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FROM OUR ADMIN TEAM

Dear Talmey Families,

Welcome to 2024! We hope you have had a good start to the new year. Thank you for your flexibility with our weather challenges this week. It's quite unusual for us to have two snow days in a row! Last week we welcomed several new students to our learning community. We now have 352 children in attendance at Talmey. We have started the planning process for next school year. Last week you should have received an **'Intent to Return' form**. This form helps us establish our projected enrollment for the fall of 2024. Please return these forms no later than **Tuesday, January 23rd**. Thank you!

TALMEY OFFICE REMINDER

IF YOUR CHILD(REN) WILL BE AWAY FROM SCHOOL, PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE OFFICE TO ADVISE US OF THEIR ABSENCE.

TALMEY PHONE: 604-668-6275

OPTION 1

TALMEY EMAIL:

TALMEY@SD38.BC.CA

SPRING BREAK



FRIDAY, MAR 15 -
MONDAY, APR 1

School will re-open
on Tuesday, April 2

JAN - FEB CALENDAR

- TUES, JAN 23 Popcorn Day
- WED, JAN 24 Bottle Drive
- MON, JAN 29 Pro-D Day (no school for students)
- JAN 30-FEB 2 Drumming
- THURS, FEB 15 Early dismissal at 12 PM
- FRI, FEB 16 Pro-D Day (no school for students)
- MON, FEB 19 Family Day (no school for students)
- WED, FEB 28 Pink Shirt Day



DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Black Excellence Day started from the movement in early 2021. Black Excellence Day is a day to stand in solidarity with Black Canadians and to learn about the contributions of Black Canadians and their ongoing civil rights struggle. It is a day to honour the rich history, art, and stories of Black Canadians. The term “Black Excellence” was born out of the civil rights movement in the 1960’s and honours great civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who was born on January 15, 1929.



Raoul Wallenberg Day: On January 17 we remember the selfless bravery of Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat who took the initiative to save thousands of persecuted Jews during the Second World War. In 1944, Wallenberg opened a Swedish embassy in

Budapest, where 400,000 Jewish men, women and children had already been deported by the Nazis. He began his efforts to protect the Jewish community in Hungary through special protective passes, called Schutz-Passes, for more than 4,000 Jewish people. He was able to establish hospitals, nurseries, a soup kitchen and more than 30 safe houses under Swedish embassy protection to conceal and protect Jewish people. Mr. Wallenberg’s heroism is a lesson in humanity, compassion, and courage that inspires us every day to pursue our collective fight against hatred and antisemitism in all their forms.

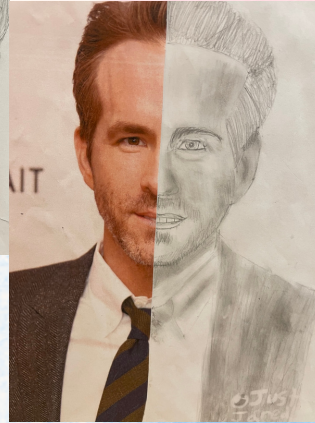
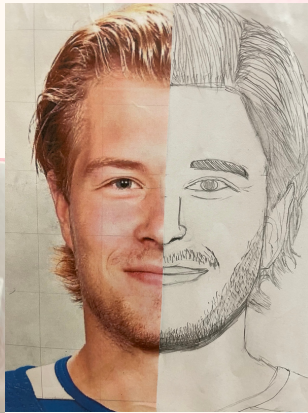
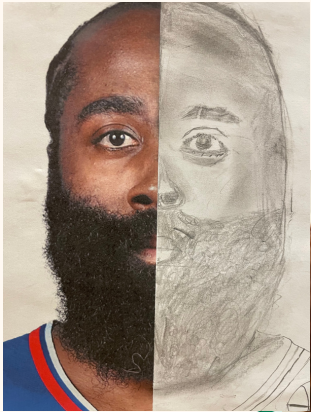
LUNAR NEW YEAR

FEB 10, 2024



We wish all our Talmey Learning Community members a **Happy Lunar New Year!** The Lunar New Year is a holiday that marks the first new moon of the lunisolar calendar traditionally used in many East Asian countries including China, Vietnam, Singapore, and South Korea. In these countries and many others, this is one of the most important holidays of the year. **Red** is the most popular colour for Lunar New Year celebrations because of its association with happiness, good fortune, and wealth.

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



TALMEY EVENTS

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 and each class will attend one session. 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 to let you know which one of these days your child is skating.

WHOLE SCHOOL DRUMMING LESSONS

JAN. 30 – FEB. 2



Our school is very much looking forward to our upcoming drumming lessons beginning the week of January 30th. All classes will be learning drumming skills throughout the week. We thank our PAC for funding this special opportunity for our learners.

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!

PINK SHIRT DAY

WED, FEB. 28



Wear **pink** and help everyone work towards anti-bullying. Pink Shirt Day started years ago in Nova Scotia, as the response of high school students to their dismay at a fellow student being bullied just because of the colour of the shirt they were wearing. This day of recognition has grown across Canada and the world as we all work to reduce and eliminate such behaviours. Join us all in wearing **PINK!**

FROM THE DISTRICT

GRADE 7 TRANSITION

We are beginning the high school transition planning process for our Grade 7 students. Parent information evenings have been scheduled at high schools over the next few months. All grade 7 parents and guardians should have received detailed information about the registration process, the transfer process as well as dates for parent information events.

Grade 7 Parent Information Evenings for 2024/25

School Name	Date
Hugh Boyd Secondary	January 25, 2024 @ 6:30pm
JN Burnett Secondary	February 15, 2024 @ 6:30pm
Cambie Secondary	January 16, 2024 @ 6:00pm
MacNeill Secondary	January 25, 2024 @ 6:00pm
McMath Secondary	February 15, 2024 @ 6:00pm
McRoberts Secondary	January 25, 2024 @ 6:30pm
McNair Secondary	January 25, 2024 @ 6:00pm
Palmer Secondary	January 25, 2024 @ 6:30pm
Richmond Secondary	February 7, 2024 @ 6:00pm
Steveston London Secondary	January 24, 2024 @ 6:00pm
Richmond Virtual School (BL, RAIL)	January 25, 2024 @ 7:00pm at Palmer Secondary School, Room 131

SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS

ONLINE FAMILY SESSIONS

Safer Schools Together, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, is offering "Social Media Awareness" family sessions. These sessions are designed to support families and caregivers navigate the digital world. Dates, times and information to register can be found with this link: <https://pages.saferchoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>.



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 is now open. Please visit <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates and FAQs. Thank you and please share this information with your friends and family who have kindergarten aged children!

TALMEY PAC

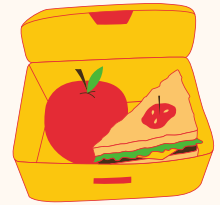
TALMEY PAC MEETING – JAN. 22 AT 6:30 PM



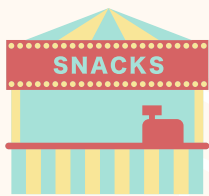
A reminder that all families are welcome to attend PAC meetings. We will be meeting in the library and childcare is available. Please contact TalmeyPAC@gmail.com if there are any questions regarding PAC matters.

PAC REMINDERS

HOT LUNCH dates are January 26th; February 2nd, 9th, 23rd; March 1st and 8th. All orders must be submitted seven days before the lunch date on <https://munchalunch.com/schools/RCTalmey>. Please try to make choices for the entire term when you order, this decreases the fees we pay for every online order.



Please contact Jana at rctalmeyhotlunch@gmail.com if you have any questions about hot lunch or volunteering. Should you have issues using the Munch-a-Lunch website please contact Melissa at mmchui@gmail.com. If you are interested in **volunteering** with the hot lunch program, please fill out your information in the volunteer section of the Munch-a-Lunch website and Jana will be in contact with all new volunteers before their first day helping. We depend on parents who can volunteer their time for these programs, it's a great way to see your kids in school and meet other parents.



The PAC also has small **snacks for sale** on hot lunch Fridays that cost between \$0.50 and \$1.50, parents can send small amounts of money with their child if they wish for them to be able to purchase these extra snacks. Please **DO NOT** send your child with large bills.

Tuesday, January 23rd is the first **popcorn day** of the year! Popcorn is \$1 a bag and will be available for sale in the multi-purpose room at recess. The next popcorn dates for term 2 will be February 6th, February 20th and March 5th.



On **Wednesday, January 24th**, the Grade 6 & 7 students are raising funds to support their outdoor education trip this year through a **bottle drive**. Collection bins for recyclable items will be outside in front of the gym on this day only.



REMINDERS



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](#)

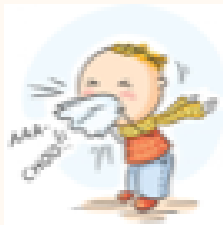


EXTENDED ABSENCES

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 & Facebook accounts, 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.

Get REDI

Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion with Richmond School District

A webinar series on Zoom for parents and caregivers to understand and support SD38 initiatives around inclusion and belonging.

This initial 60-minute session is designed to help you understand the district's commitment to reconciliation, equity, diversity and inclusion, and the values and language that inform our practices in schools. The facilitator, Destine Lord, will draw on the district's strategic plan to drive the conversation and make connections between the plan, the district's vision, and introductory concepts of anti-oppression. By building the language, you can help support your learner as they move between home and school and back again. There will be opportunities with future sessions to further explore REDI concepts.



Destine Lord (she/her) is a consultant and facilitator actively working towards the elimination of racism in Canada. For the last 15 years, she has worked in both the private and public sectors, facilitating workshops and training sessions related to anti-racism,

change management, and reconciliation. As a Black Canadian, Destine can draw on her lived experiences to inform conversations about racism. She is excited to be supporting the Richmond School District and our work to build equity and inclusion and a sense belonging for all students and staff.

Registration

These repeated webinar sessions are intended for Richmond School District parents and caregivers only. **As space is limited, please register in advance for one session using one of the QR codes below.**

**January 25, 2024
at 7 p.m.**



**January 30, 2024
at 11 a.m.**



OUTDOOR EDUCATION FUNDRAISER

Wednesday

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JANUARY 2024



BOTTLE DRIVE



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**THE GRADE 6 AND 7 STUDENTS ARE RAISING
FUNDS TO SUPPORT THEIR OUTDOOR
EDUCATION TRIP THIS YEAR!**

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**COLLECTION BINS WILL BE AVAILABLE
OUT FRONT THE GYM ON WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 24TH 2024 ONLY**