



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

Tuesday, April 7 2026

|             | Monday                    | Tuesday                               | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   |
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| April 6-10  | Easter Monday – no school |                                       |   | Hot lunch-Fukuroku   | Class and school photos  |
| April 13-17 |                           | 3-Crows school-wide performance @ 1pm | McRoberts Concert band performance @ 9am<br>Bake sale fundraiser @ after school | Feeding Futures hot lunch - see below for more information | Spirit Day: Anything but a Backpack<br>TCBY frozen yogurt @ 2:52pm |

## Message from the Principal

Welcome to the start of Term 3! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and refreshing break. This term is filled with exciting activities and opportunities as we work together to finish the school year strong. A few important dates to keep in mind: Term 2 report cards will be sent home on April 23, and we also have fun events coming up, including Spirit Days, Prowl-a-thon and Movie Night. Please remember to check the school website regularly for details on these events and other important announcements.

We would also like to extend our best wishes to Ms. Nomura, who is anticipating the arrival of her new baby. We are pleased to welcome Ms. Ho, who will be with us for the remainder of the school year in Ms. Nomura's class.

## NEW – Feeding futures Hot lunch program – Free for all students

The Richmond School District will be offering a Universal Hot Lunch program at our school. This lunch will be offered at no cost to all students at Walter Lee Elementary School *ONCE* each month for interested families. (April 16, May 14, June 11)

We will be using the MunchaLunch ordering platform for this hot lunch opportunity.

[Please use this link for more information about this new initiative:](https://munchalunch.com/docs/sd38/FF)

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- If you are new to Munch-a-lunch you will be required to register. Please use the link above for more information
- If you already have a munch-a-lunch login you will notice the option to “switch accounts” at the top banner of the webpage. That will allow you to order all the lunches available to Walter Lee families.

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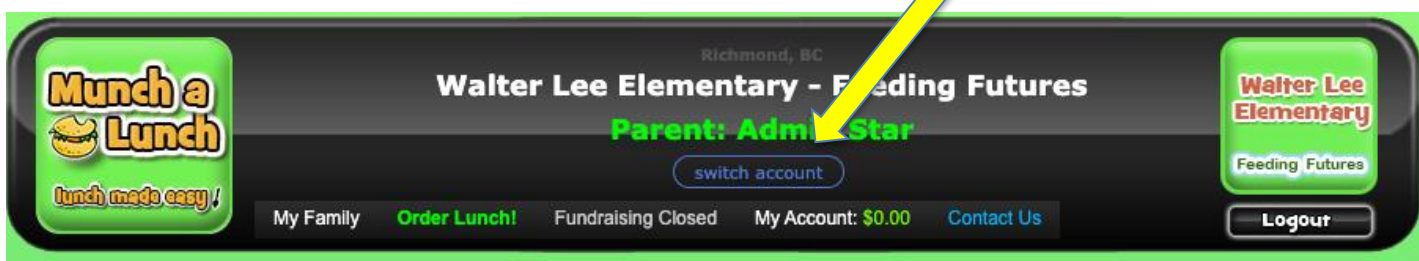
Tel: 604.668.6269 student absence

Early Warning line: **604.668.6269 & press 1**

Mr. A. Chan, Principal

Ms. M. Nasar, Area Superintendent Ms. D. Sargent, School Liaison Trustee

School web page: [lee.sd38.bc.ca](https://lee.sd38.bc.ca)



#### Additional information:

- **All orders will be due 7 days before the hot lunch day**, for the first hot lunch day, please order by April 9
- **There are dairy free, gluten free and halal options.**
- **Please confirm the portion size:** You get to choose the size for your child. For example, if your child is in grade 1, they can still order large portion or any size they want.

#### Volunteer Driver update: Safety Protocols

To ensure the safety for our students, all volunteer drivers are now required to complete a Criminal Record Check (CRC) before driving for field trips.

If you are volunteer driving for the first time this school year, please visit the office to:

1. Pick up the new Driver Authorization Form.
2. Get the Access Code to complete your free online CRC: [Information on our school website HERE](#)

Checklist for Drivers: Please ensure the office has copies of your:

- CRC Submission Confirmation
- Driver's License
- Vehicle Insurance
- Signed Authorization Form

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe!

#### PAC information



Follow us for Lee Parent updates:



Our upcoming lunches are:

**Fukuroku Japanese** - Thursday, April 9th

**The Country's Best Yogurt (and Sorbet!)** - Friday, April 17th (at dismissal) - order by Saturday, April 11th, 11:59PM!

**Fusion Feast Pizza, Pasta and Curry** - Thursday, April 23rd - order by Friday, April 17th, 11:59PM!

**Westcoast Poke** - Thursday, May 9th - order by Friday, May 1st, 11:59PM!

**Premier Central Kitchen** - Thursday, May 21st - order by Friday, May 15th, 11:59PM!

**Fusion Feast Pizza, Pasta and Curry** - Thursday, June 4th - order by Friday, May 29th, 11:59PM!

**Subway and Booster Juice** - Sports Day lunch - Friday, June 12th - order by Saturday, June 6th, 11:59PM!

**Just Poke** - Thursday, June 18th - order by Friday, June 12th, 11:59PM!

**The Country's Best Yogurt (and Sorbet!)** - Wednesday, June 24th (at dismissal) - order by Thursday, June 18th, 11:59PM!

**\*\*\*Stay tuned for announcements about upcoming after school treat sales!\*\*\***

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 an on-going success! Without our wonderful volunteers, hot lunch wouldn't happen! We are always looking for help to organize/pack orders and a time commitment of only 90 minutes is needed! If you would like to participate, please check the "VOLUNTEER" option in Munch-a-Lunch that is provided after placing your order, email the PAC team at [LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com](mailto:LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com) or message us via WhatsApp!

### **PAC Meeting:**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our February PAC meeting! Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 22nd, 5:30PM, Lee library. Please join us for coffee and to get an update from Mr. Chan and the PAC! If you cannot join in person but want to participate, we will have a Teams link available the week of the meeting.

### **Important events and fundraisers:**

**Pedalheads Promo Code** - The PAC has once again partnered with Pedalheads (Swim, Bike, Soccer and Trail) to offer all of our Lee families a \$25 discount on programs and camps all while fundraising for our school! With the code **WALTERL26**, 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 **WALTERL26** to have \$25 automatically deducted from your total! Though this code **expires on June 30th, 2026**, 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. The code is valid for all Pedalheads programs in BC.

**Family Movie Night** - PAC is hosting a night filled with fun, pizza and most importantly, a movie! A new twist this year: each class will get to vote on their choice of movie (out of 3 choices) and the movie with the most votes will be screened on **Friday, April 24th!**

Voting is now open (students have received one ballot and can drop them into their movie box choice at the office) and will end this Thursday! Once the movie is announced, ordering for admission, pizza and drinks will be open on Munch-a-Lunch!

**Above and Beyond Productions** - The PAC is again collaborating with Above and Beyond Productions to offer mini family photo sessions in May! Capture family memories by booking a session for either May 2nd or 3rd! All sessions will take place at Minoru Park and for each paid booking, the PAC receives \$20! Click here to reserve your spot: [https://book.usesession.com/s/E\\_cd0Sanyd](https://book.usesession.com/s/E_cd0Sanyd)

**Prowl-a-Thon** - PAC's largest annual fundraiser is happening on **Friday, May 22nd!** This year our goal is to fundraise for additional bike racks for our school! Please check here and our socials for updates on this exciting event - including theme, awesome prizes and more!

As always, the PAC is asking the Lee community to support this fundraiser by donating any prizes that can help us to raise funds! Students' names will be drawn for prizes at the conclusion of Prowl-a-Thon as a thank you for their participation!

**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! You can now easily direct your Return-It Express refunds to the PAC! All you need to do is return your containers via the Express system (using the phone number attached to your account), log in on your home computer or phone and then choose to direct your refunds to Walter Lee PAC - either automatically each time you return containers or whenever you wish to send your funds!

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

or

[www.oliverslabels.com/WalterLeePAC](http://www.oliverslabels.com/WalterLeePAC)

### **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>

### **Significant dates in our community**

April 1–9, 2026 – Pesach / Passover (Jewish)

Greeting: Chag Pesach Sameach to the Jewish students, staff, and families as you observe Pesach. May this time bring reflection, connection, and peace to your homes and communities.

Translation note: Pesach ( פסח ) is pronounced PEH-sakh (with a soft “kh” sound).

Context note: This meaningful festival honours themes of freedom, remembrance, and resilience and is

often marked by family gatherings, storytelling, and traditional meals.

April 3, 2026 – Good Friday (Christian)

Greeting: To the Christian students, staff, and families, we send our warm regards as you observe Good Friday.

Context note: Good Friday is part of Holy Week in the Christian calendar and invites reflection on themes of sacrifice, compassion, and faith. This solemn day of reflection and remembrance commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and is marked through prayer, worship services, and quiet

observance.

April 5–6, 2026 – Easter Sunday and Easter Monday (Christian origin)

Greeting: Happy Easter to all who celebrate! May this time of renewal and hope bring joy, peace, and

connection to your families and communities.

Context note: Easter Sunday celebrates the resurrection of Jesus and is one of the most significant

observances in the Christian tradition. In many cultures and countries, Easter Monday continues the

celebration with gatherings, community events, and time with family.

April 14, 2026 – Vaisakhi (Sikh)

Greeting: Warm greetings to the Sikh students, staff, and families celebrating Vaisakhi. May this day

bring joy, reflection, and community spirit.

Translation note: Vaisakhi (ਵੈਸਾਖੀ) is pronounced Veh-SAH-khee.

Context note: This important day commemorates the founding of the Khalsa by Guru Gobind Singh Ji in 1699 and is also celebrated as a spring harvest festival. Vaisakhi is often celebrated with prayers, community gatherings, and acts of service.

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)

