THE WEEK AHEAD

January 19-23 2026

FERRIS HAS
HEART

MONDAY:
TUESDAY:
WEDNESDAY: Breakfast Club ODD Divisions 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25
THURSDAY:
FRIDAY: Wear your Ferris wear!

SCHOOL MESSENGER

Our District uses SchoolMessenger to share important school and district updates, including weather closures, emergency notifications, reminders, and time-sensitive announcements.

All families with a current cell phone number in our MyEdBC database will receive a text message from SchoolMessenger (Text #: 978338) in February 2026.

To start receiving text alerts, you will need to opt in.

How to opt in:
1. **Watch for a text from SchoolMessenger (Text #: 978338).**
2. **Reply with "Y" to 978338.**
3. **You will receive a confirmation message letting you know you're successfully subscribed.**

Want alerts on more than one device?
To receive text alerts on multiple phones, each phone number must opt in separately by replying "Y" to 978338.

UNIVERSAL HOT LUNCH

We are happy to share some exciting news with you. The Richmond School District will be piloting a Universal Hot Lunch (UHL) program at Ferris Elementary on
January 30, 2026.
All students will be offered a hot lunch AT NO CHARGE

It is anticipated that this program will continue throughout the district at each school once a month. We will be using the MunchaLunch ordering platform, which many of our families already use to order other hot lunches from the PAC.

There are vegetarian, halal and gluten free options
so that all of our students can participate.
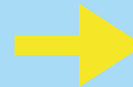
Lunches must be ordered on Munchalunch by January 21.

This is what you need to do to order your child's free hot lunch:

1) Go to Munchalunch
2) Parents who have an existing PAC Munchalunch account can login as normal and will automatically see a 'dual-account' (PAC + Feeding Futures).
For this free lunch, you will select "Feeding Futures".

First-time registrants (you do not have a PAC Munchalunch account) will need to click the 'Register Account' button. Then, you will be asked to register your child(ren). Please make sure to include the correct division number/teacher. Please make sure you use their usual name vs. legal name.

3) Select and order! Make sure you get confirmation. If you don't have a confirmation, you have not completed your order.

We are very excited and thankful for the opportunity to see all our students get a free meal, so please make sure to order!
We are hoping that this initiative will be helpful to our families.
If you are having troubles logging in or creating an account please contact the office.

IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD

Jan 20: Hat/Toque Day

Jan 23: PAC Hot Lunch - Pizza

Jan 30: Universal Hot lunch

Feb 6: Hot Lunch - Libby's Kitchen

Feb 20: PAC Hot Lunch - Subway

Jan 21: Breakfast Club - Odd Divisions
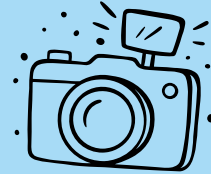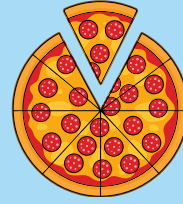
Feb 12: Heart Day

Jan 28: Breakfast Club: Even Divisions

March 3: Class Photo Day

March 6: PAC Hot Lunch - Sushi Lover

March 13: Backwards day (wear your clothing backwards)

March 16-27: SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK

When Should Your Child Stay Home?

As busy parents, it's not always easy–or convenient–to decide when to keep your child home from school. To help guide you, below are the criteria we use to determine when a child should stay home:

- It has been less than 24 hours since your child had a fever (37.5°C or higher).
- It has been less than 24 hours since your child last vomited or had diarrhea.
- Your child has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Your child has a cough, runny nose, and/or sore throat.
- Your child seems overtired or not their usual self. If your child is not well enough to go outside for recess or is too tired to participate in class activities, this is a good indication that they should stay home.

Keeping your child home when they are unwell helps speed up their recovery and supports a healthy school environment for everyone.

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