

TIMBERWOLF TIMES

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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Happy December Talmey Families!

We are getting close to our final week of school for the 2023 school year. There's much excitement around the school as we prepare for the special activities & events planned for next week. Please review the calendar below for more information.

A reminder, your child will receive their first term report card next on Wednesday, December 20th. Please set some time aside to talk with your child about their learning progress. Reports will also be published on the MyEd Parent Portal.

We would like to extend a special thank you to our PAC for all of their support and help over the past term. We are grateful for the time, energy and care they have given to our community.

We would like to wish all our families a safe and joyful winter break and a happy holiday season. We wish you all the very best in the New Year and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday, January 8th, 2024!

EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER



DEC. 7-15 Hanukkah

DEC. 25 Christmas

DEC 26 - JAN 1 Kwanzaa

DECEMBER - JANUARY CALENDAR

FRI, DEC 15 Jingle Bell Run

WED, DEC 20 Report cards home
Family Teams

FRI, DEC 22 PJs & Sing-a-long
PAC Hot Lunch

DEC 25 - JAN 5 WINTER BREAK

MON, JAN 8 School re-opens

MON, JAN 29 Pro-D Day (no
school for students)

JAN 30-FEB 2 Drumming

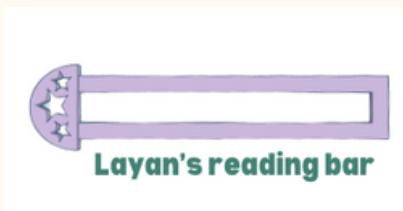


TALMEY S.T.A.R.

Every Friday afternoon we recognize students for being Talme S.T.A.Rs. Students receive a small star as a prize. Ms. Yang recently held a S.T.A.R design contest. We thank all students who contributed designs for this contest. Last week, we announced our winners. Their designs will be printed on our 3D printer and given out as our S.T.A.R prizes in the new year. Pictures of the winning designs are included below.

Congratulations to **Zac David Sison** in Div. 1, **Layan Altomeh** in Div. 1 and **Leo Chan** in Div. 4 for winning this year's 3D Star Design Challenge!

WINNING DESIGNS



STAR



SAFE



THOUGHTFUL



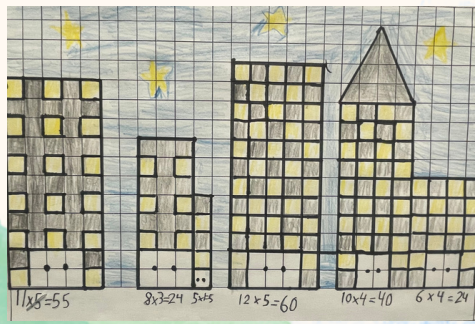
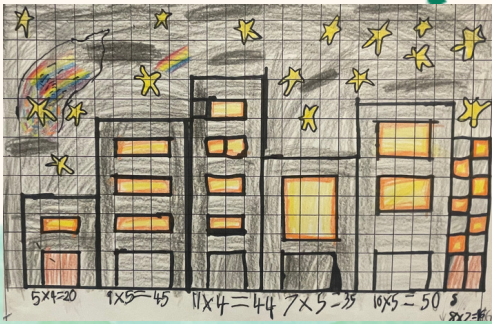
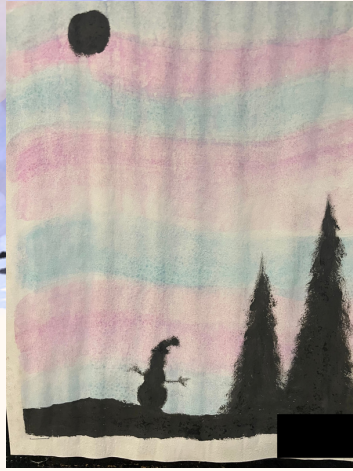
ACCEPTING



RESPECTFUL



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



VOLLEYBALL

VOLLEYBALL SEASON



Our volleyball team had a successful season! We ended the season with an exciting game between staff and students on Thursday, December 14! The gym was filled with much cheering and excitement! Please see some photo highlights. An extra special thank-you to our sponsor teachers, **Mr. Snyder** and **Ms. Feng**, for all the support and encouragement they provided to our students!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DECEMBER

COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING WEDNESDAY, DEC 20

A reminder that report cards will be sent home next **Wednesday, December 20**. Parents are welcome to contact their child's teacher to discuss their child's progress.

Proficiency Scale	→			
	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
	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 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.

JINGLE BELL RUN!

DEC. 15



As part of our "Winter Festivities", we enjoyed our annual run outside this year. There were 370 bells ringing in the park as our students made their laps.

PJ DAY & SING A LONG!

DEC. 22



Friday, December 22 is our final "Talmey Spirit Day" for the 2023 school year. Everyone is encouraged to wear their "PJ's" as we gather in the gym to enjoy songs and community fun! Our sing a long will be happening in the gym at 10:30 AM.

COMING UP IN JAN/FEB 2024

SKATING FIELD TRIPS FOR ALL CLASSES IN FEBRUARY



We are thrilled to be going to the Minoru Ice Arena for skating sessions! The school will be divided into four groups. The sessions are 10:45-11:45 AM on Feb. 13, 14, 20 and 21. We thank our PAC for their generosity in funding this special event. More information will be available in January to let you know which one of these days your child is skating.

***Please find the Minoru Winter Wonderland Calendar attached for information on skating events at the Minoru Arenas during winter break.*

WHOLE SCHOOL DRUMMING LESSONS JAN. 30 - FEB. 2



We are in the process of planning a series of drumming lessons for all with students. Students will have hands-on learning experiences with our visiting music teacher with drums and xylophones. Lessons are set for the Jan 30 - Feb 2. Thank you to our PAC for funding this special opportunity for our students. Stay tuned for more information!

AFTER SCHOOL LIBRARY LOUNGE



On Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 3:30 PM, our Library Learning Commons will continue to 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!



REMINDERS



LOST & FOUND



We have had quite a variety of 'lost' items gather in our lost and found over this past term. All items are now on display and will continue to be on display over the next week (in the front foyer). Please come by to look at these items before winter break and claim anything that belongs to your child/children. **All unclaimed items will be donated after Thursday, December 21st.**

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.

WINTER REMINDERS



COLD & FLU 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.

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.

Dress for the weather!

As our weather is changing to snow, cold and rain, it might be helpful to bring:

						
winter coat	rain coat	rain boots or winter boots	mittens	toque	scarf	extra clothing including socks



SAFETY REMINDERS



PARKING LOT SAFETY

The parking 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 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.

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.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK SAFETY



The City of Richmond Community Bylaws have advised our district that they have observed an increase in drivers stopping their vehicles on marked crosswalks during pick-up and drop-off times at various school locations. Vehicles stopped on marked crosswalks create challenges for pedestrians to cross safely, cause sightline obstructions, and make it difficult for drivers of oncoming vehicles to see them, posing a significant safety risk — especially during this time of year with less daylight.

***Bylaw enforcement officers will be issuing tickets for vehicles stopping on marked crosswalks.** Please help us improve pedestrian safety and avoid stopping/parking on crosswalks. Thank you for your understanding.

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.**

[Click here for the health assessment](#)





PAC NEWS



TALMEY PAC MEETING – JAN. 22 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 if there are any questions regarding PAC matters.



DISTRICT NEWS



LATE FRENCH IMMERSION

Students in grade 5 had an opportunity to learn about this district program. More information about this opportunity is available on the District website. This program is only offered to students entering grade six this September. Application is open until January 19, 2024 for students registered in the Richmond School District to apply for the 2024-2025 School Year.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We are 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 begins November 1, 2023.

Families are encouraged to register any time during the priority 1 registration period (November – January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications completed any time during the priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions via emails from the school by February 2, 2024.

As per district policy, a student will normally attend the school located in their catchment area in which their parents or legal guardians reside unless there is no physical, resource or program space available. This provision may need to be applied more frequently, potentially resulting in more students needing placement outside their catchment school.

For details regarding 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 <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten>.

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

Richmond School District IPALS Sessions for 2024 For New to Canada Families with Pre-schoolers

To register:

Ask your StrongStart Educator at Grauer, Lee, McNeely, Thompson
or Woodward and Currie Early Learning Centre

By Email: Megan Zeni mzeni@sd38.bc.ca

Intake sessions: Tuesday & Thursday, January 9th
and January 11th from 9:00- 11:00am

Program runs Tuesday or Thursday morning. Sessions run
from January -March 9:00- 11:30am

All sessions are held at Woodward Elementary Strong Start
10300 Seacote Road, Richmond



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IPALS Sessions for January-March 2024 Please attend either Tuesday or Thursday at Woodward StrongStart

- u Session 1: ABC's and Learning Tuesday January 16 OR Thursday, January 18
- u Session 2: Print in our Community Tuesday, January 23 OR, Thursday January 25
- u Session 3: Storybook Reading and Learning to Read Tuesday, January 30 OR, Thursday February 1
- u Session 4: Linking Literacy and Play Tuesday, February 6 OR, Thursday February 8
- u Session 5: Early Writing Tuesday, February 13 OR, Thursday February 15
- u Session 6: Early Math Tuesday, February 20 OR, Thursday February 22
- u Session 7: Riddles, Raps and Rhymes Tuesday, February 27 OR, Thursday February 29
- u Session 8: Tiny Techies/ Physical Literacy/ Celebration Tuesday, March 5 OR, Thursday March 7
- u *Registration is limited to 12 caregivers and their children. Dates reflect holidays and pro-d days.*
- u Families who register for Tuesday sessions attend only on Tuesday 9-11:30.
- u Families who register for Thursday sessions attend only on Thursday 9-11:30.



November 15, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Richmond School District is implementing a new communication tool that will enable both the district and your child's school to send you text messages. This is being implemented to improve the ability to deliver time-sensitive information to you, including emergency notifications. Given the significance of this communication tool, we strongly encourage you to opt-in for this service. You can choose to opt-in by texting 978338 with a Yes. Please complete this action before November 30, 2023.

To opt-in, please send a text message with a Y or YES to 978338



Once you have opted in, you should receive a confirmation text message from School Messenger. School Messenger is fully compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge, ensuring the safety and confidentiality of your information. Your data will never be shared or sold to any third party.

Thank you for staying connected with us through this new communication tool.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I “opt-in” to receive text messages?

- Ensure your child’s school has your cell number listed within MyEducation BC.
- Text **Y** to **978338** from each wireless device you wish to receive texts on.

How do I “opt-out” of receiving text messages?

- Recipients not wishing to receive text messages to a particular number can simply do one of the following:
 - Do not opt-in and do not reply to the opt-in invitation message.
 - Text **STOP** to **978338** at any time.
 - Opt-out online at <http://schoolmessenger.com/txtmsg>.

I “opted-in”, but I am not receiving texts?

- Ensure that your child’s school has your correct cell phone number in the MyEducation BC Student Information System. It may take 24 hours for a number to become active after being changed or added.
- Send a text with **Y**, from that specific device to **978338**. You should receive an opt-in confirmation message from the service.
- To receive texts on multiple devices, each device number must complete the opt-in process.

Will I be charged for the text messages I receive?

- School Messenger does not charge recipients for text messages they receive or send, if using a Canada-based phone number; however, wireless providers may charge for individual text messages, depending on the plan associated with the wireless device. Please consult your carrier if you are uncertain if you have a text messaging plan.

Winter Wonderland

AT MINORU ARENAS

Dec 15–Jan 7

7551 Minoru Gate
604-238-8465

The perfect place for a holiday skate is Winter Wonderland at Minoru Arenas! Set under a canopy of twinkly lights with festive music, bring your family and friends to this annual winter time activity. Regular admission rates apply.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Dec 15 Public Skate 6:30–9pm	Dec 16 Public Skate 12–4pm 6:30–9pm
Dec 17 Public Skate 12–4pm 6:30–9pm	Dec 18 Public Skate 6:30–9pm	Dec 19 	Dec 20 Public Skate 6:30–9pm	Dec 21 	Dec 22 Public Skate 6:30–9pm	Dec 23 Public Skate 12–6pm
Dec 24 Public Skate 12–4pm	Dec 25 Closed	Dec 26 Public Skate 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm	Dec 27 Public Skate 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm	Dec 28 Public Skate 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm	Dec 29 Public Skate 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm	Dec 30 Public Skate 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm
Dec 31 Public Skate 10am–4pm	Jan 1 Public Skate 12–4pm	Jan 2 Public Skate 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm	Jan 3 Public Skate 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm	Jan 4 Public Skate 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm	Jan 5 Public Skate 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm	Jan 6 Public Skate 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm
Jan 7 Public Skate 10am–4pm						



richmond.ca/arenas

