



R.M. Grauer Elementary School
 4440 Blundell Road, Richmond B.C. V7E 1G9
 604-668-6547 | grauer.sd38.bc.ca
Principal: Mr. S. Plumb
Sr. Administrative Assistant: Ms. Lisa Firth

December, 2023



STUDENT PROGRESS

REPORT Progress Reports for students will be available after school online in the MyEducation BC Parent Portal

on December 21st. This is a wonderful time to celebrate your child’s learning and set goals for the coming term. As you look at your child’s report card, take the time to highlight and discuss your child’s achievements, both academically and socially. **Please see the other attachment to this email for important information on how to access your child’s Report Card online.**

WINTER WONDERLAND SKATING

The Grauer PAC is pleased to bring back Winter Wonderland skating at Minoru



Arena. Please join us on **Saturday December 16 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.** Skate through the splendour of sparkling lights, snow banks, and decorated trees, while enjoying holiday music. This is a free Grauer Elementary Christmas community event with the cost of the ice rental covered by our PAC. Skates and helmet rentals are included. A valid CSA hockey helmet is strongly recommended. Our PAC will be selling hot chocolate and cookie combos for \$2.00 each. Please note that quantities are limited and will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Come early to avoid disappointment and please have exact change. If there are any non-skating parent volunteers that can help distribute food, please email graurelementarypac@gmail.com.

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.



WINTER CONCERT

We are excited for a Winter Concert from our Grade 6/7 Band Students! Join us on **Thursday, December 21st at**

1:30 p.m. Please join us in the school gym that afternoon for some holiday fun. **Parents can enter through the Gym doors at the Southwest corner of the school.**

PAC MEETINGS

The Grauer Parent Advisory Council has our next meeting scheduled for Monday, January 15th from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. This will be an **online meeting**. A link will be sent out closer to the date. Please come and join us!



DONATE TO OUR MUD KITCHEN

If you have any old kitchen utensils, baking ware, pots, or pans that you don’t need, please feel free to donate them to the school for use in our mud kitchen in the outdoor learning space. Any items can be dropped off in the school office.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025

We are excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2019, turning 5 in 2024. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2024. Online registration began November 1, 2023.

Families are encouraged to register any time during the Priority 1 registration period (November – January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications completed any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions via emails from the school by February 2, 2024.

Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available on our District website, providing new parents with guidance on the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori). These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten.



R.M. Grauer Elementary School
4440 Blundell Road, Richmond B.C. V7E 1G9
604-668-6547 | grauer.sd38.bc.ca
Principal: Mr. S. Plumb
Sr. Administrative Assistant: Ms. Lisa Firth

Report Cards Online

At Grauer Elementary School and across the district, we are introducing a new way to access your child's school information directly online. Last year, the District officially launched the **MyEducation BC PARENT PORTAL** which allows parents and/or guardians to access attendance, term grades, report cards and other information on their child(ren). Report cards will be available online on Thursday, December 21st for one month.

Each parent/guardian will have their own separate account, and can view the following:

- Attendance Information
- Contact Information
- Student Demographic Information
- Published Report Cards
- Transcript Information

You should have received an email from "sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca" with your login ID and temporary password if you had consented to receive emails from school. Instructions on how to login and navigate the Parent Portal can be found on our school website and attached to this email.

Access the Parent Portal at: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>

- **The first login must be done from a workstation, laptop or computer.** Do not use an iPad, tablet or cell phone. After the initial log in you may use any device to access your parent portal account.
- Enter the login ID and password provided in the MyED BC email
- The first time you log on to your account you will be asked to change your password

Account Problems?

Accounts have been created using email addresses previously provided to the office.

If you have issues logging into MyEd please send an email to the District MyEd Support Team at the following email address: MyEdParentPortal@sd38.bc.ca In the subject line please put *Parent Portal*, and in the message, include the following: Student's Full Name, Pupil #, Parent/Guardian Name and email address. Please note that it may take some time for your email to be answered.

Security

MyEducation BC is a secure student information system used in most school districts in the province of BC. Security is guided by the rules and regulations of the School Act and Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA). If you have any questions, please contact our office at 604-668-6225.



R.M. Grauer Elementary School
 4440 Blundell Road, Richmond B.C. V7E 1G9
 604-668-6547 | grauer.sd38.bc.ca
Principal: Mr. S. Plumb
Sr. Administrative Assistant: Ms. Lisa Firth



SPIRIT DAYS

Our amazing Student Leadership Team and our Sustainability Team, under the guidance of Ms. Bawa and Ms. Mui are combining to lift school spirit with a series of

Spirit Days. Upcoming Spirit Days include: Pajama Day (Wednesday, Dec. 20); and Winter Sweater Day (Thursday, Dec. 21). Show your school spirit by dressing up on these days!

TEXT MESSAGE DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

The Richmond School District is implementing a new communication tool that will enable both the district and your child's school to send you text messages. This is being implemented to improve the ability to deliver time-sensitive information to you, including emergency notifications. Given the significance of this communication tool, we strongly encourage you to opt-in for this service. **You can choose to opt-in by texting 978338 with a Yes.** Once you have opted in, you should receive a confirmation text message from School Messenger. School Messenger is fully compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge, ensuring the safety and confidentiality of your information. Your data will never be shared or sold to any third party. Thank you for staying connected with us through this new communication tool.



STAFF VS. STUDENT VOLLEYBALL GAME

During the afternoon on Friday, December 15th, our Grauer Staff will be taking on members of our Grade 6/7 Volleyball Team in volleyball in the school gym. Classes will be invited down to the gym to cheer on the Staff. In an effort to give back to the community, we are asking students to bring a non-perishable food item to the game to donate to the Richmond Food Bank. **Please note that donations are voluntary**, and all students will be able to attend the game whether they bring a donation or not.



PRO-D DAY

Looking ahead to the new year, just a reminder that Monday, January 29th is our next Professional Development Day and students will not attend

school on this day.



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.**



- | | |
|------------------|--|
| Dec. 15 | Staff vs. Student Volleyball |
| Dec. 20 | Pajama Day |
| Dec. 21 | Sweater Day |
| Dec. 21 | Winter Band Concert |
| Dec. 21 | Written Learning Updates
(Report Cards) |
| Dec. 22 | Hot Lunch Day |
| Dec. 22 | Last Day Before Winter Break |
| Dec. 23 – Jan. 7 | Winter Break |
| Jan. 8 | School Re-Opens |
| Jan. 15 | PAC Meeting (Online) |
| Jan. 17 | Crazy Hair Day |
| Jan. 29 | Pro-D Day (School Closed) |
| Jan. 31 | Culture Day |