



# Kidd Week at a Glance

## September 9-13

### Upcoming Cultural Holidays & Commemorative Days of Recognition

Sept 15-16  
 Sept 22-28  
 Sept 30



**Mawlid-al-Nabi (Islam):** Prophet Muhammad's birthday  
 Gender Equality Week

**National Day of Truth and Reconciliation/  
 Orange Shirt Day:** A day when we honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada and learn more about the history of those schools.

<b>Monday</b> Sept 9th	Welcome back assembly for staff and students
<b>Tuesday</b> Sept 10th	
<b>Wednesday</b> Sept 11th	
<b>Thursday</b> Sept 12th	
<b>Friday</b> Sept 13th	



### PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

I am excited to be joining the Kidd school community as Principal this year. I express gratitude to the students, staff and families for the warm welcome that I received this week. I have learned already that Thomas Kidd is a caring school with a strong sense of community.

Let me share a little bit about myself. I have been a Richmond Educator for 29 year. Early in my career I taught primary students at McNeely Elementary and Byng Elementary I. My first administrative position was at Daniel Woodward, where I was Vice Principal for three years. As Principal, I have been at Thompson, General Currie and recently Homma Elementary. I am passionate about fly fishing and enjoying cheering on the Vancouver Canucks and watching our two daughters play hockey.

I am looking forward to working with staff, students and families to continue to provide rich learning experiences for our students and to build on the strong sense of belonging that exists in the school

community. In the coming weeks, I will be working to learn as much as I can by asking questions and being curious. At anytime, please feel free to reach out if you have questions, concerns or thoughts about the school.

I look forward to meeting each of you to and once again thank you for welcoming me into this wonderful community. It is going to be a great year of learning!

Mr. Cherry

### **WELCOME TO NEW STAFF**

We are excited to Welcome the following new staff to Kidd:

- Ms. Zelia Chan (ELL/LRT)
- Ms. Fong (Gr. 1/2)
- Ms. Karen Chahal (Relief Teacher)
- Ms. Shahrat Faisal (Educational Assistant)
- Ms. Sakhaina Jaffer (ELL)



### **SCHOOL HOURS and SIGN IN/OUT PROCEDURES**

#### **SCHOOL HOURS**

- Doors Open: 8:40 am – Teachers will greet the waiting students and bring them inside the building
- Recess: 10:20 am – 10:35 am
- Lunch: 11:55 am – 12:45 pm
- End of School: 2:45 pm – Parents to pick up at the location designated for their children’s class.

#### **LATE ARRIVALS**

Once teachers have already brought in their students from their designated locations, any late students must go to the office at the front of the school and check in before proceeding to class. Arriving on time allows students to settle into their daily routines and to be at their best to start learning.

#### **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**

The Richmond school district uses School Cash Online, an online fee payment system. For safety and efficiency reasons, the district and our school prefer that parents use this service to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into school. Online payments also greatly simplify the refunding process in case field trips or other school events are cancelled. If you haven’t done so already, please go to the following website to register: <https://richmondsd38.schoolcashionline.com/>

When registering you will need your child’s pupil number. This is the number on the top of the blue Student Information Verification Form. If you have not registered previously, you will also receive a School Cash Online letter with your child’s pupil number on it. Alternatively, you may email [kidd@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:kidd@sd38.bc.ca) for your child’s number.

#### **September Forms to Go Home**

The September forms will be going home early next week. These forms will include the following:

- Student Information Verification Form
- Participation in Outdoor Classroom and Walking Field Trips Consent Form
- Personal Information Consent Form
- School Supplies and Agendas

## STUDENT AND FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND

This past spring, the provincial government announced a renewal of one-time funds for the *Student and Family Affordability Fund*. This fund is designed 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
- Clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities

Please reach out to Mr. Cherry at [dcherry@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:dcherry@sd38.bc.ca) if you need 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.

### **PAC Meeting**

Mark your calendars, the first Kidd PAC meeting will be on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the library. All are welcome to attend.

### **Meet the Staff Night**

Meet the Staff night will be on Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30pm. Families will go to the classrooms and meet the teachers until 5:30pm. We will then walk to the gym for staff introductions and talk about the upcoming school year. The PAC will also have a table of information in the front entrance area and gym.

### **Electronic Devices At School**

This year the Ministry of Education asked school districts to make changes to policy regarding personal devices at school. The Richmond School District recognizes and understand that cell phones and personal music devices are part of our lives today, and can support learning, but they can be very disruptive to learning as well. As part of the new policy, students should not have digital devices during the school day unless a supervising staff person gives permission for them to be used for learning. Also, it is recommended that students do not bring their personal devices to school. At Kidd, we have iPads for students to use for learning and if students need to call home, they are welcome to use the office phone.

### **Parking Lot Safety**

There is limited space in our school parking lot. We ask that you take extra precaution by driving slowly and using designated parking spots when dropping off your child. Please do not drop off your child in the driving lanes as there are cars driving around and backing out of spots. **Please do not park on the North side of the school in the NO PARKING lane.**



Please talk to Mr. Cherry if you have any concerns about the parking lot. We are committed to the safety of our community.

**Mark your calendars - Dates will be added as we plan activities**



Sept 19	Terry Fox Run
Sept 19	Meet the Teacher Night
Sept 20	Professional Development Day – school not in session
Sept 24	PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm in the libart
Sept 27	Truth & Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day – school not in session
Oct 14	Thanksgiving Day – school not in session
Oct 22	Fun Run – Garry Point
Oct 23	Term 1 Conferences – early dismissal at 1:45pm
Oct 24	Term 1 Conferences – early dismissal at 1:45pm
Oct 25	Provincial Pro- D – school not in session
Oct 29	Pumpkin Carving
Oct 31	Halloween – Costume Parade