

Timberwolf Times

Issue #3

October 3, 2025

Welcome to Autumn

As we transition into Autumn, we have had many beautiful sunny days and a few rainy days too—A gentle reminder to help our students be ready for any weather scenario. The school field is filled with many fallen leaves and acorns, keeping our students busy at play at recess and lunch!

The rhythm of our school is well in place, and classes are beginning to settle into routines. Many classes have been learning about social responsibility. Our core component of social responsibility is our “STAR” Code of Conduct (Safe-Thoughtful, Accepting & Responsible). Visitors are always impressed with how polite and courteous our students are, a reflection of our focus on building a socially responsible community.

We enjoyed seeing many families at our Community Welcome event. Our heartifact mural is now taking shape. Students are sharing stories connected to their heartifacts as part of our school wide focus on Building a Community of Kindness through Story Sharing. We invite families to visit our mural in the coming weeks!



SAFE
THOUGHTFUL
ACCEPTING
RESPONSIBLE



We are looking forward to some special events coming up in October, including our first Family Teams event and our Great Pumpkin Run!

School Calendar

MON, OCT 13 Thanksgiving Day
(no school)

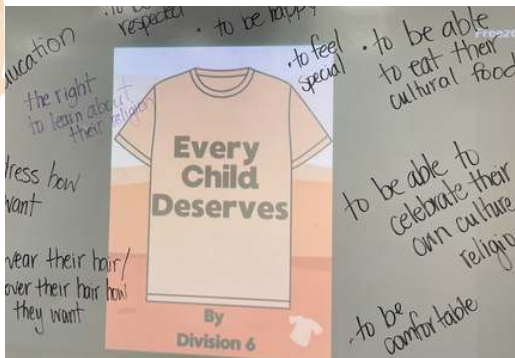
WED, OCT 15 Individual photo Day

TUE, OCT 21 Fall immunization

THU, OCT 23 Early Dismissal
@11:50 am

MON, OCT 20 Diwali

FRI, OCT 24 Pro-D Day
(no school)





Learning Highlights

Over the last few weeks students have been learning about Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and how these commemorative days are important times to reflect on the history and ongoing impacts of residential schools in Canada. Classes engaged in a variety of learning experiences including land-based learning, reading and responding to Indigenous texts, and participating in a reconciliation walk. See below for photos and learning highlights.



Coastal Strawberry

(Fragaria chiloensis)

Hul'q'umi'num: stsi'yu	Skwxwú7mesh: schi7iáý (sch-eh-eh-eye)

Strawberry leaves make a vitamin-C rich tea. Use leaves fresh or dried (wilted leaves release hydrogen cyanide). Wild berries are small (1-3.5 cm) but nutritious. Grows from Alaska to California on sand dunes and coastal bluffs.

Yarrow

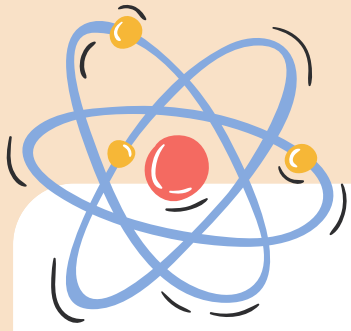
(Achillea millefolium)

Hul'q'umi'num: t'uliqw'ulhp	Skwxwú7mesh: si7semáchxw (say-sem-ah-eh-xw)

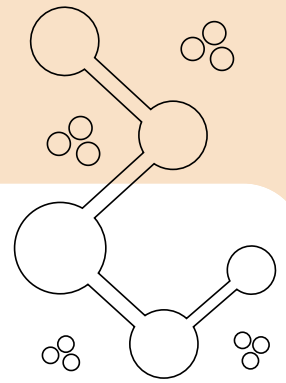


What's Happening in OCTOBER

BODY SCIENCE WORKSHOPS AT TALMEY



**Saleema
Noon** body science™



Body Science Boot Camp for Parents

Parenthood never arrives with a rulebook, and when it comes to explaining the world of sexual health to your child, it can be hard not to end up a bright shade of red. Using humor and straight talk in an open, interactive environment, Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators will show you how easy it is to convey healthy, positive messages about sexual health to kids.

In this workshop parents will learn:

- Why we need to talk to children about sexual health at a young age
- How to reduce risk of child sexual abuse
- What children should know at each stage of development, with specific examples of how to explain concepts and processes using inclusive language
- How to become their kids' go-to source of sexual health information
- How to normalize open, honest sexual health conversations in their family
- How to effectively answer even the toughest questions kids ask
- What will be covered in Body Science workshops for students



*Student workshops are scheduled for Thursday & Friday Oct 9th & 10th-More info to come.

A parent information session will also be offered:

*The parent Zoom meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7th at 6:30 PM. The Zoom link will be shared with all parents closer to the date.



What's Happening in OCTOBER

THANKSGIVING DAY – MONDAY, OCT 13

As the Thanksgiving long weekend approaches, this short article on Thanksgiving in Canada will provide some information about the origin of the day, history, and differences among provinces <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/thanksgiving-day>.

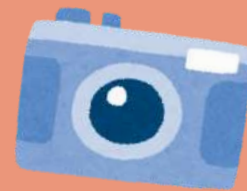
We wish everyone celebrating Thanksgiving a joyful and happy celebration.

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



Photo Day Wednesday, October 15

Please mark your calendars as Individual Student Photo Day is coming up!



Parent/Teacher Conferences – Learning Update #1

Thursday, October 23rd – Early Dismissal at 11:50 am

Teachers will schedule meetings with parents for our first learning update/conferences on October 23rd. Such conferences are one part of the communication process that is in place to support our students. Parents can contact the classroom teachers by using the student's agenda or by emailing the office or teachers.

Each teacher is sending home their personal conference schedule.



Coming up soon

Pro-D Day October 24th is a Provincial Professional Development Day and all students do not attend school this day.

Halloween Dress-up Choice Friday, October 31

Friday, October 31st students and staff will be joining in the spirit of the day by dressing in costumes or in black and orange. Please remember that students are not to dress in costumes that present a safety issue for themselves or others or have any replica toy weapons as part of their costumes

Volleyball at Talmey

Volleyball has started for interested students in Grade 6 and Grade 7. Volleyball practices are scheduled during lunch. A game schedule is currently being developed. Thank you to Mr. Snyder and Ms. Feng for supporting our keen players!

Terry Fox Run Update

Goal reached!

\$1,643
of \$1,500

The Terry Fox Run was a big success! Students and staff ran/walked for 30 minutes to show their support for cancer research. Thank you for the generous donations from our community! We have raised \$1643 for the Terry Fox Foundation. We surpassed our fundraising goal of \$1500. Thank you to everyone who has contributed and to Mr. Snyder for leading our events.

FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT

Each year students in Grades 4 and 7 participate in the Foundation Skills Assessment. The assessment consists of a written and online component. Students are assessed in literacy and numeracy. The assessment provides a snapshot of student learning currently, and provides the school with information about strengths and stretches in these areas. The assessment results are not used to determine written update comments but do provide families with another opportunity to see how their child is doing. The best source of information, however, continues to be your child's classroom teacher.

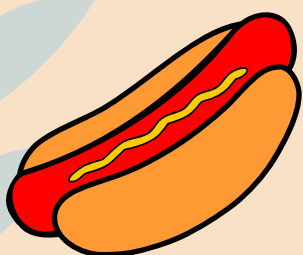


PAC Meeting and Information



The next PAC meeting will be on Monday, October 20th at 6:30 pm in the Talmey Library Learning Commons. All parents are welcome to attend. Childcare for school-age children will be available.

Hot Lunch



Hot Lunch-If you are interested in placing an order, please do so through the Munch a Lunch site.

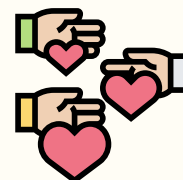
<https://munchalunch.com/schools/RCTalmey>

*To order for next Friday, orders must be placed one week prior. **Hot lunch dates & menu:**



And then it's NOVEMBER

We hope that you will be able to join us on Monday, November 10th as we come to together for this important assembly. We will fundraise for the Poppy Foundation in early November. All students will receive a Poppy for the assembly.



INDIGENOUS VETERANS DAY - NOV 8TH

In the days leading up to Remembrance Day, and in our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, it is important to note this important day.

November 8th is the Memorial Day observed in Canada in recognition of aboriginal contributions to military service, particularly in the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War. Please click on the following link to learn more about the history of this day.

[Indigenous Veterans Day link.](#)





Children of the Street

Taking care of ourselves and others is the purpose of the Children of the Street presentations. In early December, our intermediate students will be participating in an interactive workshop focusing on staying safe online. The session will define online sexual exploitation in an age appropriate way and cover topics such as digital footprints & permanency, red flags of luring and grooming, sextortion, intimate image sharing, and safety tips. Workshops meet key learning outcomes as set by the BC Ministry of Education.

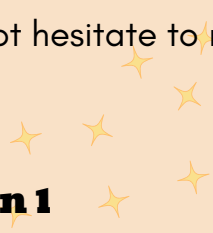
School Reminders

Basic School Supplies and Planners

Thank you to all the parents who have registered and paid their fees online. Payment for these items are overdue. Payment must be made online. If you are in financial hardship, please call or email Ms. Hazon. If you are having difficulties registering online, please email at talmey@sd38.bc.ca and the office staff will walk you through the process.

Student and Family Affordability Fund

This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs such as school and course fees, workbooks, specialty supplies, field trips and other school-related charges and costs. We request that families reach out to Ms. Hazon if you need assistance with school supplies, fees or other school-related costs. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help



Early Warning - 604-668-6275, Option 1

The Early Warning program requires parents to call the school and leave a voice message at 604-668-6275 option 1, if students are absent. Please leave your child's full name (first and last), Division #, teacher's name, the date, and reason for the absence. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave a voice mail message. The goal of this program is to ensure all our students are accounted for as they come to school each day.



District News

CROSS-COUNTRY FUN RUN

29 OCTOBER 2025

STARTING TIMES:

GR. 1 @ 3:20PM,
GR. 2 @ 3:30PM
GR. 3 @ 3:40PM
GR. 4 @ 3:50PM
GR. 5 @ 4:00PM
GR. 6 @ 4:10PM
GR. 7 @ 4:20PM

AT GARRY POINT PARK



Students must arrange rides with their parents to and from the event. Parents must also remain at the event to supervise their children.

Richmond School District teachers will be at Garry Point to help organize students for their race.

Consent Forms
are available at the Front Office



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 604-668-6275 | talmey.sd38.bc.ca

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026

Tuesday, September 2	Grades 1-7 students attend from 8:45 am-9:45 am
	New Kindergarten students attend from 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
Monday, September 22	Professional Development Day (no school)
Tuesday, September 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day (no school)
Monday, October 13	Thanksgiving Day (no school)
Wednesday, October 15	Individual Photo Day
Tuesday, October 21	Fall Immunization
Thursday, October 23	Early Dismissal @ 11:50 am- Learning Update #1/Conferences
Friday, October 24	Professional Development Day (no school)
Tuesday, November 11	Remembrance Day (no school)
Thursday, November 13	Photo Retake Day
Monday, December 1	Professional Development Day (no school)
Thursday, December 18	Learning Update #2 Written Updates get Published
Friday, December 19	Last day of School before Winter Break
Monday, Dec 22 to Fri, Jan 2	Winter Break (no school)
Monday, January 5	School Reopens after Winter Break
Friday, January 23	Professional Development Day (no school)
Thursday, February 12	Early Dismissal @ 11:50 am- Learning Update #3/Conferences
Friday, February 13	Professional Development Day (no school)
Monday, February 16	BC Family Day (no school)
Friday, March 13	Last day of School before Spring Break
March 16 - 27	Spring Break (no school)
Monday, March 30	School Reopens after Spring Break
Friday, April 3	Good Friday (no school)
Monday, April 6	Easter Monday (no school)
Thursday, April 23	Learning Update #4/ Written Updates get Published
Tuesday, April 28	Spring Immunization
Friday, May 15	Professional Development Day (no school)
Monday, May 18	Victoria Day (no school)
Thursday, June 25	Last Day of School for Students
Thursday, June 25	Learning Update #5/ Written Updates get Published
Friday, June 26	Admin Day

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