17. Good luck and all the best, Rikki, you will be missed.

Track 2025

Our Grade 4-7 track and field zone meet is confirmed for Wednesday, May 14th. Over the next couple of weeks, we will hold "Track Attack" practices to introduce all intermediate students to the various track and field events. Please ensure that students come to school prepared to participate in Track Attack with appropriate footwear and clothing.

As we continue to prepare for the track meet, our school is committed to ensuring that every student interested in attending the zone track meet is included in at least one event.

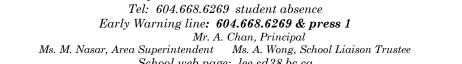
We also ask parents to save the date for May 14th and be available to drive their child to and pick them up (before 2pm) from Minoru Track. Unfortunately, we have not been able to reserve a school bus and will need parent drivers.

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 Elementary School 9491 Ash Street, Richmond, B.C. V7A 2T7

School web page: lee.sd38.bc.ca



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!

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!

 $\textbf{Questions?} \ \textbf{Contact the Lee Parent Advisory Council (PAC) at } \ \underline{\textbf{LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com}} \ \textbf{or Principal Mr. Chan.}$



Upcoming hot lunch and treat dates:

<u>Thursday, April 17th</u> - Popcorn and treat sale (everything \$2 each) - after school at the basketball court - CASH ONLY

Thursday, April 24th - Nando's hot lunch - ordering closes Friday, April 18th, 11:59PM

Thursday, May 8th - Fukuroku Japanese hot lunch - ordering closes Friday, May 2nd, 11:59PM

Friday, May 9th - Treat sale (everything \$2 each) - after school at the basketball court - CASH ONLY

<u>Thursday, May 22nd</u> - Fusion Feast Pizza, Pasta and Curry hot lunch - ordering closes Friday, May 16th, 11:59PM

<u>Friday May 30th</u> - Treat sale (everything \$2 each) - after school at the basketball court - CASH ONLY

Thursday, June 5th - Westcoast Poke lunch - ordering closes Friday, May 30th, 11:59PM

Friday, June 13th (Sports Day!) - Subway lunch - ordering closes Saturday, June 7th, 11:59PM

Thursday, June 19th - Nando's hot lunch - ordering closes Friday, June 13th, 11:59PM

 $\underline{\text{Friday}}$, $\underline{\text{June 20th}}$ - Treat sale (everything \$2 each) - after school at the basketball court - CASH ONLY

<u>Wednesday, June 25th</u> - The Country's Best Yogurt (TCBY Frozen Yogurt & Sorbet) - ordering closes Thursday, June 19th, 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

- <u>LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com</u> 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 PAC team at LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com.

April PAC Meeting:

Our next meeting will be <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>April 23rd</u>, <u>5:30PM</u> 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:

PAC is excited to be working with Above and Beyond Productions to offer a **Family Photo Fundraiser coming up in May**!

Are you interested in having beautiful, professional photos of your family taken in a gorgeous setting?

Families can book a photo mini session to have professional family photos taken outside in the beautifully landscaped Minoru Park on Saturday, May 3rd and Sunday, May 4th. The mini sessions are 20 minutes long and the photographer will take a variety of photos that will be professionally edited. The cost is \$120 and you will receive 30 digital images of your family.

Walter Lee PAC will receive \$21 from each booking, and all money earned will help buy teacher wish list items.

Please visit https://book.usesession.com/s/55YoQ4Xg3c for more info and to book your session. Bookings are now live and there are only **8 mini session slots left!**

<u>Prowl-a-Thon 2025!!</u> Prowl-a-Thon is PAC's biggest fundraiser and it is fast approaching! Please join us on Friday, May 9th as we raise money for your students essential school-related items including funding new technology and providing special guest speakers and arts programs for our school. Additionally, the PAC continues to fundraise for field trips, leadership activities and teacher wish list items. A letter explaining Prowl-a-Thon and a request for donations will be coming home with your student soon!

Additionally, do you have a business that would like to support the PAC?

Your Walter Lee PAC is calling out to local businesses who can donate exciting prizes for the Prowla-Thon! To help spread the day's joy and encourage engagement, students who help raise funds have their names entered into a draw to win prizes. Prizes help the students get excited about the event, celebrate their participation, and help our PAC fund the many initiatives in and out of the classroom. Prior prize donations have included: admission tickets, gift baskets, and \$5 or \$10 gift cards. The PAC is open to new prize donation ideas too! The PAC would love to recognize participating businesses in the PAC social media channels and e-mail newsletter and greatly appreciate all the businesses that donate prizes.

Please email <u>leeelemenarypac@gmail.com</u> by <u>April 18th</u> with your business and prize information. We have extended the date for prize donations as we are still seeking support from our Lee Families!!

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. Questions about registration? Call Pedalheads at 1-888-886-6464 or email info@pedalheads.com

<u>Return-It Express</u> - Support your Walter Lee PAC by returning your refundable containers including <u>milk and plant based beverages</u> 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 <u>Location</u> 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. <u>Tip:</u> <u>Print a few extra tags to save time for future bottle returns.</u>

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

<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>

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 2025							
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Autism Awareness Month; Condemnation and Prevention Month; Genocide Remembrance; Sikh Heritage Month

2	World Autism Awareness Day

Ram Navami 🕉

10 French Festival 12 Hanuman Jayanti 3

12-20 Pesach 学

14 Vaisakhi Ф

14 International Day of Pink

14-20 Bangla Heritage Week

18 Good Friday †

Easter Sunday †
 First Day of the Festival of Ridván

21 Easter Monday †

23-24 Yom HaShoah

(Holocaust Remembrance Day) ♥
29 Elementary Reports Published: Term 2

30 Joint Pro-D Day Celebration

SIGNIFICANT DATES IN OUR COMMUNITY

April is Sikh Heritage Month (<u>link</u>) and Autism Awareness Month (<u>autismspeaks.ca</u>)

April 14 - Baisakhi or Vaisakhi

A harvest festival celebrated in India, mainly by the Sikh community.

April 12-20 - Pesach or Passover (First Day is most significant) Holiday that commemorates the Jewish liberation and escape from Egypt.

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.

