

# Brighouse Newsletter

**Brighouse  
Elementary**  
6800 Azure Road  
Richmond, BC  
V7C 2S8  
**Kathy Pantaleo**  
Principal  
**Leah Scharf**  
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 26th - 30th 2026 Week at a Glance

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Hot Lunch - Subway

Dear Brighouse Families,

At the Richmond School District public meeting on January 21, 2026, the Board of Education approved the catchment area for the new elementary school located at 8671 Odlin Crescent, scheduled to open in September 2026. This catchment change helps to balance enrolment at surrounding schools and support the district's long-term commitment to neighbourhood-based schools. As part of this decision, the district has updated catchment boundaries for several city centre schools, including Brighouse. This new catchment boundary means that some Brighouse students will be attending the new school starting in September 2026. The families within this new catchment area were notified yesterday.

We recognize that this new school catchment presents a transition for some students and families, and we understand that with change may come challenges, and opportunities. Both school and district staff are committed to supporting families throughout this process. We encourage families in the new catchment area to attend the virtual information session on January 28. During this session, helpful information will be shared with families navigating next steps.

Additionally, we would like to thank those families who are helping to reduce the traffic congestion by parking/dropping off in a less busy area and walking to/from school. We would like to remind everyone that when walking in the community, please use designated sidewalks and crosswalks, and be cautious around driveways. Recently, a few “near-miss” incidents have been reported, and we want to work together to ensure that everyone arrives and departs school safely.

Wishing you all the best,

Leah Scharf and Kathy Pantaleo

## Important Dates!

Jan 30	Hot Lunch - Subway
Feb 6th	Movie Night
Feb 6th	Last Day to place Spirit Wear Orders!
Feb 6th	Hot Lunch - Edo
Feb 9th - 12th	Scholastic Book Fair
Feb 10th	Spirit Day - Dress like a Book Character
Feb 11	Hot Lunch - Gmen
Feb 12th	Early Dismissal @11:50 am for Conferences
Feb 13th	ProD - No School
Feb 16th	Family Day - No School



## Spirit Wear is now available!

We are excited to share our new Brighouse Bobcats Logo! Forest green t-shirts and hoodies are available to order using SchoolCashOnline. All orders need to be submitted by Friday, February 6th. Sample sizes are available at the office.

T-Shirts: \$16

Hoodies: \$36

## Mural Fundraiser!

We are seeking donations from our Brighouse Community towards our new school mural! We are anticipating the cost of our mural to be \$35 000. Currently, we have \$9 000 in community donations, and our PAC will also be making a donation towards this initiative.

If you would like to make a donation to the Brighouse Elementary Mural Project, click [HERE](#). Please include MURAL in the donation notes. Our hope is to have our new mural at the front entrance of the school by August 2027!

## Stay Informed with SchoolMessenger Text Alerts (Opt-In)

Our District uses SchoolMessenger to share important school and district updates, including weather closures, emergency notifications, reminders, and time-sensitive announcements.

All families with a current cell phone number in our MyEdBC database will receive a text message from SchoolMessenger (Text #: 978338) in February 2026. To start receiving text alerts, you will need to opt in.

### How to opt in:

1. Watch for a text from SchoolMessenger (Text #: 978338).
2. Reply with "Y" to 978338.
3. You will receive a confirmation message letting you know you're successfully subscribed.

Want alerts on more than one device?

To receive text alerts on multiple phones, each phone number must opt in separately by replying "Y" to 978338.

