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Exciting Halloween Events in Richmond

by Nila Weeks



Halloween is just around the corner and those who celebrate are eager to find out what spook-tacular festivities will be happening over the weekend! This year, Richmond has a plethora of Halloween events to make the most of this fall season. Get yourself a pumpkin-spice, grab your ghouls, and have some fun at these local hallo-weekend events!

Halloween Hoot, hosted by the Richmond Nature Park will be available from October 24th-November 1st (10:00am-4:00pm), admission is by donation.

This family-friendly event is great for getting the whole family outside and enjoying the beauty of nature. The Pond Trail will be fully decorated with Halloween-themed art installations and located inside the Nature House will be informational displays of taxidermized animals.

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Enchanted at Kassa: “From Seed to Spirit”, hosted by Kassa Farm on October 30th (5:00pm-9:00pm) and October 31st(12:00pm-7:30pm)

Kassa Farm has set up two terrifyingly awesome nights filled with activities such as face-painting, a corn maze, pumpkin carving, a vendor market, and tons of Halloween decorations! Pumpkins will be for sale at Kassa Farm, and you are welcome to bring your own pumpkins to carve.



Trick or Treating in Steveston Village: on October 31st from 3:00pm-5:00pm

An event that continues to grow in popularity every year, Steveston Village has been decorated from sea to shore with scarecrows for its annual Scarecrow Crawl, where village stores display unique, homemade scarecrows all throughout the month of October. On Halloween day, everyone is invited to walk around Steveston in their best costumes and collect candy from designated merchants!

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Meowlloween at RAPS Cat Sanctuary: on October 31st and November 1st from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Admission is \$20. `

With more than 450 rescued cats, this event is absolutely purr-fect for Halloween! RAPS Cat Sanctuary has gone all out this year, with a costume contest, scavenger hunt, tarot readings, and a photobooth for entertainment! There are also sweet treats available so you can still get your fix of trick-or-treating! Tickets are currently available on Eventbrite.

Minoru fireworks festival, at Minoru Park on October 31st from 6:30pm-9:15pm.

This year is an incredibly exciting time for the Minoru firework festival as they are celebrating their 40th anniversary! With an alien invasion theme, live music, circus performers, professional pumpkin carving, carnival games, and so much more, you're bound to have a blast! (Just hope you don't blast-off in their inflatable spaceship!) Costumes are heavily encouraged and there will be plenty of food trucks and snack vendors.



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24 Without

by Charmaine Yeung

24 Without took place on October 22nd 2026, from 5:30 to 9:30pm. The event aims to raise awareness about people who do not have the same privileges as others. Hugh Boyd students go 24 hours without food, cosmetics, and phones. At the event, donations were collected for the Rotary Maternal and Child Health Initiative. Throughout the evening, many activities took place, including an escape room, Guess Who, the Password Game, and karaoke.

The organization our school is donating to is the Rotary Maternal and Child Health Initiative. This organization helps vulnerable mothers and children who need care. The Rotary Club provides mothers and children with the resources they need, including infant health care and support for mothers. They also provide vaccines to help prevent illness and disease. The dedication of the Rotary Maternal and Child Health Initiative to helping mothers and children have a healthy future is amazing.

There were tons of games and activities planned for the evening. In all the games, teams competed against one another.



One activity was a riddle scavenger hunt, where participants were given riddles with clues about the locations of letters needed to crack a code or message. The second activity was an obstacle course followed by musical chairs. Participants had to race through a series of strings and collect numbers to make it to the next phase: musical chairs! Karaoke was another activity near the end of the event, which has been a tradition for many years. Each grade chose a song to sing as a group, such as “California Gurls” by Katy Perry and “Nothin’ on You” by B.o.B featuring Bruno Mars. The karaoke performances started with grades 8-10. 24 Without was super fun, and everyone definitely made lots of memories!

Grade Wars

by Pauleena Delos Reyes

Five grades, one winner, who do you think will win? This is the driving principle of Grade Wars. Grade wars is an event that Student Council holds and is set to take place almost every month throughout the school year. This is when our school community has a chance to get together, socialize, and compete against one another. But what makes it so unique? Every student is allowed to participate, and teams are organized by grade. There are different activities every time, and everyone can go up and showcase their skills, sportsmanship, and teamwork. Each grade has a corresponding colour that is worn on the day of the events. This year the grade 8s wear yellow, grade 9s wear pink, grade 10s wear white, grade 11s wear red, and finally, the grade 12s wear blue. For every event your grade wins, your team will receive a gift card. At the end of the year there will be a grand prize for whichever grade collects the most points from each event combined.

The most recent grade wars event, and the first one of the year, was the mummy wrapping challenge. It was where two people found a partner and went up to wrap the other with toilet paper the quickest and the best way possible. The grade who won this challenge was the grade 10s. It was a close game, but one had to come on top. Who do you think would win the next grade wars?

Teacher Interview: Mr. Thomas

by Ella Budak

From mechanical engineering to the physics classroom, Mr. Thomas has taken an interesting path to becoming a teacher at Hugh Boyd Secondary. Always interested in mathematics and physics, he originally went to university to become an engineer. However, through mentoring others and sharing his knowledge, he eventually realized teaching was the career he wanted to pursue.

With both of his parents having been high school teachers, Mr. Thomas had the opportunity to see the work that goes into education. His own experience volunteering as a youth leader further developed his interest in mentoring others and helping people learn. Before joining Hugh Boyd, he taught mathematics at MacNeill Secondary. Since arriving at Hugh Boyd, Mr. Thomas has enjoyed the school's sense of community and how involved students are. As a physics teacher, he understands that some concepts take time to grasp and encourages students to be patient with themselves as they work through challenging material.

Mr. Thomas enjoys making his classes fun and connecting with students on a personal level. He brings humour into his lessons and even uses a "SLAY" stamp to add some personality to the classroom. He also makes himself available outside of class, keeping his door open during lunch for students who want to stop by and talk.



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Teacher Interview: Mr. Thomas (continued)

by Ella Budak



When asked about the most rewarding part of teaching, Mr. Thomas explained that he enjoys “seeing where students end up and seeing them succeed, even in the small things.” Watching students make progress and achieve their goals is what makes teaching meaningful to him.

Outside of school, Mr. Thomas enjoys sports, watching shows, and professional wrestling. He also enjoys travelling and has visited places like Guatemala and New York. If he had chosen a different career path, he says he would have wanted to become a WWE superstar. His interests outside the classroom reveal a fun and humorous side to his personality that students might not expect from their physics teacher.

As Mr. Thomas continues his journey at Hugh Boyd, he hopes to make a positive impact on his students while making physics an engaging subject. Through his teaching, sense of humour, and willingness to support students beyond class time, he hopes to help students grow in confidence and succeed both inside and outside the classroom.

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Volleyball Home Opener

by Eevee Hallam

Fall is here, and slowly, the trees are growing orange and red. Some may sit under a blanket with a book after school, but oftentimes not the Hugh Boyd volleyball team. Four out of seven days a week, they practice after school hours, determined “to see improvements by the end of the season, but most importantly, to have fun and make the time together memorable and cheerful.”

On September 28th, 2026, the Hugh Boyd grade-eight girls volleyball team had their first home game against the Richmond High grade-eight girls volleyball team. The teams brought both energy and excitement to the court as players worked together through serves, bumps, passes, sets, and powerful, jaw-dropping hits. Students, families, and supporters gathered in the gym to cheer for and encourage the new, yet talented team.

The final score was twenty-five Home, and ten Away, the game gave the girls a chance to express their love and passion for volleyball while building sacred bonds with one-another.

They were especially pleased with the loud and supportive crowd that remained respectful for both competing teams. Going forward, the girls will continue to give their best, and to win games with the excellent sportsmanship they possess and have displayed.

Well done, don't give up, and go Hawks!

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Richmond Election Results

by Elsie Tyler

For the first time in twenty-five years, Richmond is welcoming a new mayor! Rob Howard won the mayoral election by just 880 votes, narrowly defeating the other leading candidate, Alexa Loo. Howard has stated that he wants to make Richmond safer, stronger, more affordable, and a better place to live.

“Together, we can build a city we are proud to pass on to the next generation.” — Rob Howard

Howard and Heed both ran for mayor after serving as MLAs in the former BC Liberal government, while Loo ran as a candidate for the party. Howard has big plans for Richmond moving forward, stating, “Our commitment to responsible spending, safer streets, and a more vibrant Richmond remains as strong as ever. The work begins tomorrow, and Richmond’s future is worth working together for.”

We would also like to welcome Richmond’s newly elected council members: Gary Law, Laura Gillanders, Carol Day, Kenny Chiu, Michael Wolfe, Andy Hobbs, Sheldon Starrett, and Kevin Lai. Richmond’s newly elected school trustees are Ken Hamaguchi, Heather Larson, Rod Belleza, Danny Chang, Dean Billings, Alice Wong, and Donna Sargent.

This year’s voter turnout increased by approximately 15% compared to 2022, with around 57,771 votes cast. Approximately 40% of eligible Richmond residents voted in the election.

Thank you for reading!



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Dennet Lee: 'The Cat Guy'

by Tia Tsao

As Richmond's municipal elections came to a close on October 17, 2026, you may have noticed one rather eccentric mayoral candidate on the ballot. Written on the ballot underneath the Office of Mayor was Dennet "The Cat Guy" Lee. Dennet Lee is a fitness trainer and independent mayoral candidate in Richmond. He has made a name for himself in the community by bringing his two cats around CF Richmond Centre nearly every Saturday in a cat stroller.

Ola Dada, a comedian based in Richmond, interviewed Lee to educate voters on his stance on how Richmond should be run. During the interview, Lee focused on listening to the majority through polling on issues such as cannabis dispensaries, affordable housing, and water shortages. However, Lee's answers, or rather lack thereof, to the mayoral candidate questions caused controversy among Richmond voters. Lee did not provide answers to 12 out of the 21 questions asked, raising concerns about the candidate's competence.

With that said, Dennet Lee still amassed 627 votes, or 1.1% of all votes cast during Richmond's municipal election.

P.S. If you ever see Lee around Richmond Centre, make sure to say hi and pet his cats. He has a Scottish Fold and a British Shorthair!

