

# Brighthouse Newsletter

## Brighthouse Elementary

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**Kathy Pantaleo**

Principal

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Vice Principal

### School Schedule:

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

## January 5th - 9th 2026 Week at a Glance

Monday	First Day Back!
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

Dear Brighthouse Families,

Earlier this week I emailed about the City of Richmond issuing violation tickets to cars that are waiting in the no stopping zone to enter the traffic circle. While we continue to work with the City of Richmond about this concern, we are encouraging families to look into alternative options such as parking your car and walking to school for the time being.

Secondly, as we begin the new year, our school-wide common language, **“Bobcats Care,”** will continue to guide us. Our focus will be on showing care for ourselves, for others, and for our school community. Students will see and hear examples of caring during morning announcements, in Family Teams activities, through classroom visits from our school counsellor, and when we support students in managing their feelings and emotions.

### Finally, A Big Thank You!

We are so grateful to all the families who participated in our annual food bank drive. Thanks to your generosity, students brought in **1,888 food items** and **\$1,119.00** in donations! A special congratulations to **Division 12** for bringing in the most items—what an amazing effort! It’s truly heartwarming to see the kindness and community spirit that makes our school so special. Thank you for making a difference!

Wishing you all the best,

Leah Scharf and Kathy Pantaleo

## Important Dates!

Jan 5	First Day Back from Winter Break
Jan 9	Hot Lunch - Pizza
Jan 14	PAC Meeting @ 3:15pm
Jan 16	Spirit Day - Fancy and Fabulous
Jan 23	ProD - No School
Jan 30	Spirit Day - Dress as a book character!
Feb 6th	Movie Night
Feb 12th	Early Dismissal @11:50 am for Conferences
Feb 13th	ProD - No School



**Hot Lunch Orders are now open for January to March!**

Create an account here to place your order:  
**Munchalunch.com**



**HAVE A GREAT WINTER BREAK!**

First Day Back is January 5th!

## Winter Break in Richmond!

Take in the creative festive light displays while wandering throughout Steveston Village, City Hall Plaza, Britannia Shipyards and other areas of the city, drop-in for a Winter Wonderland public skating session or a family swim at Minoru Centre for Active Living and so much more.

There are also lots of holiday-themed and regular programs this season including crafts, music, social gatherings, sports and winter daycamps for children. [Click here for schedules and holiday hours](#) for all City facilities.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**DECEMBER 25TH**



**Winter Break**  
**IN RICHMOND**

DEC 20-JAN 4  
[richmond.ca/WinterBreak](http://richmond.ca/WinterBreak)

## December 25, 2025 – Christmas Day (Christian)

Christmas Day is a Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus. Since the early 20th century, Christmas has also been observed as a cultural and secular holiday by Christians and non-Christians.

Merry Christmas to all who are celebrating! We send heartfelt wishes for a day of joy, hope, and connection. May this season bring warmth to your homes and remind us of the values of generosity, compassion, and peace.