

TIMBERWOLF TIMES

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FROM OUR ADMIN TEAM

Dear TalmeY Families,

For those of you who attended your child's second learning update (conference) this week, we hope you enjoyed learning more about your child's progress.

At our PAC meeting this week, we had a guest presenter from Family Smart. Family Smart offers peer counseling and mental health programming for families and caregivers. We have attached an information flyer for your reference. It includes details about upcoming events.

We have also attached information about several upcoming Early Learning events being offered at various schools in the district. These sessions will include hands on collaborative activities, music, and movement as well as the opportunity to connect with Richmond educators. The sessions are intended for families who have children ages 3-5.

We received some delightful news from Ms. Chien this past week. She welcomed her second daughter last month! We are thrilled for her and are looking forward to having them visit us in the spring.

We wish you all a joyful Family Day and long weekend.

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



STARTS ON FRIDAY, MAR 15

TO MONDAY, APR 1

School will re-open on Tuesday, April 2

JAN - FEB CALENDAR

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)

TUES, FEB 20

Popcorn Day

WED, FEB 28

Pink Shirt Day

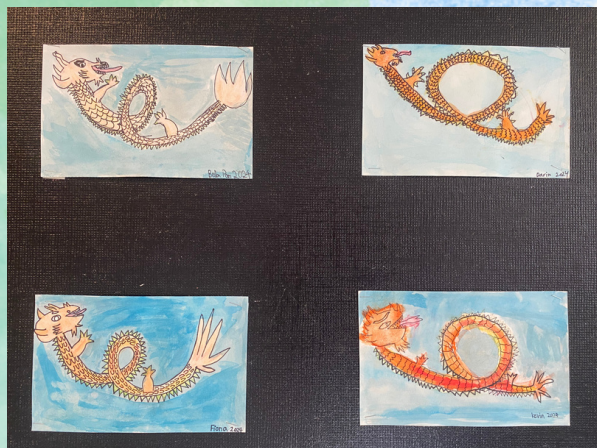
TUES, MAR 5

Popcorn Day

FRI, MAR 8

Dufflebag Theatre

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS





FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

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.



FEB 10, 2024

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 because of its association with happiness, good fortune, and wealth.



FEB 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday is a holy day of prayer and fasting in many Christian denominations. It is preceded by Shrove Tuesday and falls on the first day of Lent. It is observed by Catholics in the Roman Rite, Lutherans, Moravians, Anglicans, Methodists, Nazarenes, as well as by some churches in the Reformed tradition.

Happy Nirvana Day



FEB 15, 2024

Nirvana Day, also known as Parinirvana Day, is a Mahayana Buddhist holiday celebrated annually on February 15 to commemorate the death of the Buddha when he attained complete nirvana or parinirvana. In Bhutan, it is celebrated on the fifteenth day of the fourth month of the Bhutanese calendar.



FEB. 28, 2024

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!**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TALMEY

FEEDING FUTURES PROGRAM

NUTRITIOUS SNACKS AVAILABLE



We are pleased to let our community know that we have a new snack fridge at Talmeay as part of a pilot project. The fridge was funded through the Ministry of Education Feeding Futures Program. Students will be able to access food beginning the week of February 27th. We thank the Richmond Food Bank and Richmond Firefighters who will be delivering and stocking the fridges every two weeks.

Teachers will be helping students learn more about the purpose of the fridge and the difference between wants and needs over the next few weeks. We encourage families to have these discussions at home too. We will not be

saying 'no' to students who access the fridge, but we will be guiding students to make responsible decisions to ensure there is enough food for those who require it. Our library recently received a new book bundle to support learning more about food insecurity.



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:

Wednesday, February 21

Tuesday, March 5

Wednesday, March 6

Currie at Talmeay

McNeely at Talmeay

Gr. 7 Tournament at MacNeill

Boys Schedule:

Wednesday, February 28

Tuesday, March 5

Wednesday, March 6

Talmeay at McNeely

Talmeay at Tait

Gr. 7 Tournament at MacNeill

TALMEY & DISTRICT EVENTS

SKATING FIELD TRIPS FOR ALL CLASSES

IN FEBRUARY



Many classes enjoyed our first two sessions of skating this past week. We are looking forward to our next two sessions coming up on February 20th and 21st. 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 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!

MAR. 4-8



The Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the library, in person only, from March 4-8. 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.

LIBRARY LOUNGE

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS



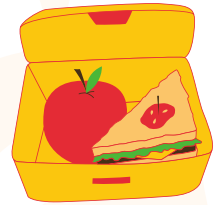
On Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 3:30 PM, our Library Learning Commons will continue to be open as a

"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. **Please remember that students attending our library lounge sessions must be accompanied by an adult guardian.** We look forward to welcoming you!

TALMEY PAC

PAC REMINDERS

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

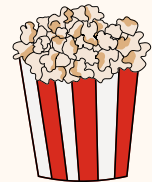


Please contact Jana at rctalmeylunch@gmail.com if you have any questions about hot lunch or volunteering. Should you have issues using the Munch-a-Lunch website please contact Melissa at mmchui@gmail.com.



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 20th 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 date for term 2 is March 5th.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

FAMILY DAY IN RICHMOND



The city is offering 60+ low-cost and free family-friendly events and activities over the Family Day weekend (Feb 16-19). You can access more information about what is available here:

<https://www.richmond.ca/culture/calendar/special-events/familyday.htm>





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](#)

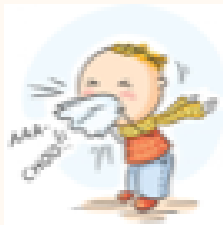


EXTENDED ABSENCES

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 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.

HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to provide all members of our school district community with a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment.

As we learn and work together, we will...

- 1** Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.
- 2** Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.
- 3** Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.
- 4** Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.
- 5** Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property.
- 6** Respect the non smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.

Our expectations for how we learn and work together shall apply to everyone in our schools and at school functions.

The complete code of conduct
is available online at:
sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct

