

# Timberwolf Times

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The Richmond Board of Education acknowledges and thanks the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmi̓nəm̓ (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

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## From Our Principal

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A reminder that there will be an early dismissal tomorrow **(October 19th) at 11:50 a.m.** for **parent/teacher conferences-Learning update #1**. This communication between home and school is so valuable in supporting students' academic and social/emotional growth.

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 some of our learning highlights from the past few weeks.

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## Learning Highlights

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## School Events

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### Thursday, October 19

Early Dismissal at 11:50 for Conferences/Learning Updates #1

### Friday, October 20

Professional Development Day—no school in session

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## Reminder

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### The Library Lounge



# The Library Lounge

is now OPEN every\* Tuesday and Thursday  
from 2:45 - 3:30 PM

Students and their families are welcome to visit the library after school to read, play board games, puzzles, draw, or complete homework! Students must have an adult guardian with them. We hope to see you after school!



\*in the case of special events, a closure notice will be posted on the library door



### Halloween Dress-up Choice

#### Tuesday, October 31

On 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. Students will still be expected to go out for recess to get some fresh air and exercise, so they should be able to move freely and play in their costumes.

**\* A reminder to please leave masks and weapons that may go with your costumes at home. Masks can be scary, and difficult to see out of and weapons are never allowed to be brought to school, even plastic ones.**

As always, we want Halloween to be fun for ALL. When choosing costumes, a few things to keep in mind that the following are NOT Costumes:

RACE .....coloured face  
CULTURE .....Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks  
RELIGIOUS FAITH .....religious figures /gods /saints  
GENDER .....gender switching for humour or to mock  
TRAUMA .....hangman's noose/weapons



### 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.

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## District News

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### Kindergarten Registration

Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome Kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2019, turning 5 in 2024. These children will begin Kindergarten in September 2024. Online registration opens on November 1, 2023. Please visit our website [www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten](http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten) for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

We encourage families to complete their registration within the Priority 1 registration window, which spans from November 1 to January 19, 2024, to maximize their chances of securing a spot at their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 2, 2024.

Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available on our District website, providing new parents with guidance on the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori). These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at [www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten](http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten).

Finally, there will be a Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of students with disabilities and diverse abilities on Zoom held on November 8th from 6:30 – 7:30pm. A link to the Zoom is available on our District website [www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten](http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten).

Thank you and please share this information with your friends and family who have Kindergarten aged children!



### City of Richmond – 2023/24 Grade 5 Active Pass

The Grade 5 Active Pass is now available to all Richmond students registered in Grade 5. Each Pass includes free admission until June 30, 2024, to various drop-in programs at local community centres. Details about how to register are [available at this link](#).



## PAC Announcements

### **PAC Halloween Social Event**

**Friday, October 27th, 6:00- 8:00 pm**

All Talmey families are invited to enjoy this wonderful event on next Friday evening from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the gym. The Snack Shack will be open with special treats and popcorn for sale. Students may only attend if they are with a parent or guardian. See the attached flyer for more information.



### **Talmey Spirit Wear**

Get in the spirit and order your Talmey Spirit Wear today! Zip up hoodies and t-shirts will be available to order until October 30th. Items are available in navy or grey in youth extra small to extra-large and adult small to extra-large.

Sample sizes are available in the front entrance to try on from 8:35-8:45 am and 2:45-2:55 pm daily. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



### **Popcorn Days**

Popcorn is \$1 a bag. See dates below:



### **Talmey PAC Meeting date for November:**

**November 15th 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](mailto:TalmeyPAC@gmail.com) if there are any questions regarding PAC matters.



### **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 [rctalmeyhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:rctalmeyhotlunch@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:

10/13 (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

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## What's Happening at Talmey

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### Indigenous Veterans Day

**Wednesday, November 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.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National\\_Aboriginal\\_Veterans\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Aboriginal_Veterans_Day)

### Remembrance Day

No school on Monday, November 13th for Remembrance Day

School is not in session on this day as Remembrance Day (November 11) falls on a Saturday this year. Our Remembrance Day assembly is scheduled for Friday, November 10th at 10:30 am. We invite families to join us. We will be collecting donations for the poppy fund during the week of November.

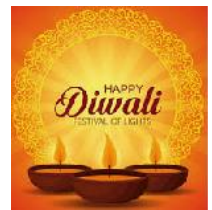


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### Diwali and the Festival of Lights

**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

There are many vibrant and important cultural events that occur over the school year and on November 12th the important celebrations of Diwali and the Festival of Lights will be celebrated by many with our Talmey learning community families, we wish everyone a very HAPPY DIWALI and HAPPY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS!



Diwali is a significant holiday for those that are of the Hindu faith and South Asian culture. It is a time for celebration, light and color.

### Photo Retake Day

**Thursday, November 16th**



### Professional Development Day

**Monday, November 20th, 2023**

No school for students



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## Reminders

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### 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 we will walk you through the process.

### Time Change

On Sunday, November 5th at **2:00 am** clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour to Sunday, November 5th, 2023, **1:00 am** local standard time instead. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov 5th, 2023 than the day before. There will be more light in the morning.



## Dress for the Weather

It is important that students are dressed for the weather. During these colder damp days, students need to have a proper **jacket, footwear, a hat and gloves**. If they dress appropriately for the weather, they can enjoy playing outside as at Talmey, we consider all days suitable for outside play.



## Calendar

Thursday, October 19	Early dismissal for parent/teacher conferences (11:50 am)
Friday, October 20	Professional Development Day (no school)
Friday, November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly @10:30 am
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>

# 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](http://sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct)

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