

Brighthouse Newsletter

**Brighthouse
Elementary**

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School Schedule:

8:40 - Welcome Bell
8:45 – Classes Begin
10:10 -10:25 - Recess
11:50 - 12:42 - Lunch
2:45 - Dismissal

September 30th - Oct 4th, 2024 Week at a Glance

Monday	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - No School
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	Grade 6/7 Volleyball Game at Currie
Friday	

Dear Families,

Thank you to families who were able to join us this morning for our annual walk for Truth and Reconciliation. Today special guests Ryan Wilton, Mary Durocher and Isaiah Durocher joined us with powerful singing and drumming as we began our walk. Students reflected on how we all need to work together to ensure that everyone feels safe and welcome at school.

Families, we are unfortunately needing to have conversations with children at school about using racist language with each other. We take this very seriously at Brighthouse, and we are working as a staff on not only understanding the significance of the harm that the words cause, but also learning about how being kind helps us all feel welcome and safe at school. We know that these conversations can feel difficult to have with children, so I'm including an article for families to read [HERE](#) with useful suggestions on how to have conversations about race.

Finally, as the rainy season is now upon us, we ask that families have patience as we manage the traffic concerns during pick up and drop off times. On rainy days especially, we have noticed a significant increase of cars driving through the pick-up and drop-off loop which can mean that time is spent waiting for your turn to enter the loop. Safety is our primary concern. For this reason you will see staff limiting the number of cars in the loop at a time, ensuring that cars are using the outside lane for pick-up and drop-off, as well as asking families to keep their cars clear of the cross walk area. We have reached out to the City of Richmond to help us with this matter and we hope to be able to provide you shortly with an update.

Wishing you all the best,

Kathy Pantaleo and Leah Scharf

Important Dates!

Sept 30	National Truth and Reconciliation Day - No School on this day
Oct 11	Hot Lunch - Subway
Oct 14	Thanksgiving Day - No School
Oct 15	PAC Meeting @ 3:15pm
Oct 18	Frozen Yogurt Day!
Oct 23	Early Dismissal for Conferences @ 11:50
Oct 24	Photo Day
Oct 25	ProD - No School on this day



Wear Orange for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30

NATIONAL DAY FOR
TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The day honours the children who never returned home and survivors of residential school, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

VISIT THE FOLLOWING LINKS FOR RESOURCES



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH
AND RECONCILIATION



FREE VIRTUAL
EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

SEPT 23-27

PLEASE SHARE THE FOLLOWING EVENTS WITH
YOUR COLLEAGUES AND FAMILIES

TRC EVENTS IN RICHMOND



Dress for the weather

With the rain season upon us, we are asking for families to ensure that children are dressed to play outside rain or shine. Please also pack additional clothing for them in case they get wet. If you are in need of outdoor wear such as rain boots, pants, or coats, there are some items available at the donation station at the office. You can also contact kpantaleo@sd38.bc.ca if you need assistance.

PAC HOT LUNCH



SUBWAY DAY
October 11th, 2024

DEADLINE OCTOBER 6, 2024

@ 7:00 PM

**PAC
FROZEN
YOGURT DAY**

OCTOBER 18TH

DEADLINE OCTOBER 13TH

@ 7:00 PM