



TIMBERWOLF TIMES

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FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Talmey Families,

We had another busy, learning-filled week at Talmey!

We were delighted to celebrate Family Literacy Day with our Warm-Up with a Book events. About 200 students joined us over two mornings-in our school library-for reading and hot chocolate! Thank you to our PAC and our librarian, Ms. Yang, for supporting these events.

This year's Family Literacy Week theme was **Make Mealtime Family Literacy Time**. Ms. Nanat's class explored this theme by learning how to make boba pearls! They reviewed the recipe, made the pearls, tasted them and completed a reflective writing assignment.

All classes enjoyed a special visit from the Maple Man this past Wednesday. They learned how maple syrup is made and even tasted maple taffy! Thank you to our district for providing a French grant to support this experience.

Looking ahead, skating sessions begin next week and run throughout February. Thank you to our PAC for funding these sessions.

Please note that early dismissal for Learning Updates/Conferences will take place on Thursday, February 12th at 11:50 a.m.

Wishing you a restful and happy weekend!

Ms. Hazon and Ms. Jess

TALMEY OFFICE REMINDER

IF YOUR CHILD(REN) WILL BE AWAY FROM
SCHOOL, PLEASE EMAIL
talmey@sd38.bc.ca OR CALL THE OFFICE
TO ADVISE US OF THEIR ABSENCE.

TALMEY PHONE:
604-668-6275
OPTION 1



SPRING BREAK

MONDAY, MAR 16-
FRIDAY, MAR 27



School will re-open
on Monday, March 30

FEB CALENDAR

FRI, FEB 6	Hot Lunch Day
TUE, Feb 10	Popcorn Day
THUR, FEB 12	Early Dismissal @11:50 am
FRI, FEB 13	Pro-D Day(no school)
MON, FEB 16	BC Family Day(no school)
TUE, FEB 17	Lunar New Year & Lion Dance
FRI, FEB 20	Hot Lunch Day
TUE, FEB 24	Popcorn Day

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Warm-Up with a Book!

We had many students join us for our Warm-Up w a Book events! Thank you to our PAC for preparing & providing the yummy hot chocolate!

Families, schools, libraries, literacy organizations and communities across BC celebrate Family Literacy Week, January 25–February 1, 2026, with activities, events and contests. “Family literacy refers to the way parents, and extended family members use literacy at home and in the community.” -Hayden, R. & Sanders, M (2007).

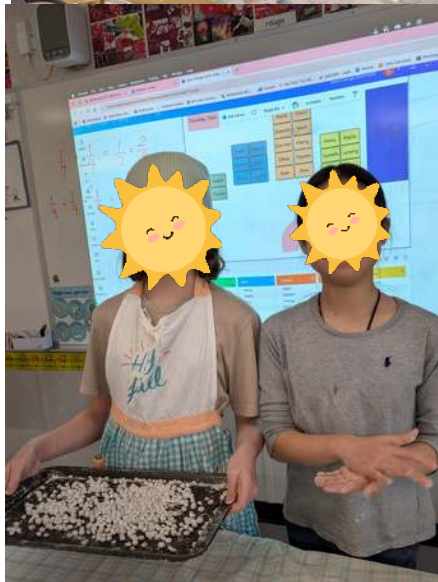
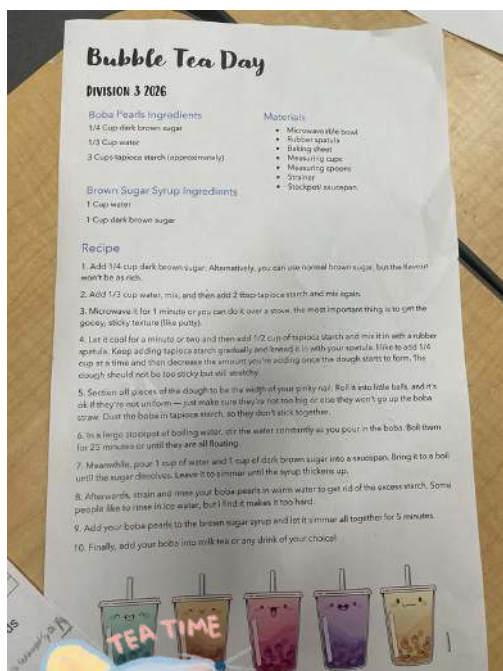




LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

See What We're Reading

Classes have been decorating their doors with book covers so everyone can...
See What We're Reading!



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Maple Man Presentation

On Wednesday morning, René Turmel, known to us as the Maple Man, shared his passion for the Canadian maple tree, which provides us with special treats like maple sugar, maple syrup, and a golden maple taffy. We discovered how maple sap is harvested and then boiled down into maple syrup.



Did you know 1 litre of maple syrup requires 45 litres of maple sap? The Maple Man shared connections between maple syrup, Indigenous peoples, and the first immigrants to North America. We learned a little bit of Quebecois culture and heritage by playing the wooden spoons, accompanying the Maple Man's accordion.



Thank you to Ms. Feng and Mr. Snyder for their rhythmic lead! You will have likely heard about the delicious maple taffy the Maple Man poured for us on fresh sheets of ice, hand-twisted onto popsicle sticks by our student volunteers, Emmaly, Franco, and Andrea - it was delicious! Thank you to. Our school accessed French grant funding from the district to support this special experience!

BASKETBALL SEASON



Our basketball players have been practicing regularly. We are coordinating a few games with our neighbouring schools! See below for the tentative schedule.

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

Boys Basketball Schedule 2026

Practices every Wednesday during Lunch hour (12:05 pm-12:40 pm).
Both boys and girls have open gym every Friday at lunch.

Games will be start around 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm depending on travel time

Tuesday, February 3th - Away Game @Tomsett
Monday, February 9th - Away Game @ Anderson
Wednesday, February 11th - @ Home vs Tomsett
Tuesday, February 24th-Away Game @ Cook
Wednesday, February 25- Away Game @ Tomsett
Wednesday, March 4 @ Home vs Anderson

Girls Basketball Schedule 2026

Practices every Monday during Lunch hour (12:05 pm-12:40 pm).
Both boys and girls have open gym every Friday at lunch.

Games will be start around 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm depending on travel time

Tuesday, February 10th @ Home vs Cook
Tuesday, February 17th Away Game @ Tomsett
Wednesday, February 18th @ Home vs Anderson
Thursday, February 26 @ Home vs Tomsett
Tuesday, March 3 Away Game@ Tomsett
Thursday, March 5 Away Game @ Anderson
Tuesday, MArch 10 @ Home vs Tomsett

Wednesday, March 11th - Tournament @ MacNeill Secondary (Grade 7s)



TALMEY & DISTRICT EVENTS

SKATING FIELD TRIPS FOR ALL CLASSES

FEBRUARY



We are thrilled to be going to the Minoru Ice Arena for skating sessions! The school will be divided into four groups and each class will attend one session. The sessions are 10:45-11:45 AM on Feb. 3, 11, 18 and 24. We thank our PAC for their generosity in funding this special event. More information will soon be available to let you know which one of these days your child is skating.

UPCOMING LION DANCE PERFORMANCE

February 17th

We are looking forward to welcoming the Vancouver Lion Dance group on February 17th which is Lunar New Year. The Lunar New Year holiday marks the first new moon of the lunisolar calendar traditionally used in many East Asian countries including China, Vietnam, Singapore, and South Korea. In these countries and many others, this is one of the most important holidays of the year. **Red** is the most popular colour for Lunar New Year celebrations because of its association with happiness, good fortune, and wealth.

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY- PARENT FEEDBACK

Each year the Ministry of Education asks grade 4&7 parents, grade 4&7 students, and school staff to complete a learning survey. If you have a child in grade 4 or 7, please take a little time to visit <https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp> to share your thoughts and ideas. Your opinions will help guide the future of education in BC.

PINK SHIRT DAY

WED, FEB. 25



Wear pink and help everyone work towards anti-bullying. Pink Shirt Day started years ago in Nova Scotia, as the response of high school students to their dismay at a fellow student being bullied just because of the colour of the shirt they were wearing. This day of recognition has grown across Canada and the world as we all work to reduce and eliminate such behaviours. Join us all in wearing **PINK**!



TALMEY PAC



TALMEY PAC 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 if there are any questions regarding PAC matters.

Our next PAC meetings is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30 pm**

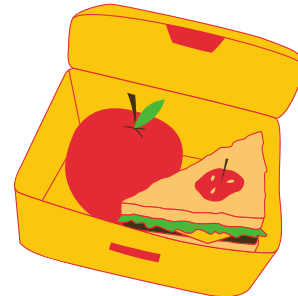


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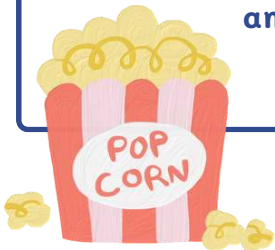
Ordering for Hot Lunch Term 2 is available on the Munch a Lunch site. A reminder to please double check that you have ordered lunch for the term. If you have ordered lunch, you will receive an email confirmation from Munch a Lunch.

Below are the term 2 hot lunch dates.

Feb 6
Feb 20
Feb 27
March 6
March 13



Tuesday, Feb 10th is our next popcorn day! Popcorn is \$1 a bag and will be available for sale in the multi-purpose room at recess.





Universal Hot Lunch Program—Coming Soon!

Dear Talmey Families,



Utilizing Feeding Futures as well as National School Food Program funding, the Richmond School District will be piloting a universal hot lunch program at selected elementary and secondary schools. It is anticipated that a lunch will be offered to all students at Talmey Elementary School once or twice each month. We will be using the MunchaLunch ordering platform which families use to order other hot lunches from the school. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

Grade 7 Transition

We are beginning the high school transition planning process for our Grade 7 students. Parent information evenings have been scheduled at high schools over the next few months. All grade 7 parents and guardians should have received detailed information about the registration process, the transfer process as well as dates for parent information events.

Information from MacNeill Secondary was emailed to Grade 7 families earlier this week.

Grade 7 Parent Information Evenings for 2026/27

School Name	Date
Hugh Boyd Secondary	January 22, 2026, at 6:30 pm
JN Burnett Secondary	February 12, 2026, at 6:30 pm
Cambie Secondary	January 20, 2026, at 6:00 pm
MacNeill Secondary	January 22, 2026, at 6:00 pm
McMath Secondary	February 12, 2026, at 5:30 pm
McRoberts Secondary	January 29, 2026, at 6:00 pm
McNair Secondary	February 12, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Palmer Secondary	February 5, 2026, at 6:30 pm
Richmond Secondary	February 4, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Steveston London Secondary	January 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Richmond Virtual School (BL, RAIL)	January 29, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Palmer Secondary School, Room 131



Stay Informed with SchoolMessenger Text Alerts (Opt-In)

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.



SAFETY REMINDERS



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.



We thank our Facilities department for installing a new fence to improve safety in our play areas.



SCHOOL CLOSURES

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 & Facebook accounts, 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.

Dress for the weather!

As our weather is changing to snow, cold and rain, it might be helpful to bring:



winter coat



rain coat



rain boots or winter boots



mittens



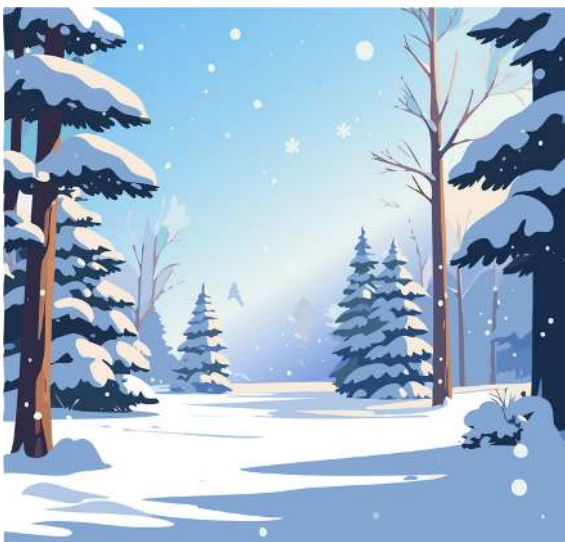
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scarf



extra clothing including socks





Talmey Calendar



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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026

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

