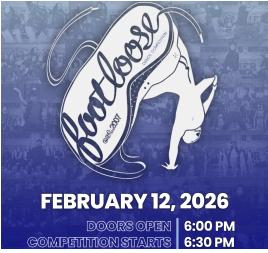


# THE PALMER WAAG

Jan 26 <sup>th</sup> to Jan 30 <sup>th</sup> 2026				
Monday Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	Friday Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Pro-D Day School Closed</b>	ABCD  Start of Semester 2 (Jan 27 – June 19)	ABCD  Program Planning Information Session – 5pm  No PLT from Jan 28 <sup>th</sup> to Jan 29 <sup>th</sup> – REGULAR bell schedule 8:30am – 3pm	ABCD  Palmer Science Fair	ABCD

**Palmer PLT – Jan 28<sup>th</sup> and Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 2026**  
Due to the start-up of Semester 2 on January 27<sup>th</sup>, a reminder to parents and students that Personal Learning Time (PLT) will not be held on January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> – it will be a regular bell schedule on these two days.  
PLT will resume on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in homerooms.

**Footloose 2026 Tickets are now officially on SALE!!!!**

FEBRUARY 12, 2026  
DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM  
COMPETITION STARTS 6:30 PM

Come witness the passion, talent, energy, and love for dance as dancers from across Metro Vancouver take the Footloose stage! Tickets for the 17th annual Footloose Hip Hop Dance Competition are officially on sale! Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Palmer office or from any Palmer Dance Squad member. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door, so get yours before they sell out (because they will)!

**Grade 8-11 Program Planning Information Session for Families and Supporting our SWIS Families Session, Jan 28**  
On Wednesday, January 28th, we will be hosting the following in the main lounge.

5pm to 5:30pm	Program Planning for Palmer Families Grade 8 to 11 - Led by our counsellor, Ms. Rupi Gill
5:30pm to 6:00pm	Break
6pm to 7pm	Supporting Palmer Swiss Families - Led by our SWIS worker, Mr. Chris Yu

We look forward to seeing our Palmer families then!

**Grad 2026 – IMPORTANT**



Attention Graduating Griffins! The time has come to sign up for Graduation photos with Artona.  
Please visit Artona at <https://artonapics.com/schools/RCPA> and book your time slot. Graduation photos will take place from February 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> 2026. All Grads will be measured for their gowns for valedictory during this appointment.  
**\*\*Spots are filling up fast!\*\***

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Jan 26	Pro-D Day – School Closed
Jan 27	Start of Semester 2
Jan 28	Program Planning Information Session
Jan 29	Palmer Science Fair
Feb 3	Collaboration Day
Feb 4	Course Selection Presentations for Students
Feb 5	Meet the Teacher and Gr 7 Parent Information Evening
Feb 6	Semester 1 Final Learning Updates Published
Feb 11	PAC meeting at 7pm
Feb 12	Grade 8-11 2025-26 Course selection forms due
Feb 12	Footloose Dance Competition
Feb 13	Pro-D Day – School Closed

**Supporting Our Students** 

This section of the WAAG will share some information about how families can promote student success at home. As we begin a new semester, encourage your child to use their **agenda** on a daily basis to record homework, upcoming tests, school events, or even what they learned in class that day. When checking their agenda at home each evening, encourage them to tell you about one thing they learned that day.

**District PLT on AI**

Artificial Intelligence

The use of artificial intelligence (AI) continues to expand rapidly, influencing not only education but society as a whole. As AI becomes increasingly integrated into our daily lives, it is important to recognize both its potential as a powerful tool and the limitations and risks it presents. As part of a district-wide initiative, secondary students across Richmond will engage in a series of learning sessions focused on the **safe, ethical, and effective use of artificial intelligence**.

The school district selected Thursdays to be a common PLT day for all high schools with the intention to offer presentations to students across the district. The following district sessions below will take place:

Jan. 8	Getting the Most Out of AI Prompt Engineering
Feb. 12	Getting the Most Out of AI Enhanced Communication
Mar. 5	Getting the Most Out of AI Agents – Productivity
Apr. 2	Fostering Creativity through AI as a Creative Partner: Supporting the Creative Process
May. 21	Fostering Creativity through AI as a Creative Partner: Supporting Creative Production

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