

# TIMBERWOLF TIMES

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## FROM OUR ADMIN TEAM

Dear TalmeY Families,

We had another busy and learning filled week here at TalmeY! Our staff began the week with a professional learning day, participating in a mini conference put together by the district's Learning Services Department. We then hosted an afternoon session here at TalmeY. We welcomed an Applied Skills and Design Technology teacher consultant who led an informative session on maker thinking with an Indigenous lens. We thank our Professional Development committee for their organizational support.

Tuesday to Friday of this week we were thrilled to welcome a guest musician, Jordan Hanson, to our school. Jordan worked with every class over the course of the week. He shared his enthusiasm for drumming and had students playing rhythms during their first session. We ended the week with an entertaining performance this afternoon. We thank our PAC for funding this special learning opportunity.

A reminder, our PAC sponsored BINGO event is happening tonight. We hope you can attend this FUN community building event!

## 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](mailto:TALMEY@SD38.BC.CA)

## SPRING BREAK



FRIDAY, MAR 15 -  
MONDAY, APR 1

School will re-open  
on Tuesday, April 2

## JAN - FEB CALENDAR

JAN 30-FEB 2 Drumming

FRI, FEB 2 Bingo Night

TUES, FEB 6 Popcorn Day

THURS, FEB 15 Early dismissal at  
11:50 AM  
Learning updates

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 (DEI)



**International Holocaust Remembrance Day** - January 27 is a date designated by the UN to commemorate the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust at the hands of the Nazis. It marks the anniversary of the Soviet army's liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration and death camp. The Richmond School District pays tribute to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust. The district is committed to supporting those who identify as being a part of the Jewish faith and will continue to develop education programs that help prevent antisemitism, racism and other forms of intolerance.

### **National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia:**

On January 29, 2017, a gunman killed six men and injured many more in a hateful attack at the Islamic Cultural Centre of Quebec City. The National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia on Jan. 29 honours the victims and show solidarity with the survivors. It is also a reminder of the work we must do to combat Islamophobia.



## 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.

## DEI CALENDAR

SAT, FEB 10

Lunar New Year

WED, FEB 14

Ash Wednesday

THURS, FEB 15

Nirvana Day

TUES, FEB 20

World Day of Justice

WED, FEB 21

International Mother Language Day

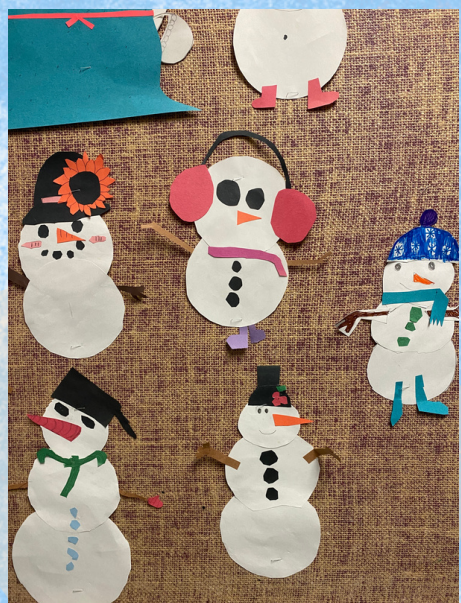
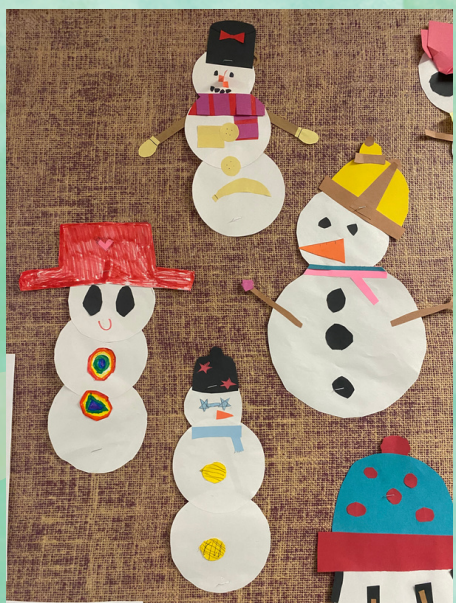
SAT, FEB 24

Lantern Festival  
Magha Puja Day

WED, FEB 28

Pink Shirt Day

# LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TALMEY

## LIBRARY LOUNGE & FAMILY LITERACY WEEK



A reminder that our library is open after school every Tuesday and Thursday for families to drop in. We invite you to enjoy exploring our book collection, to read with your children and/or to play a game or two. Thank you to our librarian, Ms. Yang, for hosting our after-school Library Lounge sessions!

Family Literacy Week was from Jan 21st-28th. Please see the info graphic below for some interesting facts and helpful links.

"Family literacy refers to the way parents, and extended family members use literacy at home and in the community."  
-Hayden, R. & Sanders, M (2007).



January 21-28, 2024

## Family Literacy Week Let's have a family party!

"Family literacy refers to the way parents, children, and extended family members use literacy at home and in the community. Family literacy occurs naturally during the routines of daily living and helps children and adults get things done."  
- Hayden, R. & Sanders, M. (2007)

### Focusing on Family Literacy has some sweet results

- Helps in language development
- Aids in brain development
- Strengthens family relationships
- Improves imagination and creativity
- Leads to academic success
- Aids in understanding a world outside our own!

### Literacy Lifts Us Up!

"Literacy is the ability to understand, critically analyze, and create a variety of forms of communication, including oral, written, visual, digital, and multimedia, in order to accomplish one's goals."  
BC Ministry of Education

"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift."  
-Kate DiCamillo

### Check out more resources at:

- Your School or Public Library
- Decoda Literacy Solutions

### Develop Literacy by planning a party together!

- Make a list of people to invite
- Plan, write, decorate and deliver invitations to family and friends
- Read, select and make recipes together. This is a great way to practice literacy and numeracy!
- Plan, prepare and play games at the party. Giving and listening to instructions is a great way to practice oral language skills.

"Children can learn about decision-making and organizational skills when they help plan a family party. It encourages creativity when they design activities and decorations. They will also practice communication and teamwork through coordinating with other family members."  
- Decoda



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TALMEY

## FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY: FEB 1-29



Every February, Canadians are invited to participate in Black History Month festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present.

The commemoration of Black History Month dates back to 1926, when Harvard-educated African American historian Carter G. Woodson proposed setting aside a time devoted to honour the accomplishments of African Americans and to heighten awareness of Black history in the United States.

This led to the establishment of Negro History Week in 1926. Celebrations of Black history began in Canada also shortly thereafter. During the early 1970s, the week became known as Black History Week. It was expanded into Black History Month in 1976.

Our LLC (Library Learning Commons) has a selection of black history books. Below is part of our collection. These books are a series of biographies about aviators, artists politicians, pop stars, athletes, and activists.

## BASKETBALL SEASON



Our basketball teams have been meeting every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at lunch. We are looking forward to coordinating a few games with our neighbouring schools!

Thank you to Mr. Snyder, Ms. Choy, and Ms. Feng for coaching our teams!

### Girls Schedule:

Tuesday, January 30	Tomsett at TalmeY	Tuesday, March 5	McNeely at TalmeY
Tuesday, February 6	TalmeY at Tomsett	Wednesday, February 21	Currie at TalmeY
Monday, February 12	TalmeY at Tait	<b>Wednesday, March 6</b>	<b>Gr. 7 Tournament at MacNeill</b>
Wednesday, February 14	Tait at TalmeY		

### Boys Schedule:

Thursday, February 1	TalmeY at Tomsett	Wednesday, February 28	TalmeY at McNeely
Thursday, February 8	Tomsett at TalmeY	Tuesday, March 5	TalmeY at Tait
Monday, February 12	McNeely at TalmeY	<b>Wednesday, March 6</b>	<b>Gr. 7 Tournament at MacNeill</b>
Tuesday, February 13	Tait at TalmeY		

# TALMEY & DISTRICT EVENTS

## SKATING FIELD TRIPS FOR ALL CLASSES IN FEBRUARY



We are thrilled to be going to the Minoru Ice Arena for skating sessions! The sessions are 10:45-11:45 AM. Students will be traveling by bus. Please return signed field trip consent forms to your child's teacher. We thank our PAC for their generosity in funding this special event.

### Skating schedule by division:

Feb. 13th: Divs. 3, 8, 12, 14

Feb. 14th: Divs. 4, 9, 11, 13

Feb. 20th: Divs. 5, 6, 7, 15

Feb. 21st: Divs. 1, 2, 10

## SAFE TECHNOLOGY USE ONLINE FAMILY SESSIONS

FEBRUARY 7 & 28



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>.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR COMING UP SOON!

FEB. 13-16



The Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the library, in person only, from February 13-16th. Students will visit the Book Fair with their class during school hours. Our fundraising this year will go towards expanding the diversity of our library collection. More information will be shared closer to the date.

## 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!**

# TALMEY PAC

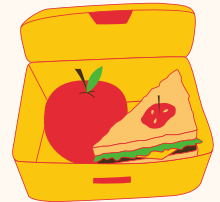
## TALMEY PAC MEETING – MONDAY, FEB 12TH AT 6:30 PM

### 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](mailto:TalmeyPAC@gmail.com) if there are any questions regarding PAC matters.

## PAC REMINDERS

**HOT LUNCH** dates are February 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.

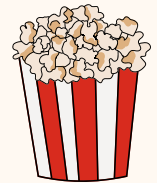


Please contact Jana at [rcotalmeyhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:rcotalmeyhotlunch@gmail.com) if you have any questions about hot lunch or volunteering. Should you have issues using the Munch-a-Lunch website please contact Melissa at [mmchui@gmail.com](mailto:mmchui@gmail.com). If you are interested in **volunteering** 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, February 6th** is our next **popcorn day!** 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 are February 20th and March 5th.



RICHMOND  
**CHILDREN'S  
ARTS  
FESTIVAL**  
PRESENTED BY  
LANSDOWNE  
CENTRE

Family Day, February 19 | 10am-4pm  
Richmond Cultural Centre



# 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](#)

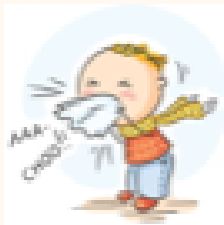


## EXTENDED ABSENCES

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.

## SCHOOL CLOSURES



In case of inclement weather, 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.



# Community Services Connectors Program



## Are you a Richmond resident with a lower income looking for services or support?

Drop by the Living Room at **Ironwood Library**, enjoy a drink and a snack, and chat with a Community Services Connector.

### When:

Every Sunday  
From January 28 - May 26  
2:00 - 4:00pm

### Where:

Ironwood Library  
8200-11688 Steveston Hwy,  
Richmond, BC



For more information, visit: [richmond.ca/CommunityResources](https://richmond.ca/CommunityResources)