

Timberwolf Times

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓m̓iṇ̓əm̓ language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.



Welcome back to a new school year at Talmey Elementary School.
We are so happy to be back at school together!
We are looking forward to a happy year of learning together.

It has been such a delight to welcome our students back to school! This year, we welcomed just over 25 new students from as far away as Japan, Mongolia, Australia and China. Within Canada we have students from Alberta, Ontario as well as several other provinces and cities within BC! Our school community has given our new students and families a warm welcome and we look forward to getting to know all of you this school year. An extra special thank-you to our PAC (Parent Advisory Council) for welcoming our new families with refreshments on the first day of school!

We are happy to welcome back our returning staff members and are delighted to be welcoming several new staff members.

A Big Welcome Back to School!

Our enrollment is stable and has continued to grow. We now have close to 370 students in 16 Divisions! We have added two new portables to our learning community. We are looking forward to continuing to support students in their learning and building community within our school. We thank you for your patience and understanding this week as we worked through our September start up.

STAFFING UPDATE

We are excited to be welcoming several new staff members to Talmey Elementary.



*Ms. Jess, our new Vice Principal

*Ms. Yu, our prep teacher

*Ms. Wong, who will be in our office on Thursdays and Fridays

*Ms. Shi and Ms. Reyes who have joined our team of Educational Assistants

STAFF LIST

Principal: Ms. Hazon

Vice Principal: Ms. Jess

Sr. Administrative Assistant: Ms. Wu

Administrative Assistant: Ms. Chan (Tu/W) / Ms. Wong (Th/F)

Div	Staff	Grade	Room	
Div 1	Mr. Snyder	6/7	6	
Div 2	Ms. Feng	6/7	15	
Div 3	Ms. Nanat	6/7	Portable 1	
Div 4	Ms. Vu / TBD	5/6	Portable 4	
Div 5	Ms. Long	4/5	Portable 2	
Div 6	Ms. Gavsie (M-W); Ms. Italia (Th-F)	4/5	10	
Div 7	Ms. Singh	4/5	13	
Div 8	Ms. Trainor	3/4	4	
Div 9	Ms. Black	2/3	11	
Div 10	Ms. Hau	2/3	5	
Div 11	Ms. Molnar (M-Tu); Ms. Silverson (W-F)	1/2	7	
Div 12	Ms. Zhou	1/2	3	
Div 13	Ms. Quan	1	14	
Div 14	Ms. Lal	K/1	2	
Div 15	Ms. Ng	K	12	
Div 16	Ms. Janzen	K	1	
Music / Band				
	Mr. Naluz	--	Multipurpose Rm	
PE				
	Ms. Jess	--	Gym	
Librarian				
	Ms. Yang	--	Library	
ELL/LR				
	Ms. Choy	--	18	
	Ms. Lipman	--		
ELL/LR				
	Ms. Bach	--	8	
ELL/LR				
	Ms. Vu	--	9	
ELL/LR				
	Ms. Wu	--		
Resource Prep				
	Ms. Yu	--		
EA				
EA	Mr. Alblas	EA	Ms. Sars	
EA	Ms. Chan	EA	Ms. Shi	
EA	Ms. Da Silva	EA	Ms. Shirdel Pour	
EA	Ms. Liu	EA	Ms. Synelnyk	
EA	Ms. Purewal	EA	Ms. Watts	
EA	Ms. Reyes	EA	Ms. Wilson	
EA	Ms. Saguin			
Counsellor				
	Ms. Haylett (Tu/Th PM)	--	8	
SLP				
	Ms. Sholberg (Tu/Th)	--	9	
SWIS				
	Ms. Elshafi (F AM)	--	8	
NHS				
	Mr. Aguirre, Ms. Choi, Mr. So	--	--	

SCHOOL HOURS

Monday - Friday

Doors open to students	8:40 a.m.
Start of Classes	8:45 a.m.
Recess	10:10 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.
Start of Lunch	11:50 a.m.
Start of Afternoon Classes	12:45 p.m.
Student Dismissal	2:45 p.m.

SCHOOL NEWS



STUDENT SAFETY STUDENT ABSENCE EARLY WARNING REMINDER

If your child will be away from school, please call the Early Warning Line at 604-668-6275 before 8:00 a.m. with the following message:

My name is ____ I am calling to let you know that _____
(student's name) in Division will not be at school today.
****Please remember to include the reason for the absence.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

This week students worked in multi age groups with our staff to re-connect and create a kind community of learners. Our focus for the first few days of school has been on building community and reviewing our social responsibility expectations. Please see a few photo highlights below.



Social responsibility at Talmeiy is an important part of learning. While we recognize that, "The Richmond School District is the best place to learn and lead," we also follow the "STAR" Code of Conduct:

Safe
Thoughtful
Accepting
Responsible

STUDENT VERIFICATION PACKAGE AND SCHOOL FORMS

In the next few weeks, we will be sending home a package of forms that we please ask you to fill in. Each package will include an Emergency Contact Form for review and updating, information about paying for school supplies and student agendas through the Cash Online program, a Walking Field Trip Form, and the Consent to Receive Electronic Communications Form. *When you have completed filling in all these forms, please have your child return them to their classroom teacher.*

STUDENT SUPPLIES

The Board of School Trustees has approved the Schools Supplies Service Program for 2023-2024. The cost to each student is \$33.00. The School Board continues to offer this service as a cost saving support to families and as a way of standardizing basic supplies for classroom use. Exercise books, duo tangs, papers, pencils, pens, crayons, rulers, erasers, glue etc. are supplied in quantities appropriate to each grade level. In the coming weeks, we will be requesting payment for school supplies. All supplies are being provided.



PAY ONLINE: <https://richmondsd38.schoolcashonline.com/>

STUDENT AND FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND

This fund was designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs such as school and course fees, workbooks, specialty supplies, field trips and other school-related charges and costs. The additional funding will also be used to support nutritional supports for students.

We are requesting that families reach out to Ms. Hazon if you need financial assistance with school supplies, fees or other school-related costs. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

STUDENT CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

We acknowledge that many of our older students have personal cell phones. Please note, the district has a new policy in place for personal digital devices. Please see below.

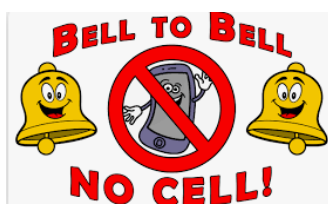


Elementary Schools (K-7):

- Students should not have personal digital devices in their possession during the school day unless permission is granted by the supervising staff for educational purposes. This includes during recess and lunch or while outside on the playground or on school property.
- It is recommended that students do not bring personal digital devices to school.

If students do have personal digital devices in their possession during the school day, it is expected that they will respect the learning environment within the school and classrooms and ensure that all phones are turned off from 8:40 am to 2:45 pm and they are placed securely in backpacks. If there is an emergency, or a student needs to call parents during the school day, the office staff will gladly assist them.

With regards to all personal electronic devices, please note that if they are reported lost or stolen, the school cannot be held responsible. We thank you for your support in this area.



UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

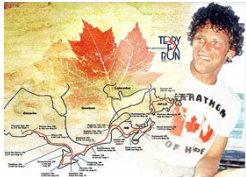
“COMMUNITY WELCOME/MEET THE PARENTS” AFTER SCHOOL EVENT

Thursday, September 19th from 3:00 P.M. -4:00 P.M.



Please mark your calendars! On Thursday, September 19th from 3:00-4:00 p.m. parents are invited to come with their children to meet their teachers and visit the school. We will send out a reminder about this event closer to the date. Members of our PAC executive will be here to meet new families!

TERRY FOX RUN!



Our Terry Fox Run will also take place on Thursday, September 19th. The time of the run is still being determined. We will be collecting donations and setting a fundraising goal very soon!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday, September 20th is a Professional Development Day for teachers. Students do not come to school on this day.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Friday, September 27th wear orange!

Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day take place on September 30. This is a commemorative day that honors the children who survived residential schools and remembers those who did not. This day relates to the experience of Phyllis Webstad, who is Northern Secwepemc (Shuswap), residential school survivor from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem, First Nation. On her first day of school, Phyllis arrived dressed in a new orange shirt, which was taken from her. It is now a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom, and self-esteem, experienced by Indigenous children over generations.



We will be acknowledging Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 27th and invite students to wear orange to school.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th (NO SCHOOL)



Federal Statutory Holiday on September 30th: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

September 30th has been named the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by the federal government of Canada. “This is a key step in the reconciliation process. It provides an opportunity to recognize and commemorate the tragic history and ongoing legacy of residential schools and honours their survivors, their families and their communities.”

(Government of Canada <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-day-truth-reconciliation.html>)

TALMEY PAC NEWS

We thank our PAC for hosting their Sweet Start welcome event for our new families. It was lovely to meet our newest community members!

All parents are automatically members of the vibrant Talmey PAC – Parent Advisory Committee. The PAC meets once a month to plan supportive activities for the enrichment of the entire school population.

Please consider volunteering for one of the PAC activities and connecting with the school community. Together we are better in creating a positive learning experience for everyone in our community.

We hope you can join us for our first PAC meeting of the year coming up on Wednesday, September 18th at 6:00 pm. Further details to come closer to the date.

PAC contact: TalmeyPAC@gmail.com

PAC Fundraiser!! Please see the attached flyer for information about our PAC's fundraiser



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Newsletters will be shared every second Friday. Please also check our school website.

Website address: talmey.sd38.bc.ca

** Please make sure to add talmey@sd38.bc.ca to your contacts list, so that emails go to your inbox and not your junk mail!

*** Please also note, you can sign up to receive text messages

PLEASE NOTE: NEWSLETTERS WILL ALWAYS BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY BY EMAIL. If you do not have access to a computer, let Ms. Hazon know and alternate arrangements can be made. Thank you for your help in this matter

Sign up for district text message service

All newly registered families will receive a text message from school messenger.com: 978338. To opt-in to the service, they must send a text with Y, to 978338. After that, they will receive an opt-in confirmation message from this service. To receive texts on multiple devices, each device number must complete the opt-in process.



PARKING LOT SAFETY

Our parking lot can become quite congested at the end of the day. Please park on a side street and walk into the school for end of day pick up. This will help ease congestion in our lot.

*Please avoid double parking in our school lot.

**We may need to close our parking lot if safety concerns arise.

Thank you for your understanding as we work to keep our community safe.

