

Timberwolf Times

Issue #7

December 1st

From Our Principal

It's hard to believe that it is already December! We are looking forward to several special events in the lead up to winter break! Our Jingle Bell run, family teams activity, and sing a long are a few of the activities we have planned.

With December comes colder weather! A reminder to ensure children are dressed with appropriate layers and footwear so they are comfortable and dry when playing outside at recess and lunchtime.



What's Happening at Talmey

Volleyball Season



Our volleyball players have been busy practicing and playing games with neighbouring school teams. Next week on Tuesday, December 5th they will play their final game at McNeely Elementary. Go Timberwolves!

A big thank you to our students who have represented our school so well, and to Ms. Feng and Mr. Snyder for coaching the team!

After School Library Lounge

On Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 3:30 PM, our Library Learning Commons will be open as a "Library Lounge" for students and families to spend leisure time together and build connections with other members of our school community. The Library Lounge can be used for reading, drawing, playing board games, puzzles, or completing homework. Students must be accompanied by an adult guardian. We look forward to welcoming you!



Jingle Bell Run

Friday, December 15

In the afternoon on December 15th, our school community will get in the holiday spirit by participating in a jingle bell run! Classes will gather in the gym for a warm-up led by our student leaders. Students will all receive bells before beginning our run to help make the event festive and fun. We are looking forward to this exciting annual event!

Communicating Student Learning

Wednesday, December 20th

Report cards will be sent home by Wednesday, December 20. Parents are welcome to contact their child's teacher to discuss their child's progress.

Reporting has been changing across the province. The Richmond District offered an information session on K-12 reporting and what to expect in Richmond several weeks ago. A recording can be accessed at this link:

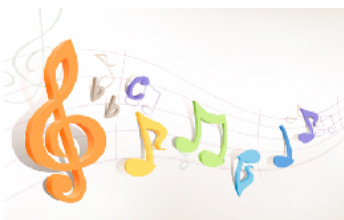
<https://sd38.bc.ca/news/2023-10-13/k-12-reporting-update>

| Proficiency Scale | Emerging | Developing | Proficient | Extending |
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| | The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning. | The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning. | The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning. | The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning. |

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.

PJ Day and Sing A Long



Friday, December 22nd

Friday, December 22nd is our final "Talmey Spirit Day" for 2023 and everyone is encouraged to wear their "PJ's" as we gather in the gym to enjoy songs and community fun! All parents and families are invited to join us!

Other Information/Reminders

Parking Lot Safety

The parking lot can get congested at drop off and pick up times. Thank you for driving carefully and watching closely for pedestrians in this area. We ask that drivers abide 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.

Lost and Found



We have had quite a variety of 'lost' items gather in our lost and found over this past term. All items will be on display over the next few weeks (in the front foyer). Please come by to take a look at these items before winter break and claim anything that belongs to your child/children. **All unclaimed items will be donated after Friday, December 15.**

Dress for the Weather

It is important that students are dressed for the weather. During these colder damp days, students need to have proper jackets, footwear, hats and gloves so 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



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 account, 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.

Flu and Cold Season

It is that time again – flu and cold season. Please help us keep everyone healthy by reminding your child to wash their hands regularly. Using soap and warm water is a great way to clean hands. If your child is ill, please keep them home from school. Thank you.



Extended Absences

During the year students may be absent from school for an extended period of time. It is district policy that students may only be absent for 4 (four) consecutive weeks and retain their place in the school. **After 4 weeks, students will be removed from the school register.** Upon returning, students will have to re-register at the school board office. If we have space, your child will be placed in a class, but not necessarily the class they left. It will take a few days for your child to be placed, so they cannot begin school on the day you return. If Talmey is full, the district will find space in the nearest available school. Teachers do not provide work for students on extended absences.

10 Tips for staying SAFER online

- Have regular conversations about the apps they are using and the people they are connecting with; **set clear boundaries**, and even write them down.
- Depending on the age of your child, you may want them to check with you before playing new games or accepting a friend request. For children under the age of 10, we recommend their **online activities be supervised by a parent or safe adult**.
- Many children do not reach out for support because they are afraid their screen time or devices (tablet, phone etc.) will be taken away. **Make sure your child knows they will not be in trouble if they ask you for help.**
- Remind your child that **online-friends are not necessarily who they say they are**. When a child decides to chat privately or meet an online friend in person, they may consider them to be a friend, as they have likely been chatting for a while. Reaffirm the notion that anyone they do not know from real life is still considered a stranger.
- Advise your child they **should not be switching platforms** and/or add gaming friends to social media.
- **Outline which types of information should not be shared.** e.g.: age, location, personal information, pictures.
- Teach your child to **never accept gifts online** such as money, gift cards, cheat codes or admin codes from online friends.
- Explain that they should **never meet an online friend in person** without a parent or other safe adult present.
- **Create a safety plan** with your child outlining what to do if someone asks them to send sexual images or sends sexual materials to them: stop engaging in conversation, tell a caregiver or other trusted adults (define who is a trusted adult), report, and block the person who is making your child feel unsafe.

- If you notice your child is engaging in risky behaviour online, have a conversation with them about why this behaviour is unsafe and **work together to find a safer solution.**

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 opened 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.

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



SNACK SHACK REMINDER: Please do not send your child to school with large amounts of money for Snack Shack. Students only need a few dollars to be able to enjoy purchases from Snack Shack. We are often unable to provide change for large bills.

Calendar:

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| Tuesday, Dec 12 | Popcorn Day |
| Friday, Dec 15 | Jingle Bell Run |
| Wednesday, Dec 20 | Report Cards Sent Home |
| Friday, Dec 22 | PJ, Sing-a-long, Hot Chocolate Day |
| Winter Break December-Mon. Dec. 25, 2023 – January 5, 2024 | |
| Monday, Jan 8 | School re-opens |
| Friday, Jan 26 | Family Dance |
| Monday, Jan 29 | District Pro-D day (no school for students) |