

# Timberwolf Times

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

## Welcome to Autumn!



As we transition to the season of Autumn, we have been fortunate to have had many sunny days over the past few weeks! The school field is filled with many fallen leaves and acorns, keeping our students busy at play at recess and lunch!

The rhythm of the school is well in place and classes are beginning to settle into routines. Many classes have been learning about social responsibility. We had our first 'Star of the Week' recognition announcement last Friday.

The core component of social responsibility is our "STAR" Code of Conduct.

Visitors are always impressed with how polite and courteous our students are; a reflection of our focus on building a socially responsible community.



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We are looking forward to many learning highlights this month including our first family team activity and our PAC Halloween Party coming up at the end of the month. Please see the photos below as we have tried to capture many of our learning highlights from the past few weeks.

We wish all our families celebrating Thanksgiving, a happy and joyful celebration.



Have a lovely long weekend!

Ms. Hazon & Mr. Dixon

## Learning Highlights



# What's Happening in OCTOBER

## Thanksgiving Day – Monday, Oct.9th



As we head into the Thanksgiving long weekend, this short article on Thanksgiving in Canada will provide some information to read on the days origins, history, and differences among provinces

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/thanksgiving-day>.

We wish everyone celebrating Thanksgiving a joyful and happy celebration.

## Photo Day - Wednesday, October 18



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

## PAC Meeting

The next PAC meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 11th at 6:30 pm** in the Talmey Library Learning Commons. All parents are welcome to attend. Childcare will be available.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences -Learning Update #1

**Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal at 11:50 a.m.**

Teachers will schedule meetings with parents for our first conferences on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Such conferences are one part of the communication process that is in place to support our students. Parents can contact classroom teacher by using the student's agenda or by emailing the office or teachers.

***Each teacher is sending home their personal conference schedule.***

## Professional Development Day – no school

**Friday, October 20th**

October 20th is a Provincial Professional Development Day and all students do not attend school this day.

## Great Pumpkin Run

**Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

On Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> we will having our Great Pumpkin run! We are looking forward to this fun fall event. We celebrate with a pumpkin raffle at the end of our run!

## PAC Halloween Social Event

**Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 pm**

All Talmey families are invited to enjoy this wonderful event on Friday evening from 6:00-8:00 in the gym. PAC notices will go home soon with further details about this very fun evening. Remember, students may not attend without a parent or guardian.

## PAC Hot Lunch Program

If you have any questions about using the Munch-a-Lunch [website](#) please contact Melissa at [mmchui@gmail.com](mailto:mmchui@gmail.com). If you are interested in volunteering with the hot lunch program, please email Jana at [rectalmeyhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:rectalmeyhotlunch@gmail.com) or fill out your information in the volunteer section of the Munch-a-Lunch website and I will be in contact will all interested volunteers.

Hot lunch dates & menu:

10/06 (Fri) - Fusion Feast Pizza & Pasta
10/13 (Fri) - Subway Sandwiches
10/27 (Fri) - A&W
11/03 (Fri) - Fusion Feast Pizza & Pasta
11/10 (Fri) - Subway Sandwiches
11/17 (Fri) - Fukuroku Japanese Restaurant
11/24 (Fri) - A&W
12/01 (Fri) - Fusion Feast Pizza & Pasta
12/08 (Fri) - Subway Sandwiches
12/15 (Fri) - A&W
12/22 (Fri) - Fukuroku Japanese Restaurant

### Talmey Spirit Wear-Coming Soon!



Last year we had weekly spirit days every Friday! We will continue with this tradition for this school year as well. Staff and students are invited to wear blue and gray, or Talmey spirit wear. every Friday. Our PAC will soon be offering a spirit wear fundraiser. Stay tuned for more information!

### Halloween Dress-up Choice

**Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 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 and for supporting our keen players!

### Terry Fox Run Update

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 to the generous donations from our community! We have raised \$1565 so far for the Terry Fox Foundation. We will keep our online donation option open for one more week to see if we can reach our \$2000 goal. Thank you to everyone who has contributed!



### Foundation Skills Assessment

Each year students in Grades 4 and 7 participate in the Foundation Skills Assessment. The assessment consists of a written and on-line 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.

The FSA assessments run from October 2 to November 10.

# October Celebrations

## Dussehra - October 24th

**Dussehra, Dasara or Dashain**, is a major Hindu festival celebrated every year at the end of Navaratri. It is observed on the tenth day of the month of Ashvin, the seventh in the Hindu Luni-Solar Calendar. The festival which typically falls in the Gregorian calendar months of September and October.



**October** is also German Heritage Month, Canadian Islamic Month Community Inclusion Month, Latin American Heritage Month, Women's History Month

## And then it's NOVEMBER

### Remembrance Day

**Thursday, November 10 @10:30 am**

We hope that you will be able to join us on Thursday, Nov 10 as we come together for this important assembly. We will be doing fund raising for the Poppy Foundation during that week and students will receive a Poppy for this assembly.



## 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 is now **past due**. Payment must be made online as cash and cheques will **NOT** be accepted. 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](mailto:talmey@sd38.bc.ca) and the office staff will walk you through the process.

### Student and Family Affordability Fund

Recently, the provincial government announced a new, one-time 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. The additional funding will also be used to support school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students. We request that families reach out to Ms. Hazon if you are in need of 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, your children, 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. 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

## OPTIONAL STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE PLAN

As in previous years, families can choose to purchase an optional student accident insurance plan for their children through the “InsureMyKids®” program, underwritten by Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. The “InsureMyKids®” accident insurance program offers protection against the potentially high costs of any injury resulting from unexpected accidents and is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans, have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

The insurance agreement will be between the family and Old Republic Canada and will be effective on the date the enrollment application and payment are received by the insurance carrier. To purchase a student accident insurance plan, families can visit <http://www.insuremykids.com>, or speak with an Old Republic Canada customer service representative at 1-800-463-5437.

The program coverage typically includes:

- A full year (365 days from date of purchase), 24 hours a day, whether at school or at home; Expenses such as ambulance, physio-therapy, private tutoring, counselling, and much more that are limited or not covered by private or group insurance plans, or provincial health plans; Injury related dental treatment as the result of an accident;
- Out-of-province or country emergency medical expenses. (Platinum Plan Only)

Attached is the InsureMyKids® Brochure for your information.

If you have questions relating to this insurance program, please contact Joyce Coronel from the Secretary Treasurer’s office at [jcoronel@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:jcoronel@sd38.bc.ca) or 604-668-6008

## Calendar

Monday, October 9	Thanksgiving Day (no school)
Wednesday, October 18	Fall Photo Day
Thursday, October 19	Early dismissal for parent/teacher conferences (12:00 pm)
Friday, October 20	Professional Development Day
Friday, November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly @10:30
Saturday, November 11	Remembrance Day
Monday, November 13	Stat Holiday for Remembrance Day (no school)
Monday, November 20	Professional Development Day
<b>Mon, Dec 25 to Fri, Jan 5</b>	<b>Winter Vacation</b>
<b>Monday, January 8</b>	<b>Return to School</b>