

Timberwolf Times

Messages from the Principal

On behalf of the Talmey staff we wish all our families a wonderful and enjoyable summer. It has been a tremendous year of growth and learning! To those families leaving our Talmey Learning Community we wish them all good luck and are grateful for the time we were able to be together in our vibrant school community.

To our Grade 7's it is once again another transition to secondary school after 8 years of elementary. It has been a pleasure to see our grade 7's grow in stature and maturity over the years. We know they will continue their success in this new phase of their educational journey.

We invite all parents who are able to attend our Grade 7 Farewell Assembly to join us on Tuesday, June 25 at 11:45 as we recognize our exceptional group of Grade 7 students.



To our PAC Chairperson, Ms. Kristin Spencer and our dynamic parents we offer A HUGE THANKS! This wonderful group has contributed in so many ways to the betterment of the school. Thank you so much!



Just as we say farewell to many families and students, we are also saying farewell to some of our valued staff members. We wish **Ms. Kitty So** all the best as she goes on to maternity leave and will join Cook Elementary in the future.

A special thank you goes to **Mrs. Anne Appenheimer** for her efforts in our library over this year and last. And of course, we wish **Ms. Sandy Goldman** a very special good-bye and huge thank you for her contributions to Talmey as our school librarian as she transitions to her new position at Ferris Elementary. All of them have been valued members of our learning community!

Wednesday, June 26 is our final good-bye assembly. The assembly will start at 1:30 as we recognize the many students whom have contributed to the success of our year. All parents are welcome to attend this last event of the school year on this last day of school.

September seems a far way on the calendar, but the planning process for next year is already happening.

All students except for our new Kindergarten students will attend for 1 hour only on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, from 8:45 to 9:45.

New Kindergarten students will be mailed their phase in schedule in August and will follow their phase in for the first few days of September.

All returning Grade 1-7 students will attend at the regular time of 8:45-2:45 starting on Wednesday, September 4th.

At this time, we are tentatively organizing for 11 Divisions, however we may need to increase to 12 Divisions in September depending upon the summer enrollment as we continue to see growth in this area of Richmond. As a reminder it was only a few years ago that this school had only 6 divisions.

District-Wide Messages

- **New District Elementary School Hours**

Over the past several months, the Richmond School District has undertaken a significant consultation process with stakeholders, staff and parent advisory groups to develop a set of elementary schedules that is consistent across the District. As a result, the District will be making adjustments to the schedules of all elementary schools starting September 2019 and the bell schedule for our school will be modified. The benefits of making these changes include, but are not limited to, the District's ability to provide sufficient time within the lunch break for physical activity and nutrition; increase the accessibility of student support services; provide equity for all members of our educational community; increase opportunities for the effective assignment of staff; increase the ability to support schools when assigned staff are away; and support community partners in their ability to provide daycare and after school programming.

The new bell schedule for Talmey effective September 2019 is copied below:

SCHOOL HOURS

SCHOOL OPENS AT 8:30 AM

<u>MONDAY- FRIDAY</u>	
8:45AM	CLASSES BEGIN
09:55AM – 10:10AM	RECESS
12:00PM – 12:52PM	LUNCH
2:45PM	CLASSES END

- **Notice of Late Return Form 2019-20**

A reminder to parents to please complete a Notice of Late Return form if your child will be returning to school later than 12:00pm on Wednesday, Sept. 4th, 2019 and on or before September 11th, 2019. This form must be submitted to the principal before June 21st, 2019, along with a letter that explains your circumstances for returning late. Please be aware that your child may lose their placement and may have to attend another school if he/she does not return to school by September 11th, 2019.

TALMEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019-2020

SCHOOL OPENS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2019

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS



Pro-D Day	Monday, September 23, 2019
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14, 2019
Pro-D Day	Monday, October 25, 2019
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11, 2019
Pro-D Day	Friday, November 22, 2019
Winter Vacation	December 23 to January 3
<i>School Reopens</i>	<i>Monday, January 6th, 2020</i>
Pro-D Day	Friday February 14, 2020
BC Family Day	Monday, February 17, 2020
Spring Break	March 16 to March 27
<i>School Reopens</i>	<i>Monday, March 30, 2020</i>
Good Friday	Friday, April 10, 2020
Easter Monday	Monday, April 13, 2020
Pro-D Day	Friday, May 15, 2020
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2020