



R.M. Grauer Elementary School
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PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for next week on Tuesday, October 17th.

Please note that this day is an Early Dismissal Day with a 11:47 dismissal time to accommodate the conferences.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Our next Professional Development Day will be next week on Friday, October 20th. School will be closed that day as staff engage in various opportunities on this provincial Professional Development Day.



PAC MEETINGS

Grauer Parent Advisory Council has our next meeting scheduled for Monday, October 23rd

from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the school Library. Please come and join us!



WEST COAST RECESS AND LUNCH

Just a reminder that children at Grauer will be going outside rain or shine during recess and lunch breaks. We believe that being able to go outside,

breathe lots of fresh oxygen and move around is very good for children’s well-being and ability to learn. A well-known Norwegian quote tells us “There is no bad weather, only bad clothing.” With this in mind, **please make sure your child has adequate clothing for outside, even in the rain. Please provide them with a change of socks and shoes, rainproof coat with hood or hat and possibly an umbrella.**

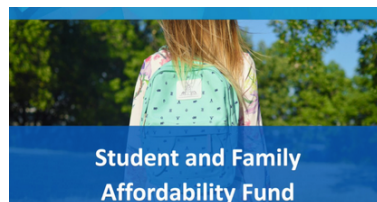
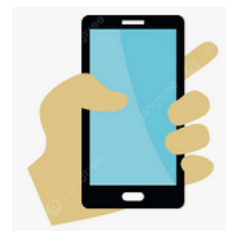
STRONGSTART AT GRAUER

StrongStart is a drop-in program for pre-schoolers and their parents, and is located in Room 109 with a separate entrance (Door 3), at the top of the ramp on the north side of the school. We are open from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. More information can be found at sd38.bc.ca



EARLY WARNING, ABSENCES, AND LATE ARRIVALS

Please inform the school by telephone when your child will be late or absent due to illness or an appointment, etc. Our Early Warning line - **604-668-7890** - is available 24 hours a day for parents to leave a message. Please clearly state your child’s first and last name, division and reason for absence. If no prior notice of absence is received, we will call home to determine the reason for the absence. Students arriving after 8:45 a.m. are required to enter through the main doors and check-in at the office before going to class.



STUDENT AND FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND

The provincial government has created the Student and Family Affordability Fund to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs such as school and course fees, workbooks, specialty supplies, field trips and other school-related charges and costs. The additional funding will also be used to support school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students. Please reach out to the school office at grauer@sd38.bc.ca if you are in need of assistance with school supplies, fees or other school-related costs. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need, in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday, November 13th in observance of Remembrance Day, which falls on a Saturday this year. We will be holding an assembly on Friday, November 10th to recognize this important day.



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GRADE 7 GRAD HOODIES
 Our Grade 7 students will once again have the opportunity to order Graduation Hoodies. Orders for these hoodies are due by Monday, October 16.

STUDENT PHOTO RETAKES

If you missed Individual Student Photo Day last week, we have our Photo Retake Day scheduled for Tuesday, November 7.



SNOW DAYS

On a snow day, our school will remain open if at all possible. No announcement will be made saying that schools will be open.

Only closures will be announced on the school district website and social media, as well as on local radio and television stations. Closures will be announced as early as possible.



BECOME HOMESTAY at the RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Be a host for an international student for a month, semester or year. Richmond International Education (RIE) Homestay Program is looking for local families to offer a welcoming home.

Contact us to find out more about this enriching opportunity.

study@sd38.bc.ca 604-668-6217



- Oct. 17 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 11:47 Dismissal
- Oct. 20 Pro-D Day - School Closed
- Oct. 23 PAC Meeting – 5:30 in Library
- Oct. 31 Halloween
- Nov. 7 Photo Re-Takes
- Nov. 10 Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day
- Nov. 13 Remembrance Day Observed
 – School Closed
- Nov. 20 Pro-D Day - School Closed

What you need to know as a parent about Accident Insurance

Accidents can and do happen! Each year, many families are left financially unprotected when their children are injured at school, on field trips, while participating in non-school activities, or at home. **Our School District does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school property or during school activities, including extracurricular sports. If a student is injured, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any costs not covered by their Government Health Insurance Plan or their employer's health care plan.**

Most accident related expenses are not fully covered under any plans and expenses like ambulance fees, casts, crutches, physiotherapy and emergency dental care may not be covered at all. This leaves the parent/guardian financially responsible for these unexpected and usually hefty expenses. Please check with your provider regarding your coverage.

To help protect your family, it is recommended that you consider obtaining student accident insurance, which provides coverage for these types of costs. As a convenience to you, the District has made an arrangement to offer student accident insurance through Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada's insuremykids® program. Participation is voluntary but highly recommended and the costs are to be paid by the parent/guardian. Available for students up to age 26.

Coverage is provided for a wide range of accidental expenses, including:

- **Dental expenses**, includes 10 years unlimited dental benefit coverage, future dental up to \$1,650 per tooth, and injury related orthodontia coverage up to \$2,500 per accident.
- **Total and permanent disability**, up to \$350,000
- **Loss of limb/loss of sight, hearing or speech**
- **Accidental death**
- **Ambulance fees**
- **And more!**

The insuremykids® Student Accident Insurance program offers three plans with a variety of benefits at affordable rates – their most affordable plan is available for as little as \$17.00 per year for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week coverage. The most popular plan is the Platinum at \$33 per year and it includes out of province emergency medical coverage and travel benefits. Family rates are available for three or more children in the same family, even if attending different schools. There are also premium savings for optional 3-Year and 5-Year plans when purchasing online.

For more information or to purchase directly online, please visit www.insuremykids.com or call 1-800-463-5437.