

September 8 – 12, 2025

Monday Sept 8	Tuesday Sept 9	Wednesday Sept 10	Thursday Sept 11	Friday Sept 12
	<b>Photo Day</b> <i>U of A school visit at lunch</i>		<i>Hold/Secure/Lockdown Drill and Evacuation Drill</i>	<i>Terry Fox Run</i>
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A GREAT FIRST WEEK!!

Thanks to all students and families for a great start to the school year. Students are settling into classes, getting to know their teachers, and meeting new friends! All students are reminded to be on time for class so that they do not miss out on valuable learning opportunities.

PHOTO DAY

SMILE – Tuesday, September 9 is Photo Day!

PERSONAL LEARNING TIME (PLT) 2025-2026

This year, across the district, PLT has shifted to the second block of the day. Weekly Personal Learning Time (PLT) will be **on Tuesdays and Thursdays** at Boyd, from **9:43 – 10:31am**. This is 48 minutes of dedicated time set aside for students to decide what to do and focus on learning about themselves as a learner. Students will sign up to be with one of their Semester 1 teachers to get additional help, work on projects individually or in a group, or engage in personal activities such as goal setting. Periodically, students will also engage in grade-wide activities such as Program Planning, Core Competencies Reflection and/or Career Education activities.

PLT is centered around three Guiding Principles:

- a) PLT empowers students to take ownership of their learning by allowing them to focus on their specific needs
- b) PLT will offer choice to support learners to be independent learners
- c) PLT will focus on the development of goals and will be tied to the Core Competencies – Communication, Thinking, Personal and Social Responsibility

REMINDERS:

- **Forms: Student Information Verification (blue), Media Release (pink) and Walking Field Trip (white) forms** are now due to the office. Please place in the boxes outside the office doors. Ensure a parent or guardian has signed the forms.
- **Parents and students email address** are required to create MyEd Parent/Student Portal accounts. Ensure you have indicated these in the blue form.
- **Attendance/ Early Dismissal:** Boyd appreciates all communication from home about students and families. In order to keep us aware of students who will be absent or leaving early from school, we ask that parents use the **EARLY WARNING LINE** at **(604)668-7813**. This number is accessible 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Please report your child’s absence by calling Boyd on this number. We also require parent’s or guardian’s permission before we can send the child home. Thank you in advance.
- **Notice of Late Return:** Please email [boyd@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:boyd@sd38.bc.ca) if your child(ren) are still on vacation or returning late. This is important for student placements.
- **School Fees:** school fees statements were given to students during homeroom this week. Please pay online via KEV School Cash Online. You will also be notified of school fees once an account is entered in the system.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 9: Photo Day  
Sept 9: University of Alberta school visit at lunch  
Sept 11: Hold/Secure/Lockdown and evacuation drills  
Sept 11: PAC Meeting 7:00pm at the Library  
Sept 12: Terry Fox Run  
Sept 18: Grade 8 and 12 Parent Evening (5:30pm)  
Sept 18: Meet the Teacher (6:30PM)  
Sept. 22: PRO D Day (classes not in session)

FIRST PAC MEETING

The first PAC meeting of the 2025 - 2026 school year is on for **Thursday, September 11 at 7:00 PM in the Library**. Come join us as we get acquainted, learn about the school and set our goals for this year. All parents are welcome!

TERRY FOX’S MARATHON OF HOPE

Boyd will be fundraising for the Terry Fox School Run. We are proudly committed to raising much needed funds for cancer research. Please consider supporting our efforts for this very worthwhile cause **The event will take place at Hugh Boyd on Friday, September 12** during block B and we will start collecting cash donations on Tuesday to Thursday. Alternatively, please visit our school fundraising page and donate online via School Cash Online at <https://richmondsd38.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/101526/125/False/True>

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

The Meet the Teacher Evening will be on **Thursday, September 18 @ 6:30pm**. Parents will follow their child’s schedule and visit the classrooms and teachers. There will also be a **Grade 8 and Grade 12 Parent Evening at 5:30pm** - all are welcome!

DIGITAL PERSONAL DEVICES

This is a reminder that digital personal devices should only be used for Secondary School (Grades 8-12):

- Students should not use Personal Digital Devices during instructional time, unless permission is granted by the supervising staff for educational purposes.
- When not permitted, personal digital devices should be powered off, secured inside as student’s backpack, locker or secured location.
- Personal digital devices are not to be used in areas where privacy is expected or required.
- Access to social media platforms from personal digital devices may be restricted on the school wireless network during instructional time.

GRADE 8 ACTIVITY DAY – FRIDAY, OCT. 3

The annual Grade 8 Activity Day is on Friday, October 3. Students will participate in a full day of activities with team building and bowling. **All grade 8 students must complete the field trip form and pay the \$30 fee, payable online via School CashOnline.**

SEPT 4/5, 2025 – MAWLID AL-NABI (ISLAMIC)

To our Muslim community members observing Mawlid al-Nabi, we extend warm greetings as you mark the birth of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). May this day bring peace, reflection, and blessings to you and your families.

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