

# TIMBERWOLF TIMES

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## FROM OUR ADMIN TEAM

Dear TalmeY Families,

We are looking forward to our Scholastic Book Fair coming up next week. Please see the attached flyer from Ms. Yang. Students will have several opportunities to visit the book fair. The fair will be open for families on Thursday, March 7th, from 2:45-4:15 PM. A special thank you to our parent volunteers who will be helping in our library next week.

This past Wednesday we had a special Family Teams activity for Pink Shirt Day. Students shared stories about kindness and participated in a collaborative art project. Please see below for a few photo highlights.

We thank parents and caregivers for attending our recent learning update/conference meetings. If you have any follow up questions or if you were unable to attend, please reach out to your child's teacher. A reminder that Term 2 report cards will be coming home in April.

Our next PAC fundraiser is coming up soon. Please see the attached flyer to learn more about the chocolate fundraiser.

A reminder that daylight savings occurs on March 10th and our last day of school before the break is Thursday, March 14th.

Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend!

## TALMEY OFFICE REMINDER

IF YOUR CHILD(REN) WILL BE AWAY FROM SCHOOL, PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE OFFICE TO ADVISE US OF THEIR ABSENCE.

TALMEY PHONE: 604-668-6275 OPTION 1

TALMEY EMAIL: [TALMEY@SD38.BC.CA](mailto:TALMEY@SD38.BC.CA)

## SPRING BREAK



STARTS ON FRIDAY, MAR 15  
TO MONDAY, APR 1

School will re-open  
on Tuesday, April 2

## MAR-APR CALENDAR

TUES, MAR 5

Popcorn Day

FRI, MAR 8

Dufflebag Theatre

THURS, MAR 14

Last Day of School  
before Spring Break

MAR 15-28

Spring Vacation

FRI, MAR 29

Good Friday (no  
school)

MON, APR 1

Easter Monday (no  
school)

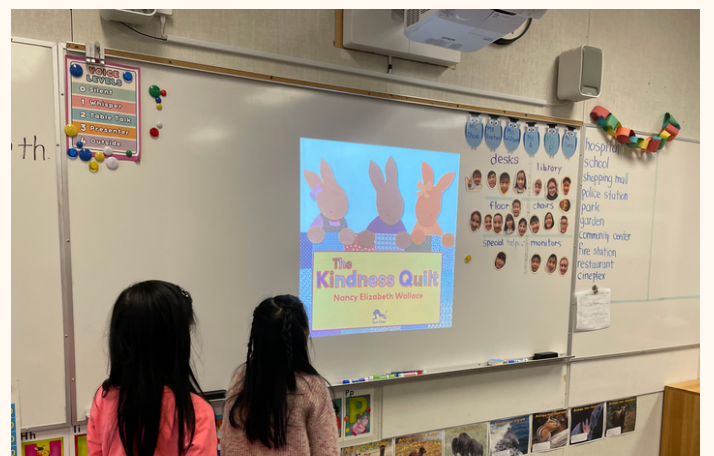
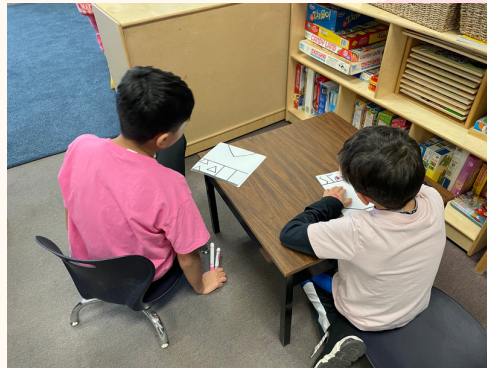
TUES, APR 2

Return to School

# LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

## PINK SHIRT DAY FAMILY TEAMS ACTIVITY

Students met in Family Teams to learn about the origin of the day and to create collaborative art projects. Students made connections to our school acronym: S.T.A.R.- Safe, Thoughtful, Accepting and Responsible. Below are a few photo highlights.





# MARCH CELEBRATIONS



MAR 1

Zero Discrimination Day is an annual day celebrated on 1 March each year by the United Nations and other international organizations. The day aims to promote equality before the law and in practice throughout all of the member countries of the UN. In February 2017, UNAIDS called on people to "make some noise around zero discrimination, to speak up and prevent discrimination from standing in the way of achieving ambitions, goals and dreams."



WOMEN'S DAY

MAR 8

International Women's Day is a global holiday celebrated annually on March 8 as a focal point in the women's rights movement. International Women's Day gives focus to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, and violence and abuse against women.

The campaign theme for International Women's Day 2024 is Inspire Inclusion.



MAR 10-APR 9

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting (sawm), prayer, reflection, and community. A commemoration of Muhammad's first revelation, the annual observance of Ramadan is regarded as one of the Five Pillars of Islam and lasts twenty-nine to thirty days, from one sighting of the crescent moon to the next.



MAR 21

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed annually on the day the police in Sharpeville, South Africa, opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration against apartheid "pass laws" in 1960. The 2023 theme of the International Day focuses on the urgency of combatting racism and racial discrimination, 75 years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).



MAR 25

Holi is a popular and significant Hindu festival celebrated in many states of India and Nepal with regional holidays in other countries. Holi is celebrated as the Festival of Colours, Love, and Spring.

It celebrates the eternal and divine love of the deities Radha and Krishna. Additionally, the day signifies the triumph of good over evil, as it commemorates the victory of Vishnu as Narasimha over Hiranyakashipu.

International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade



MAR 25

International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is a United Nations international observance designated in 2007 to be marked on 25 March every year.

The day honours and remembers those who suffered and died as a consequence of the transatlantic slave trade, which has been called "the worst violation of human rights in history", in which over 400 years more than 15 million men, women and children were the victims.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TALMEY

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR COMING UP SOON!

MAR. 4-8



The Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the library, in person only, from March 4th-8th. Students will visit the Book Fair with their class during school hours. Our fundraising this year will go towards expanding the diversity of our library collection. Talmeay families are invited to visit the fair on **Thursday, March 7th from 2:45 – 4:15 PM.**

Thank you for supporting learning and literacy, and we hope to see you at the Book Fair!

## LIBRARY LOUNGE

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS



On Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 3:30 PM, our Library Learning Commons will continue to be open as a “Library Lounge” for students and families to spend leisure time together and build connections with other members of our school community. The Library Lounge can be used for reading, drawing, playing board games, puzzles, or completing homework. **Please remember that students attending our library lounge sessions must be accompanied by an adult guardian.** We look forward to welcoming you!

**Please note Library Lounge will be closed next Thursday, March 7th, for the Scholastic Book Fair.**

## BASKETBALL SEASON



Our basketball teams have been meeting every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at lunch. We are looking forward to the MacNeill tournament coming up in March!

Thank you to Mr. Snyder, Ms. Choy, and Ms. Feng for coaching our teams!

### Girls Schedule:

Tuesday, March 5  
**Wednesday, March 6**

McNeely at Talmeay  
**Gr. 7 Tournament at MacNeill**

### Boys Schedule:

Tuesday, March 5  
**Wednesday, March 6**

Talmeay at Tait  
**Gr. 7 Tournament at MacNeill**

# TALMEY PAC

## TALMEY PAC MEETING – WED, APR 17TH AT 6:30 PM

MEETING

A reminder that all families are welcome to attend PAC meetings. We will be meeting in the library and childcare is available. Please contact [TalmeyPAC@gmail.com](mailto:TalmeyPAC@gmail.com) if there are any questions regarding PAC matters.

## CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

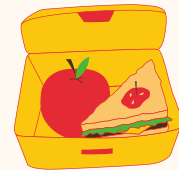


Our World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser is coming up soon!

Stay tuned for more information!

## PAC REMINDERS

**HOT LUNCH** is on March 8th. All orders must be submitted seven days before the lunch date on <https://munchalunch.com/schools/RCTalmey>.



Please contact Jana at [rcTalmeyhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:rcTalmeyhotlunch@gmail.com) if you have any questions about hot lunch or volunteering. Should you have issues using the Munch-a-Lunch website please contact Melissa at [mmchui@gmail.com](mailto:mmchui@gmail.com).



The PAC also has small **snacks for sale** on hot lunch Fridays that cost between \$0.50 and \$1.50, parents can send small amounts of money with their child if they wish for them to be able to purchase these extra snacks. Please **DO NOT** send your child with large bills.

**Tuesday, March 5th** is our next **popcorn day**! Popcorn is \$1 a bag and will be available for sale in the multi-purpose room at recess.





# REMINDERS



## Daily Health Check

SHOULD I GO TO SCHOOL TODAY?

We appreciate your support in keeping your child home when they are not feeling well.

**Students should not come to school when they are sick.**

If your child is not feeling well please continue to keep them home until their symptoms have resolved. If you know your child will be absent for a range of days, please leave that information as well.

Staying home when sick helps keep our entire school community healthy including teachers, admin staff and students. **Please do your part and stay home when sick.**

[Click here for the health assessment](#)



## EXTENDED ABSENCES

During the year students may be absent from school for an extended period of time. It is district policy that students may only be absent for 4 consecutive weeks and retain their place in the school. After 4 weeks, students will be removed from the school register. Upon returning, students will have to re-register at the school board office.

If we have space, your child will be placed in a class, but not necessarily the class they left. It will take a few days for your child to be placed, so they cannot begin school on the day you return. If Talmey is full, the district will find space in the nearest available school. Teachers do not provide work for students on extended absences.

## PARKING LOT SAFETY

The parking gets congested twice a day, and only for a few minutes in the morning and at 2:45pm. However, in consulting with **the RCMP they do remind us all not to double park or block access for cars as you may be dropping or picking up your children.** If there are no parking spaces available, please do not double park! Exit the parking lot and park along the side streets that allow for parking, while abiding by the No Stopping regulations in front of the school, which are being regularly enforced by By-Law Officers and the RCMP. Again, this is for the safety of all members of our learning community. Thank you for your support.



## PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK SAFETY

The City of Richmond Community Bylaws have advised our district that they have observed an increase in drivers stopping their vehicles on marked crosswalks during pick-up and drop-off times at various school locations.

Vehicle stopped on marked crosswalks create challenges for pedestrians to cross safely, cause sightline obstructions, and make it difficult for drivers of oncoming vehicles to see them, posing a significant safety risk — especially during this time of year with less daylight.

**\*Bylaw enforcement officers will be issuing tickets for vehicles stopping on marked crosswalks.** Please help us improve pedestrian safety and avoid stopping/parking on crosswalks. Thank you for your understanding.

# HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to provide all members of our school district community with a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment.

**As we learn and work together, we will...**

- 1** Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.
- 2** Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.
- 3** Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.
- 4** Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.
- 5** Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property.
- 6** Respect the non smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.

Our expectations for how we learn and work together shall apply to everyone in our schools and at school functions.

The complete code of conduct  
is available online at:  
[sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct](http://sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct)



**Registration for September 2024 opens soon!**  
*Children born in 2020 may apply*

**Our preschool program is specifically designed for 4-year old children (born in 2020) to attend Just B4 with the hope of inspiring and supporting the creation of rich, joyful early childhood spaces. Our approach is emergent, play-based and focuses on children's natural inquiries.**

*"The image of the child is upheld in the belief that children are strong and capable in their uniqueness and full of potential."*

**PROGRAMS**

**Just B4 – Lee Elementary**

M/W/F Program (9:00 – 11:30 am)

**Just B4 – Lee Elementary**

T/Th Program (9:00 – 11:30 am)

**Just B4 – Grauer Elementary**

M/W/F Program (12:30 – 3:00 pm)

**Just B4 – Grauer Elementary**

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**Just B4 – Grauer Elementary**

M/T/W/Th/F Program (12:30 – 3:00 pm)

Apply online in the beginning of March 2024:

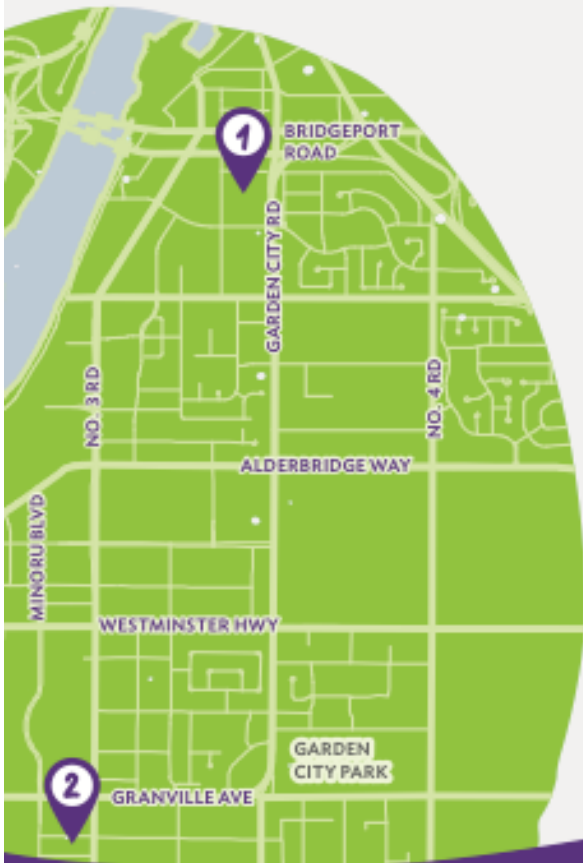
<https://sd38.bc.ca/programs/early-learning-programs/just-b4-preschool>





# PLAY STREETS

IN  
RICHMOND!



We are creating spaces for play  
for children and youth in Richmond!

#### Play Streets will include:

- Biking
- Board games
- Scootering
- Sports games
- Crafts
- Quiet reading area
- Lots of outdoor fun!

## COME PLAY

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- 1 3300 Block Ketcheson Road, Richmond**
  - Sat, February 24 from 11:00am-2:00pm
  - Wed, March 13 from 3:30-5:00pm
- 2 7000 Block Abercrombie Drive, Richmond**
  - Sat, March 9 from 11:00am-2:00pm
  - Wed, March 20 from 1:00-3:00pm

FREE

OPEN TO  
EVERYONE!



SOCIETY FOR  
children  
and youth  
OF BC

Richmond