

Timberwolf Times

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From Our Principal

Dear Talmey Families,

We hope you are all doing well. Last Friday morning our school community came together for our Remembrance Day assembly. We recognized and remembered Canadian soldiers who lost their lives so we could live in a peaceful and free country. We had a variety of student performances and presentations. We thank our staff and students for their thoughtful and meaningful contributions to our remembrance ceremony. Thank you also to those families who were able to join us for this important event.

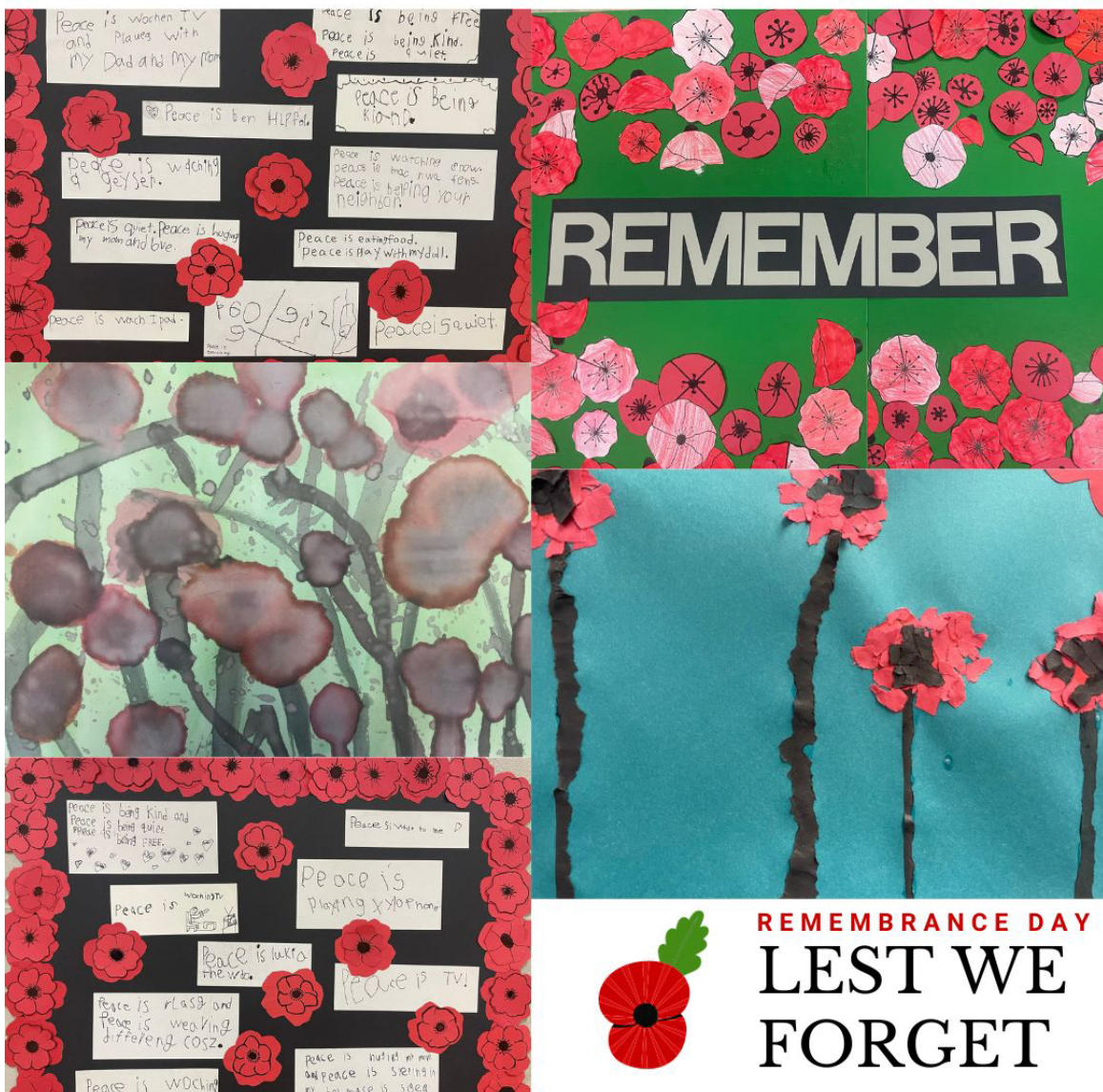
All students did receive a poppy last week. A reminder that our poppy campaign will be open until November 30th. If you would like to donate, please click on the following link:

<https://richmondsd38.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/67651/125/False/True>



Thank you.

Learning Highlights



District News

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 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.

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.

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

Two promotional posters. The left poster is for the "BECOME HOMESTAY at the RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT" program, featuring a family photo and contact information: study@sd38.bc.ca and 604-668-6217. The right poster is the "DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER", listing six principles for a positive school environment.

A promotional banner for the "GET YOUR GRADE 5 ACTIVE! PASS". It features a photo of a child in a pink jacket and helmet on an ice skater. The text says "GET YOUR GRADE 5 ACTIVE! PASS" and "Click HERE for more information". Below the banner, there is a list of activities included in the pass.

The Pass is now available to all Richmond students registered in Grade 5, including those home-schooled or attending private schools. Each Pass includes free admission until June 30, 2024 to:

- Drop-in swimming at Minoru Centre for Active Living and Watermania
- Drop-in public skating at Richmond Ice Centre and Minoru Arenas (skate rentals are an extra fee)
- West Richmond Pitch & Putt with a paying adult (rentals are an extra fee)
- Various drop-in programs at local community centres

Reporting Changes in BC

The Richmond School district recently held a Zoom session for parents and guardians outlining the Reporting process in B.C. You can access a recording here: <https://sd38.bc.ca/news/2023-10-13/k-12-reporting-update>. Below is a synopsis of some of the recent changes to student reporting.

What is student reporting

Student reporting is the assessment and communication of student learning, often thought of as report cards. Every student in B.C. receives communications from the school throughout the school year that provide parents, caregivers, and students with information about student learning.

The way teachers and schools communicate student learning, and the format of traditional report cards is shifting.

Upcoming changes to student reporting

The K-12 Student Reporting Policy Framework ("the framework") is the result of many years of consultation and engagement with rightsholders, education partners, teachers, families, students, and the public.

The framework provides an overview of the upcoming changes to the K-12 Student Reporting Policy, set to be implemented in the 2023/24 school year.

Student Information

- Shifts in reporting are being made to ensure each student experiences success within the education system
- Student self-assessment of Core Competencies and goal setting gives every student input into their learning, including where they go next
- Graduation status update in Grades 10-12 ensures students know they are on track to graduate

What's new

- Student reporting practices that align with B.C.'s curriculum and provincial assessment system
- Provincial Proficiency Scale at Grades K-9
- Changing the "I" reporting symbol to "IE" to indicate "insufficient evidence" of learning instead of "incomplete" learning
- Student self-assessment of Core Competencies and goal setting, in all grades in the 3 written reports
- Graduation status updates at Grades 10-12
- All learners, including students with a disability or diverse ability, will receive regular communications of student learning in the same way as their peers in any other program

What's the same

- Timely and responsive feedback to families throughout the school year
- 5 communications of student learning: 3 written and 2 of flexible format
- Letter grades and percentages at Grades 10-12
- Written descriptive feedback to accompany scale or letter grade and percentage

CONTACT US

student.reporting@gov.bc.ca

The Provincial Proficiency Scale

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 already being used by all districts in the province. There are currently 17 or more known reporting scales in use. The introduction of the Provincial Proficiency Scale will provide consistency and alignment across B.C. schools.

Proficiency Scale	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
	The student demonstrates an <i>emerging</i> understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the reported learning.	The student demonstrates a <i>developing</i> understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the reported learning.	The student demonstrates a <i>complete</i> understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the reported learning.	The student demonstrates an <i>advanced</i> understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the reported learning.

Benefits of the provincial proficiency scale and descriptive feedback

- Views learning as ongoing, rather than signaling learning is done
- Provides feedback, to both families and students, on where the student is at and how to help them move forward in their learning
- Supports lifelong learning by shifting the focus to developing competencies rather than the achievement of marks
- Maintains high provincial standards by focusing on helping all students attain proficiency in their learning

What's Happening at Talmey

Professional Development Day

Monday, November 20th, 2023

No school for students on this day.



Volleyball at Talmey



Volleyball practices have started for our Grade 6 and Grade 7 students. Volleyball is scheduled for every Monday, and Wednesday. Friday is an optional practice time. Thank you to Mr. Snyder and Ms. Feng for supporting our keen players! We are looking forward to playing games with neighbouring schools in the coming weeks!

Volleyball Game Schedule:

Talmey at MacNeill Volleyball Tournament- **Tuesday, November 21**

Talmey at Tomsett- **Tuesday, November 28**

Reminders/Updates

Allergy Alert

All families should be aware that Talmey has students with severe, life-threatening food allergies. Some classrooms may be designated nut free to protect the health of these students. Please help us limit the nut products entering our school overall, as the impact on a student can happen anywhere in the school. If possible, please do not send food to school containing nuts.



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.

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.

SNOW DAYS - WHAT TO EXPECT:

Snow days cause inconvenience for all of us. Closing schools is a difficult decision for the school district – trying to weigh the safety of all with the repercussions for working families. To help assist families, we would like to outline what you can expect from us on a snow day. The following things will happen:

Schools will be OPEN unless conditions reach civic emergency proportions.

Radio announcements will only announce those schools that are CLOSED.

As well, you can get information other ways:

- the district's website
- elementary school websites will also have a message if there is a closure

Please do not phone the school. The office will be too busy planning the day and may not be able to answer the phone.

- It may not be a regular school day as many students and teachers may be absent. If children do come to school, we will ensure that the children are cared for and are safe. Many alternate activities may be planned so that students who are absent will not miss any work.

You have some choices:

1. Students are not required to attend school on a snow day if you feel that their safety or your own safety may be at risk (you may keep them home).
 2. Make plans in advance for what you and your family will do on a snow day.
- Children who come to school may be taking part in alternate activities.

School Visitors



In the interest of safety, everyone entering the school must check in at the office. Classrooms are busy learning places, and we try not to interrupt them during instructional time. If you need to see your child and/or leave them a message, our office staff will happily take care of that for you. As well, it is difficult at the end or beginning of the school day for our office staff to have in-depth discussions with parents. **Making appointments either by phone or email is preferable.**



Thank you for your support!

Lost and Found

There are quite a few clothing items and lunch boxes, etc. in our Lost and Found. This has been displayed on a table in the front entrance. Please take some time to check this area for any items your child may have lost.



Family Erase Sessions for Safe, Caring and Respectful Digital Communities

Three free virtual erase learning sessions for families will be held on November 8, 28, and 30, focusing on establishing safe, caring, and respectful digital communities. These sessions are best suited for families and youth aged 10 and above. Please contact erase@gov.bc.ca with any questions or for more information.

Register online for one of the two sessions being offered:

November 28, 2023 (7:00pm – 8:00pm PST)

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732343096917?aff=oddtcreator>

November 30, 2023 (6:30pm – 7:30pm PST)

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732346587357?aff=oddtcreator>

Daily Health Check

SHOULD I GO TO SCHOOL TODAY?

We appreciate your support in keeping your child home when they are not feeling well.

Students should not come to school when they are sick.

If your child is not feeling well please continue to keep them home until their symptoms have resolved. If you know your child will be absent for a range of days, please leave that information as well.

Staying home when sick helps keep our entire school community healthy including teachers, admin staff and students. **Please do your part and stay home when sick.**



PAC Announcement

Talmey PAC Meeting



Thank you to all the parents who attended the November 15th 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.

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for: **Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m.**

Calendar

Monday, Nov 20	Pro-D Day (no school)
Tuesday, Nov 28	Popcorn Day
Tuesday, Dec 12	Popcorn Day
Friday, Dec 15	Jingle Bell Run
Wednesday, Dec 20	Reports Sent Home
Mon, Dec 25 to Fri, Jan 5	Winter Vacation
Monday, January 8	Return to School