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BOOK COVER ART CONTEST



All students were given the opportunity to create a piece of cover art for a library book! The deadline for entries was today, and there were so many entries to choose from. There were five Intermediate and six Primary winners, and all participants received a small prize. At the end of the newsletter are photos of the winning book covers. Thank you to all students who participated and for the effort you put into your illustrations! We would also like to thank Mrs. Chan and Mrs. Nishi for holding the contest.

“TRICK OR TREAT” OTHERS WITH RESPECT

We are looking forward to seeing the creative and exciting costumes that our students (and staff!) will wear to school on Tuesday, October 31st!

Halloween should and needs to be fun; however, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for all. It is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other ‘dress up’ events.



Our teachers will be having discussions with their students about how we can choose our costumes to reflect our **SOAR** acronym (Safety, Ownership, Acceptance, and Respect). Keep in mind that anything relating to RACE (pretending to look like a different race), CULTURE (using symbols of another culture, indigenous regalia, dreadlocks), RELIGIOUS FAITH (religious leaders, gods, saints, religions, artifacts, clothing related to faith), GENDER (gender switching to make fun), or TRAUMA (nooses, weapons, torture) is not a costume. There are so many other options to choose from! We are on this learning journey together to make our school a safe and inclusive environment for all!

FEEDING FUTURES



Recently, the provincial government announced a new Feeding Futures School Program Fund, designed to assist schools in the development and enhancement of school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students.

If you would like to request support for your child at school, please reach out to Mrs. Stapleton at estapleton@sd38.bc.ca. We are gathering information and look to provide ongoing support wherever possible. Implementation plans are underway, and we want to ensure families are aware, and as always, able to reach out if they require support. All requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with families to ensure that your children have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

FSA SUPPORTIVE MATERIALS FOR FAMILIES

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has created a new information guide available under the *Resources for Parents and Caregivers* section of the [Foundation Skills Assessment web page](#). The guide is available in eight languages and is especially useful for families with children in Grades 4 and 7, the years when students complete the FSA.





BACK TO SCHOOL WELLNESS KIT

Back-to-school transition can be a stressful time for students and their parents/guardians or caregivers. The B.C. Children’s Hospital has released a [back-to-school wellness toolkit](#) to help support families. This toolkit will support families with practical guidance and resources to support their child or youth as they adjust to the school routine and change in their environment.

BLACK HISTORIES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

[Black Histories of British Columbia: Stories, Realities, Legacies](#). Sunday, October 22, at Brighthouse Library, learn more about the diversity of stories of Black people in Canada with BC Black History Awareness Society. This presentation is suitable for adults, teens, and older children accompanied by an adult, and is offered in hybrid mode-in person at the Brighthouse Library or on ZOOM. Registration Required. Please use the above link for more information.



GAME OF APPS

Game of Apps is an after-school program for high school students where industry mentors—professional software developers and product designers—teach and guide students on a weekly basis as they learn how to code using Swift Playgrounds. Over the past 6 years, we’ve reached 600+ students from 60+ schools and have worked closely with several school districts.



Program promo video: <https://youtu.be/RUOK8HIWWd8>

Poster—Middle Years Intro to Coding (grades 6 to 9): <https://goa.fyi/ZmouG9V>

Complete curriculum pathways: <https://youtu.be/wxwJ2kcXd6g>

Registration: <https://gameofapps.org/register>

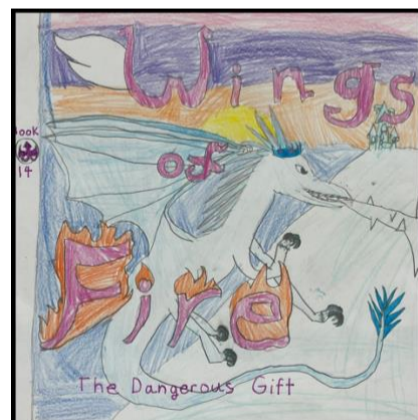
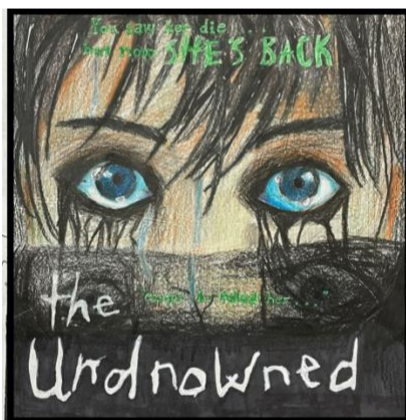
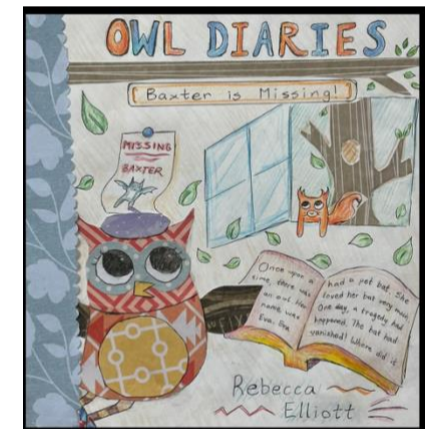
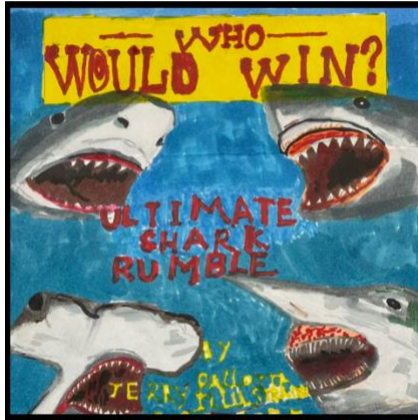
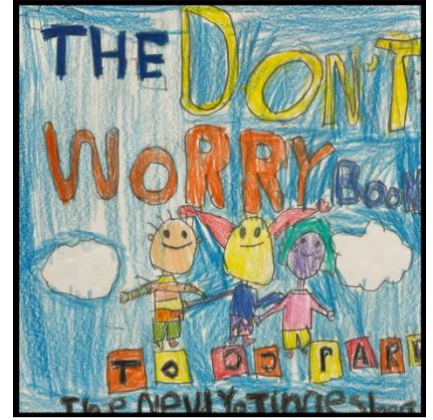
The Richmond School District is subsidizing \$100 of each student’s registration fee. But quantities are limited and almost all allocated. For more details, please go to gameofapps.org. Registration closes on October 20th.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- October 17 Cross Country Fun Run 3:30pm
- October 20 Professional Day (No school for students)
- October 25 Early Dismissal for Conferences (1:45pm)
- October 26 Photo Retakes (am)
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October						
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- German Heritage Month*
- Canadian Islamic History Month*
- Community Inclusion Month*
- Latin American Heritage Month*
- Women’s History Month*
- 1 National Seniors Day
- 2 Statutory Holiday for National Day of Truth & Reconciliation
- 9 Thanksgiving
- 10 World Mental Health Day
- 11 International Day of the Girl
- 6 Sukkot Ends 🕍
- 7-8 Simchat Torah 🕍
- 15-24 Navaratri ॐ
- 18 Persons Day
- 19 Spirit Day
- 20 Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth ॐ
- 24 **Dussehra** ॐ
- 24 Youth Climate Action Day



Book Cover
Art Contest
Winners!

Thank you to the many students who participated in the contest! There were so many incredible entries, that it was hard to narrow the entries down to just a few! The above entries are on display in the library. There are bulletin boards in the hallway showcasing the other entries.