

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

March 31st - April 4th , 2025 Week at a Glance

Monday	First Day Back from Spring Break!
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Spirit Day - Jersey Day!

Dear Families,

After some time surveying our staff and students we have decided that our new logo starting the next school year will be the Brighthouse Bobcats. Bobcats are animals found in British Columbia and sometimes even spotted in the Lower Mainland! After Spring Break, we will be asking for students to submit drawings and ideas for our new logo that we will send to a Graphic Artist to come up with our new design. Students are welcome to start thinking about possible designs over Spring Break!

Secondly, we have families who often ask staff how they can help their children with reading at home. We've included this infographic that we thought might be helpful.

Finally, we hope that all families have a good Spring Break and we look forward to seeing you all back on March 31st!

All the best,

Kathy Pantaleo and Leah Scharf

Important Dates!

March 20 - 21	Nowruz
March 30 - 31	Eid-al-Fitr
March 31	First Day back from Spring Break!
April 4	Spirit Day - Jersey Day
April 8	Class Photos
April 11	Hot Lunch - Pizza
April 17	Hot Lunch - Chinese and Japanese Food
April 18	Good Friday - No School
April 21	Easter Monday - No School

Questions you may be asking:

How To Build Language and Reading Skills at Home

Question	Answer
Why are my child's language skills important for reading?	Building language skills teaches a child about sounds and words, and how they go together to make sentences. This helps the child not only to learn how to read words on a page, but also to understand what they read.
What is the best way I can prepare my child to learn to read?	Talk, sing and read to your child! Research shows that children who are around lots of words learn important skills that help get them ready to read in school.
How do I work on my child's language and reading skills when I'm too busy?	It is hard to find extra time in your day. There are helpful things you can do during regular daily activities. For example: Tell your baby what you are doing when you are getting them dressed: "First we'll put on your diaper. Now let's put your arms into your sleeves." Talk about signs and other things you see when you are walking or on the bus. "Look at the stop sign. It's red. The letters are white." Sing songs and play games that talk about body parts when you are giving your child a bath. "Here is my nose. Can you show me your nose?"
My child doesn't know all their letters. Should they know them before they start school?	No. It is more important that your child has been learning language skills during their first years of life. Research shows children who start school knowing very little about letters and sounds can still learn to read well. Develop their vocabulary skills and make sure they communicate well at home before they begin school.

For more information on early literacy and language development, please visit the Canadian Children's Literacy Foundation at www.childrensliteracy.ca





Eid Mubarak



Eid-al-Fitr on March 30 - 31

Many Muslims in Canada celebrate Eid-al-Fitr on the first day of Shawwal in the Islamic calendar. It marks the end of the month-long fast of Ramadan and the start of a feast that lasts up to three days in some countries. The date is dependent on the sighting of the new crescent moon.

Hot Lunches and Treats for April, May and June!

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April 11 - Pizza

April 17 - Chinese & Japanese Food

April 25 - Edo

May 2 - Pizza

May 9 - Subway

May 15 - Frozen Yogurt (handed out at the end of the day)

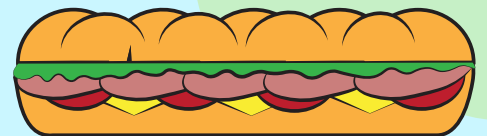
May 23 - Edo

May 30 - Booster Juice (handed out at the end of the day)

June 6 - Pizza

June 13 - Frozen Yogurt (handed out at the end of the day)

June 20th - Subway



Happy Nowruz! March 20th - 21st

At this time of the year Iranians and many nations in the Middle east celebrate the arrival of spring and the spring solstice. It is called Nowruz, meaning new day.

For this celebration, a spread called Haftsini is made, meaning seven S's. This traditional spread has different items, and each one has a meaning.



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.

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JERSEY DAY

WHAT:

Jersey day.
This is the day you can choose to wear a jersey to school to show school spirit. You can also wear athletic clothing if you do not have a jersey.

WHEN:

April,4,2025



WHERE:

BRIGHOUSE
ELEMENTARY

WHO:

Everyone in
Brighouse



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