

Timberwolf Times

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From our Principal

Welcome to December! At this time of the year it is an important reminder that family and traditions are highlighted as we finish a calendar year and welcome a “New Year”. These are important components that contribute to making a vibrant school learning community. **On behalf of the staff we: “Wish You A Merry Christmas!” We wish you, “Happy Hanukkah” We wish you, “Happy Kwanza”**, but most importantly we are thankful for all of the contributions that are made by all members of our school community to enrich the daily experience for our students.

The last day of school is Friday, December 17th, 2021, and we will welcome everyone back to the school on Tuesday, January 4th, 2022, after the 2-week Winter Holiday Break.

Emergency & Inclement Weather

[General Information](#)

During an emergency, the district's first priority is to ensure student and staff safety. We work closely with local municipalities and emergency services to assess the situation, gather accurate information, and implement emergency safety protocols.

[Inclement Weather](#)

The district will try to determine school **closures** due to inclement weather by 6:30 a.m. Updates will be delivered using social media and school and district websites. No radio or television announcement will be made saying that schools are open. Only school **closures** will be announced by the media. To reach as many people as possible - as quickly as possible - we work closely with our local media to share information. Listen to local radio stations and follow local news outlets online to also get information about the impact of severe weather or emergencies in our schools.

- If snowfall begins while school is in session, in most circumstances, schools will remain OPEN until the end of the school day.
- If schools are open, and you wish to keep your child home due to weather conditions, you may do so. Please let your school know of this decision.

Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's safe travel to school. If possible, we encourage parents to walk their children to school in poor weather conditions.

Parking Lot Safety

The parking only 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 will be enforced by By-Law Officers and the RCMP. Again, this is for the safety of all members of our learning community.

Staff Announcement

As the seasons change and we turn the pages of our calendars to new months and a new year, Let's welcome our new Staff:

We are happy to have **Ms. C. Purewal** and **Ms. H. Kang** join our E.A. support team in filling vacancies to contribute to our learning community.

What's Happening in December

Sole-Darity Drive

Shoe

Something as simple as a pair of shoes can make a big difference.

Will continue till Spring Break

Please consider donating any new or slightly used shoes to our Shoe-Drive. All shoes collected will be donated to a charitable organization that

will distribute them to those in our community that can benefit from them. The donation box is in the front lobby of the school and students may drop them during the day. We will continue our contributions to this worthy cause till Spring Break.



Sustainability

By putting unwanted shoes and clothing to good use, textiles are kept out of landfills.



Health

New shoes and clothes prevent injuries and illnesses, and they provide dignity to people in need.



Opportunity

Micro-entrepreneurs sell shoes to build businesses and support their families.

Communicating Student Learning

Wednesday, December 15

This year, as per the Ministry of Education's directive, we continue to utilize the students' ePortfolio to Communicate Student Learning. Like last year, students, will have their term assessments uploaded to their ePortfolio by the classroom teacher. Division 6, Ms. Hosta and Division 9, Ms. Molnar and Ms. Silversen are utilizing Option B for this year, and students will receive paper copies of Report Cards by Wednesday, December 15th. However, they too will upload a Proficiency Scale assessment to their students' ePortfolios later this year and in the third term. All teachers have sent out the link for parents to sign up for the Parent Portal to view the Proficiency Scale assessment of the

Core Competencies for their child. This is but one of the methods to communicate and provide information for the parent and child. If at any time a parent has a question about their child’s progress, they can contact the teacher via email or by phoning the office. The reports follow B.C. Ministry of Education requirements for reporting to parents and guardians. The report cards are intended to:

- **communicate clearly and concisely**
- **support student motivation and learning**
- **enhance communication with parents**

PJ Day

Friday, December 17

As we say good-bye to 2021 and enter the Winter Break, we will kick back and enjoy a PJ Day Spirit event at the school. Students and staff will participate in this fun event as classes enjoy some end of term in class events.

District News

Health and Safety - COVID-19 safety

Here is a good reminder about the importance for all members of our learning community to do their personal health check list each day before arriving at school:



Ask yourself the following:

1. Key Symptoms of Illness:	<p><i>Do you have any of the following <u>NEW Key Symptoms of Illness</u>?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever • Chills • Cough or worsening of chronic cough • Shortness of breath • Diarrhea • Nausea and vomiting • Loss of sense of smell or taste
2. International Travel:	<p><i>Have you returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days?</i></p>
3. Confirmed Contact:	<p><i>Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?</i></p>

Answering YES to any of the questions will prevent the staff/student from entering the school or worksite effective immediately.

Reminders from Talmey Office

Student Information are the pertinent information on each student's profile to ensure student safety. It is crucial that we have the most up to date information on your child and family. **If any of your details change throughout the year, please make sure you let the school know**; *i.e. address change, cell phone change, email address change.*

Early Warning (student absence reporting)

Parents are requested to call the school and leave a voice message before 8:00 a.m. at 604-668-6275 if students are absent.

Messages may be left the evening before if you know your child is going to be absent. The goal of this program is to ensure that all of our students are accounted for as they come to school each day.

Please call school number or email school at talmey@sd38.bc.ca if your child is not attending school on that day.



**Country Care Child Care Centre
Location: Talmey Multi-Purpose Room**

There are spaces available for your children if this service is something you would like to consider. Please contact **Dal Bhangav** at **604-721-5672** for more information.

Please do not contact school for space availability!

Calendar:

Hanukkah **November 28 – December 6**

Report cards home **Wednesday, December 15**

PJ Day at school..... **Friday, December 17**

Winter Break
December 20 - January 3

School Re-Opens
Tuesday, January 4, 2022

School re-opens **Tuesday, January 4**

Pro D day (no school for students) . **Monday, January 31**

Pro D day (no school for students) ... **Friday, February 18**

Family Day (no school) **Monday, February 21**