

TIMBERWOLF TIMES

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FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Happy December Talmey Families!

We are getting close to our final week of school for the 2025 school year. There's much excitement around the school as we prepare for special activities & events coming up next week. Please review the calendar below for more information.

Your child will receive their first term report card/Learning Update on Thursday, December 18th. Please set some time aside to talk with your child about their learning progress. Learning Updates will be published on the MyEd Parent Portal. For instructions on how to access reports on the portal, please see attached.

We would like to extend a special thank you to our PAC for all of their support and help over the past term! We are grateful for the time, energy and care they have given to our community. Our PAC will be preparing hot chocolate for all students as a last day treat next Friday afternoon!

We wish all our families a safe and joyful winter break and a happy holiday season. We wish you all the very best in the New Year and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday, January 5th, 2026!

DECEMBER - JANUARY CALENDAR

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| FRI, DEC 12 | Jingle Bell Run & Hot Lunch |
| TUE, DEC 16 | Popcorn Day & Family Teams event |
| THURS, DEC 18 | Learning Updates/Report Cards posted to Parent Portal |
| FRI, DEC 19 | Last day before winter break
PJ Day & Sing-A-Long &
Hot chocolate treat day! |

DEC 22 - JAN 2 WINTER BREAK

MON, JAN 5	School Re-opens
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STAFFING CHANGE IN THE NEW YEAR

We are excited for Ms. Ng as she will begin her maternity leave after winter break! We wish her all the best as she prepares to welcome her baby in the new year!

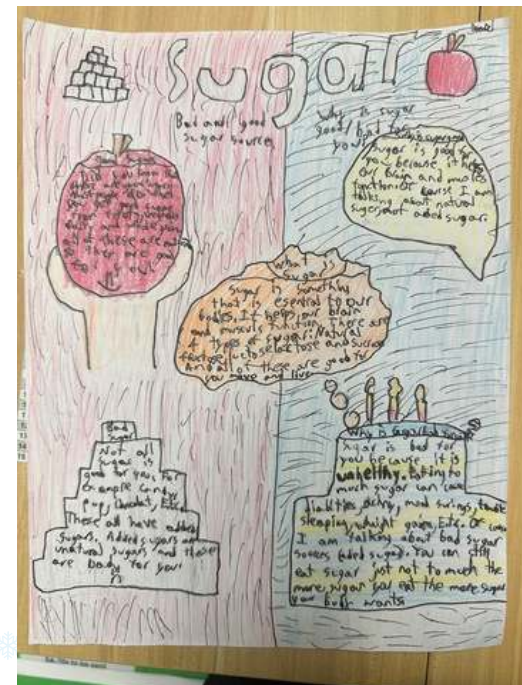
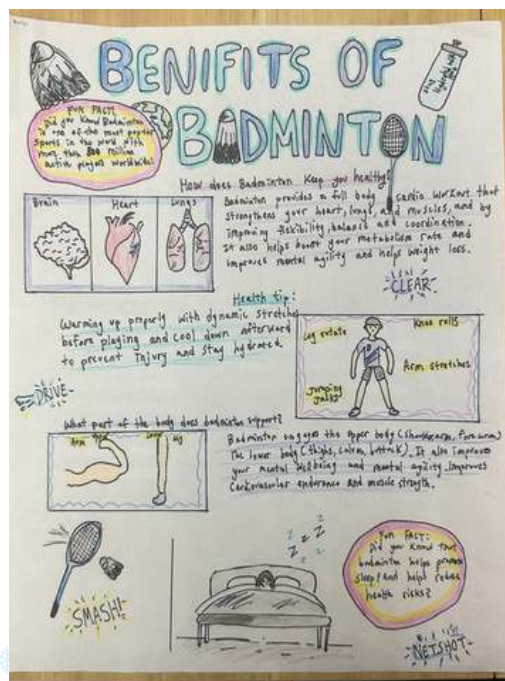
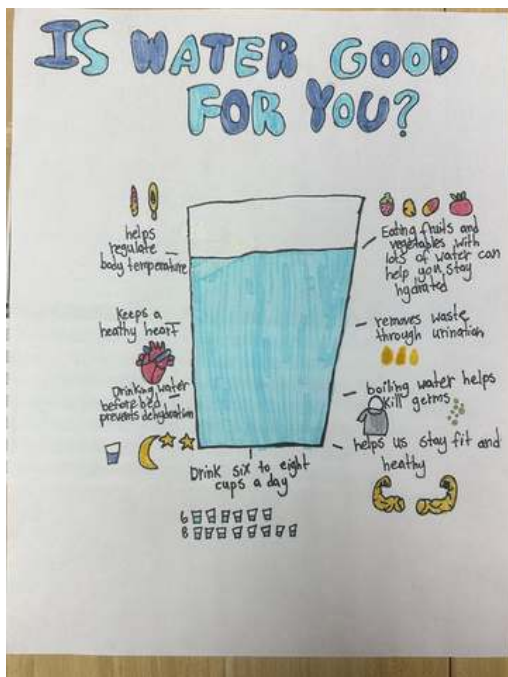
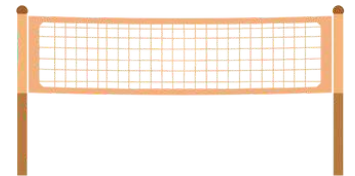
We are pleased to let you know that Ms. Dhillon, Ms. Ng's teacher candidate from last school year, will be teaching Division 15 in the new year.



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



**Staff-Student
Volleyball Game**





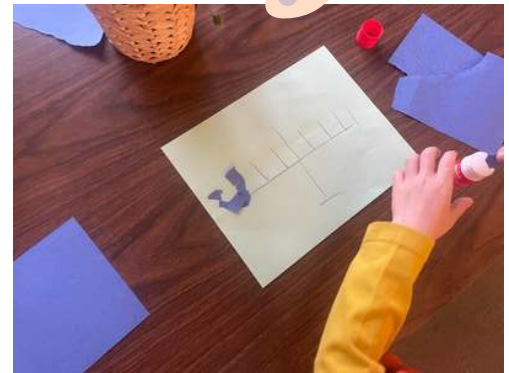
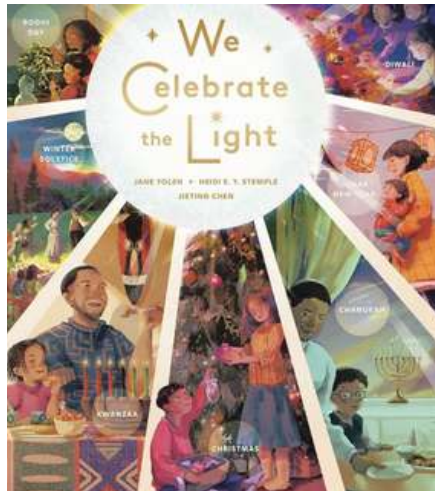
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MacNeill visited our Grade 7s to share information about their Outdoor Incentive Program



Jingle Bells



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DECEMBER

COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING THURSDAY, DEC 18

Learning Updates/Report cards **will be posted on the MyEd Parent Portal** on Thursday, December 18th. We will email families to let you know when you can access the learning updates. Please note, it is suggested that you download and/or print a hard copy as the information is only held in the Parent Portal for 4 weeks. If you are unable to access your child's report through the Portal, please contact the office for assistance.

Below is some information about proficiency scales:

The use of the Provincial Proficiency Scale gives students, parents, and caregivers a clear understanding of what students can do now and areas for future growth. Reporting scales are being used by all districts in the province.

Proficiency Scale: Kindergarten to Grade 9

Emerging	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.
Developing	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.
Proficient	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.
Extending	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.
IE	(Insufficient Evidence of Learning) The student has not provided sufficient evidence of learning in relation to the learning outcomes for the course.

JINGLE BELLS RUN

DEC. 12



As part of our "Winter Festivities", we enjoyed our annual jingle bell run outside this year. There were 360 bells ringing in the park as we ran our laps!

PJ DAY-SING A LONG & HOT CHOCOLATE !



DEC. 19



Friday, December 19th is our final "Talmey Spirit Day" for the 2025 school year. Everyone is encouraged to wear their "PJ's" as we gather in the gym to enjoy songs and community fun! Our sing a long will be happening in the gym at 10:45 AM. **Our band students will be performing a few numbers for us!** Thank you to our PAC for providing hot chocolate as an afternoon treat for all students!

COMING UP IN 2026

THE YOUNG ACTORS PROJECT



Talmei Elementary will welcome instructors from “The Young Actors Project” into all classes in early January. Our students have shared that they would like more opportunities to practice their public speaking, and we know Drama can build the self-confidence and bravery that is needed to stand up and speak in front of others. A big thank you to our PAC for sponsoring this kind of fun, risk-taking activity!

SKATING FIELD TRIPS FOR ALL CLASSES IN FEBRUARY



We are thrilled to be going to the Minoru Ice Arena for skating sessions! The school will be divided into four groups. The sessions are 10:45-11:45 AM on Feb. 03, Feb 11, Feb 18 and Feb 24. We thank our PAC for their generosity in funding this special event. More information will be available in January. We will let you know which one of these days your child is skating. ***Please find the Minoru Winter Wonderland Calendar attached for information on skating events at the Minoru Arenas during winter break.*

PAC NEWS

TALMEY PAC MEETING - JAN. 14 AT 6:30 PM



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 if there are any questions regarding PAC matters.

DISTRICT NEWS

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION

Students in grade 5 had an opportunity to learn about this district program. More information about this opportunity is available on the District website. This program is only offered to students who entering Grade 6 in September. Applications are open till January 16th for students registered in the Richmond School District to apply for the 2026-2027 School Year.

To apply please complete the District OptionsOnlineApplication:
<https://dpoapplication.sd38.bc.ca>

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We are excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2021, turning 5 in 2026. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2026. Online registration begins November 1, 2025.

Families are encouraged to register any time during the priority 1 registration period (November – January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications completed any time during the priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions via emails from the school by February 6, 2026.

As per district policy, a student will normally attend the school located in their catchment area in which their parents or legal guardians reside unless there is no physical, resource or program space available. This provision may need to be applied more frequently, potentially resulting in more students needing placement outside their catchment school.

<https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration>





CITY OF RICHMOND



Winter Wonderland AT MINORU ARENAS

Dec 12–Jan 4

7551 Minoru Gate | 604-238-8465

The perfect place for a holiday skate is Winter Wonderland at Minoru Arenas! Set under a canopy of twinkly lights with festive music, bring your family and friends to this annual winter time activity. Regular admission rates apply.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Dec 12 6:30–9:00pm	Dec 13 8:30–9:45am <i>Sensory Friendly*</i> 12:00–4:00pm 6:30–9:00pm
Dec 14 12:00–4:00pm 6:30–9:00pm	Dec 15	Dec 16 	Dec 17 6:30–9:00pm	Dec 18 	Dec 19 6:30–9:00pm	Dec 20 8:30–9:45am <i>Sensory Friendly*</i> 12:00–4:00pm 6:30–9:00pm
Dec 21 12:00–4:00pm 6:30–9:00pm	Dec 22 8:30–9:45am <i>Sensory Friendly*</i> 10:00am–2:00pm 2:30–6:00pm 6:30–9:00pm	Dec 23 10:00am–2:00pm 2:30–6:00pm 6:30–9:00pm	Dec 24 10:00am–4:00pm	Dec 25 12:00–3:00pm	Dec 26 10:00am–2:00pm 2:30–6:00pm	Dec 27 8:30–9:45am <i>Sensory Friendly*</i> 10:00am–2:00pm 2:30–6:00pm 6:30–9:00pm
Dec 28 10:00am–2:00pm 2:30–6:00pm 6:30–9:00pm	Dec 29 8:30–9:45am <i>Sensory Friendly*</i> 10:00am–2:00pm 2:30–6:00pm 6:30–9:00pm	Dec 30 10:00am–2:00pm 2:30–6:00pm 6:30–9:00pm	Dec 31 10:00am–4:00pm	Jan 1 10:00am–4:00pm	Jan 2 10:00am–2:00pm 2:30–6:00pm 6:30–9:00pm	Jan 3 8:30–9:45am <i>Sensory Friendly*</i> 10:00am–2:00pm 2:30–6:00pm 6:30–9:00pm
Jan 4 10:00am–4:00pm						

*These skates allow those who experience sensory sensitivity the opportunity to participate in skating during a time where changes are made to the sensory experience at the arena. This includes: turning off background music, offering a quiet room and keeping all the lights on.



richmond.ca/arenas



REMINDERS

LOST & FOUND



We have had quite a variety of 'lost' items gather in our lost and found over this past term. All items are now on display and will continue to be on display over the next week (in the front foyer). Please come by to look at these items before winter break and claim anything that belongs to your child/children. All unclaimed items will be donated after Thursday, December 19th.

EXTENDED ABSENCES

DAY OFF

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 (four) 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.

WINTER REMINDERS



COLD & FLU SEASON. It is that time again – flu and cold season. Please help us keep everyone healthy by reminding your child to wash their hands regularly. Using soap and warm water is a great way to clean hands. If your child is ill, please keep them home from school. Thank you.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER. It is important that students are dressed for the weather. During these colder damp days, students need to have proper jackets, footwear, hats and gloves so they can enjoy playing outside. If it should snow, students should have extra clothing and boots or a dry pair of socks and shoes to change into if they want to play in the snow at recess and lunch.



On a snow day, our school will remain open if possible. No announcement will be made saying that schools will be open. Only closures will be announced via the SD38 Twitter account, school and district websites, and on the radio at CKNW AM 980, News AM 1130, CBC AM 690, Fairchild AM 1470, CHQM FM 103.5. Closures will be announced as early as possible.





VOLUNTEER INTERPRETERS NEEDED



The Richmond School District is seeking individuals who are fluent in English and other languages to join our Volunteer Interpreter Team.

Help strengthen communication between schools and families by providing language support during parent teacher conferences. Your involvement helps ensure every family feels welcomed and informed.

Training is provided.
All languages welcome.

To express your interest, please email your CV before January 16, 2026 to:
culturalinterpreters@sd38.bc.ca

TALMEY CALENDAR

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

