

TIMBERWOLF TIMES

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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Talmey Families,

We've had a delightful week filled with many special activities and events! This morning we had our fun and energy filled sing-a-long! We thank all our students and staff for their singing enthusiasm and Ms. Feng for her technical support. Please enjoy a few photo highlights included below.

At this time of year, it is important to reflect on our many gifts. We are so very grateful to have a warm, dedicated, caring and inclusive school community. We thank our entire staff for their incredible commitment to our learners.

We wish you all a happy holiday season and a safe and restful winter break!

We look forward to seeing you back at school in January!



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 15 Black Excellence Day

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

JAN 30-FEB 2 Drumming

STAFFING CHANGES FOR 2024

We are absolutely thrilled to be welcoming Ms. Zvi as our new Vice Principal! Ms. Zvi is coming to us from the Surrey School District where she worked as a Vice Principal and teacher. She has also worked at Simon Fraser University mentoring teacher candidates. Ms. Zvi visited our school yesterday morning and has already begun connecting with students and staff.

We extend a special thank you to Trustee Yang who has supported our school over the past few years. He is now assigned to a different Richmond school. We are happy to be welcoming Trustee Alice Wong to our Talmey community.

We recently said farewell to Ms. Chiu, our long-time administrative assistant as well as Ms. Buckoll and Ms. Smith who were both with us one day per week. We are grateful for the support they gave to the Talmey community. We wish them well in their new positions.

We are thrilled to have recently welcomed Ms. Tan as our new Senior Administrative Assistant! She will be in our office from Monday to Friday. We are also delighted to have recently welcomed Ms. Chan to our office team. She will be with us every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

We are saying farewell to Ms. Singh who held a temporary position with us as our Physical Education teacher. We thank her for her energy over the past few months and we wish her well in her next position.

We would also like to extend an extra special thank you to Mr. Dixon. He was an incredible administrative support to our team in September and then stepped in on a full-time basis over the past few months as Ms. Hazon was attending to a family matter. A special thank you also goes to Ms. Roy who helped out on a part time basis as well.

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



FROM THE DISTRICT & SCHOOL

COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING WEDNESDAY, DEC 20

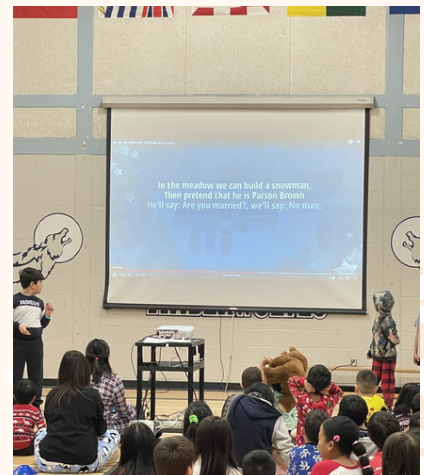
Hard copies of report cards were sent home this week. Please take some time to review your child's learning progress. You should also be able to view your child's report card through the MyEd Parent Portal. In future reporting periods, hard copies will no longer be provided, and all reports will be published through the MyEd parent portal.



PJ DAY & SING A LONG!

DEC. 22

Today was our final "Talmey Spirit Day" for the 2023 school year. Many students wore their 'PJs' as we gathered in the gym to enjoy songs and community fun!



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!

FROM TALMEY STAFF

The Talmeay staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their support during our first term. Strong school-family connections and communication help our students be successful at school!

An extra special thank you to our Talmeay PAC and volunteers for their hard work this past term, helping to make our school a great place to be!

We wish all families a safe and happy holiday season! See you in 2024!

Happy Holidays!

Winter Break Screen-Free Family Activity Ideas

Imagination Play and Physical Activity

- Create an indoor "camp out"
- Learn a magic trick
- Go for a nature walk
- Pretend to host a radio show/podcast
- Learn to juggle
- Dance together



Science and Literacy

- Build a card tower
- Write or illustrate a book
- Design a menu for a special meal
- Write a poem, song, or story
- Read a book or a magazine together
- Listen to an audiobook
- Do a science experiment

Music, Arts, and Crafts

- Learn Origami
- Paint or draw
- Make paper planes and have a contest
- Listen to music/sing together
- Make something out of scrap fabric
- Paint kindness rocks
- Create a puppet show
- Make paper flowers or snowflakes



Games and Helping Others

- Play Charades
- Help a friend or neighbour together
- Make a card for someone
- Cook or bake together
- Do a puzzle together
- Play or make a board game



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.



CONTINUING EDUCATION



FOUNDATION LANGUAGE ARTS (ENGLISH COURSES)

Designed for adult students to improve their speaking, listening, vocabulary, fluency, conversation, comprehension and writing skills. **FREE** for BC residents who are Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents and Refugees.



ADULT SECONDARY COURSES

For students who wish to complete their high school diploma or to upgrade their BC Transcript of Grades, a variety of high school credit courses are offered during the day and evening. **FREE** for BC residents who are Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents and Refugees.



MANDARIN LANGUAGE STUDIES

Affordable and quality courses for both English and non-English speakers. Courses include introductory to advanced levels, conversation classes, Pinyin and Chinese Hybrid Classes for all school ages and adult students.



YOUTH & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

After school and weekend classes for children and youth ages 5-18 years of age to help strengthen their skills and develop other interests important for their success.



RICHMOND EDUCATION ASSISTANT PROGRAM (REAP)

Do you have a passion to work with students with diverse abilities and disabilities? REAP will help you acquire practical skills and knowledge to work as an Education Assistant in different school settings.



SUMMER LEARNING

Offering a wide range of high school full credit and engaging enrichment classes. **FREE** for BC residents who are Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents and Refugees. Affordable camps are also available.

Learn more online and register today!
richmondce.ca | 604.668.6123

RICHMOND
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

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

