



**R.M. Grauer Elementary School**  
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**Principal:** Mr. S. Plumb  
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May, 2024



**TRACK AND FIELD**

Just a reminder that this year's Zone Track Meet is coming up next week on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at

Minoru Track. A consent form went home to families earlier this week, so please ensure that form is signed and returned to school so we can plan for this fun event. Thanks!

**CLASS PLACEMENTS NEXT YEAR**

Each year, staff spend considerable time determining the placement of students in classes for the next school year.



**Student considerations include:**

- \*Learning style, strengths and needs
- \*Degree of independence in work habits
- \*Social and personal characteristics
- \*Previous year's placement
- \*Parent knowledge of their child

**Parent Input**

If you have information based on the factors listed above that you would like us to consider when placing your child in a class for the 2024/2025 school year, please take this opportunity to submit this information to the office in writing by Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. This information will be shared with teachers during the meetings held to create tentative class placements. Please do not request specific teachers, as at this time we do not know which teacher will be teaching which grades next year.



**GRAUER IDOL 2024**

Grauer Idol took place on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and was a huge success. Thank-you to all our staff, students, and

parents for making this such a great school event. Special thanks go to Mrs. Klomp, Ms. Berry, and Ms. Bawa for all their efforts in getting students ready for the big performance, as well as Mr. Shoub for his invaluable technical support. Truly a team effort!

**PRO-D DAYS**

Our final Professional Development Day of the year is next Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and students will not attend school on this day. The following Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> is Victoria Day and school will also be closed that day.



**PHOENIX DAY: THURSDAY, JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>**



Phoenix Day (Sports Day) will take place on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. **Please note this will be a 1:30 early dismissal day.**



**PAC MEETINGS**

The Grauer Parent Advisory Council has our next meeting scheduled this for Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. This will be an **online meeting**. A link will be sent out closer to the date. Please join us!

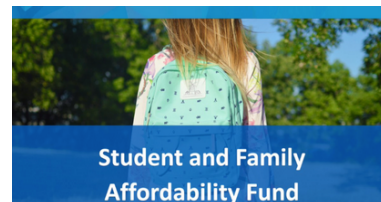
**GRADE 7 FAREWELL**

Mark your calendars Gr. 7 parents, as we have set our Gr. 7 Farewell date for the morning of Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. More information to come as we get closer to the date.



**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 in the following areas: school and course fees; school supplies and course materials; field trips; school-related extracurricular opportunities; and clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities. Please reach out to the school office at [grauer@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:grauer@sd38.bc.ca) if you are in need of assistance. 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, to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.





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- May 13 PAC Meeting (5:30 Online)
- May 16 Zone Track Meet
- May 17 Pro-D Day – School Closed
- May 20 Victoria Day – School Closed
- May 23 Welcome to Kindergarten (9:30-11:30)
- May 24 Class Photos (a.m.)
- May 31 Hot Lunch Day (Sushi)
- June 6 Phoenix Day
- June 14 Hot Lunch Day (Pizza)
- June 25 Grade 7 Farewell
- June 27 Year-End Assembly (9:30)
- June 27 Reports Home
- June 27 Last Day of School



IN PERSON EVENTS FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS IN RICHMOND

**Emotion Regulation**

Speaker: Nicole Allen, Clinical Counsellor

Tuesday, May 14  
 9:15am - 10:30am  
 Grauer School Library

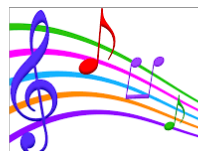
Join us to watch a 40-minute video with an expert speaker and to talk with other families about what helps. Hosted by Family Peer Support Workers.

Registration Required: [familysmart.ca/events](https://familysmart.ca/events)

Questions? [richmond@familysmart.ca](mailto:richmond@familysmart.ca) / 604-607-9570



[familysmart.ca](https://familysmart.ca)



**MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS**

Congratulations to a number of our Band students who participated in a great evening of music at Gateway Theater earlier this week. They represented us well and treated us to a fantastic show. A huge thank-you goes to Mr. Burrows for leading us through this evening of musical talent!



## Cybersafe from Exploitation

### Parent Presentation

**Did you know?**

- Luring counts for more than 75% of online sexual exploitation reports
- Sextortion (digital blackmail) affects boys the most
- Fortnite, Roblox, Minecraft, and Discord are the top dangerous gaming platforms
- It is difficult to experience a gut feeling online
- At any moment, there are 750,000 predators online looking to connect

**What we will cover:**

- Defining sexual exploitation and why online poses more risk
- Current online exploitation trends
- Effective language to use when talking to children
- The red flags and warning signs of grooming
- How AI and Deepfakes connect to exploitation
- Digital blackmail into sextortion, trends, and what to do
- Information sharing- What is and is not okay
- Addressing risks associated with online gaming platforms
- Age of consent laws and how they can help you as a parent
- How to have effective conversations with your child
- The answers to common concerns amongst parents

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7pm Register at:  
<https://shorturl.at/TOPUo>





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**R.M. GRAUER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR  
 2024-2025**



September		February	
Tue Sep 3	School Opening Day	Tues Feb 11	Parent/Teacher Conference Early Dismissal @ 11:45am
Fri Sep 20	Professional Development Day	Fri Feb 14	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Mon Sep 30	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (school not in session)	Mon Feb 17	Family Day (school not in session)
October		March	
Mon Oct 14	Thanksgiving Day (school not in session)	Mon Mar 17 - Fri Mar 28	Spring Vacation
Tues Oct 22	Parent/Teacher Conference Early Dismissal @ 11:45am	Mon Mar 31	Schools Re-open
Fri Oct 25	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)		
November		April	
Mon Nov 11	Remembrance Day (school not in session)	Fri Apr 18	Good Friday (school not in session)
Mon Nov 25	Professional Development Day	Mon Apr 21	Easter Monday (school not in session)
December		Thur Apr 24	Term 2 Reports home
Thur Dec 19	Term 1 Reports home	May	
Mon Dec 23 - Fri Jan 3	Winter Vacation	Fri May 16	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
January		Mon May 19	Victoria Day (school not in session)
Mon Jan 6	Schools Re-open	June	
Mon Jan 27	Professional Development Day	Thu Jun 26	Term 3 Reports home/Last day for Students

**SCHOOL HOURS**

Monday - Friday	
8:45 am	Classes begin
10:09 – 10:24 am	Recess break
11:47 – 12:39 pm	Lunch Break
2:45 pm Classes end	

Other school events will be communicated to our community via our website or newsletters or email.