

# Timberwolf Times

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



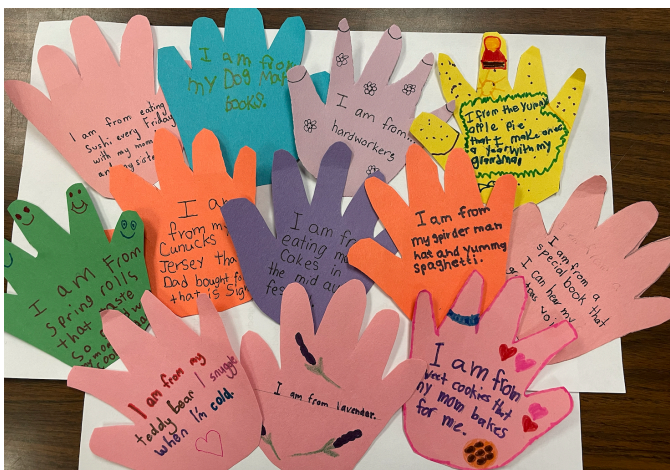
Over the past few weeks students have been creating nature themed images to contribute to our school wide mural. The focus of this year's mural is inspired by *The Big Book of Belonging*. In the words of the author,

*“The Big Book of Belonging celebrates the wondrous connections between humans and the natural world....Because we all belong to nature and nature belongs to us all”* (Yuval Zommer)

We invited students, staff and parents to contribute their voices to our mural using *I am From*-poetry, inspired by author George Ella Lyon. The poems are written in list form with a repeated refrain. *I am From* poems encourage writers to think about more than places and to consider foods, sights, smells, sayings, family members, friends and ancestors in their communities and homes.

Student voice is highlighted on hand shapes, staff voice is highlighted on heart shapes and parent voice is represented on stars. The combination of visual art and literacy work will be on display at the front of our school for the rest of the school year to honour and celebrate the diversity of our identities, experiences, histories, interests and backgrounds.

We extend a huge thank you to our mural committee members who contributed endless hours of their time to bring this collective work together. Thank you to all parents who contributed to our mural during our Community Welcome event.



### Community Welcome

We hope you enjoyed our Community Welcome event this afternoon! Thank you to our PAC for greeting families and providing treats. Thank you to our staff for creating special activities for students to share with their families. We hope you were able to visit and contribute to our new mural!

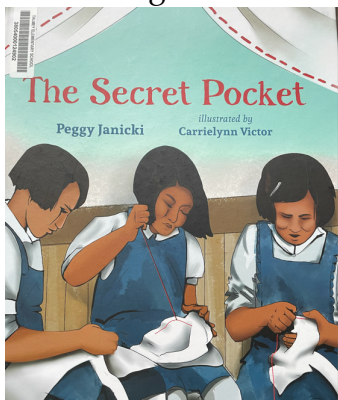


### September 30 -National Day of Truth and Reconciliation



This day honours the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families, and their communities. Commemoration and acknowledgement of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

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



On Friday, Ms. Yang, our librarian, will be sharing the book, *The Secret Pocket* with our staff. Next week, classes will learn about Peggy Janicki’s story and her lived experience before, during and after residential school. In the words of author, Monique Gray Smith, Peggy “reminds us of the genius within, the importance of caring for others and, of course love”.

### School supplies and student agendas



The Board of School Trustees has approved the Schools Supplies Service Program for 2024- 2025. The cost to each student is \$33.00. The School Board continues to offer this service as a cost saving support to families and it is also 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. In the meantime, students will be given all the school supplies they need for the first six weeks of the school year. Payment is set up through our school cash online program.

*Students in Divisions 1 -8, Divisions 10-13 and Division 14 (Grade 1) are expected to use a daily planner. The school provides planners at a cost of \$8.00. We hope that you take advantage of this excellent organizational tool.*

**School Supplies and Student Planner fees will be requested by Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

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### Student verification package and school forms

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Student verification packages were sent home this week. Each package includes a **Student Verification Form** and **Emergency Release Form** for review and updating, a **Walking Field Trip Form**, **Fruit & Vegetable consent**, and the **Consent to Receive Electronic Communications Form**. When you have completed filling in all these forms, please have your child return them to the teacher.

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### School Events

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#### Terry Fox Run & Fundraising Campaign

Our Terry Fox run was a wonderful success! Thank you to all our student leaders who participated as emcees and warm-up leaders! A special thank you to Mr. Snyder for his organizational support. A special thank you to our PAC for buying, washing and distributing apples for all our students!



\*There is still time to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation if you haven't already done so! Our fundraising goal for this school year is \$1800. So far Talmey school has raised close to \$1175. Thank you for helping us do our part to support the Terry Fox Foundation!



**Fundraising at school cash online: <https://richmondsd38.schoolcashionline.com>.**

**\*\* Please note you will need to sign in to access the cash online for the Terry Fox donation information.**



### Photo Day - Wednesday, October 16th



Please mark your calendars as Individual Student Photo Day is coming up.

### Fruit and Vegetable Program & Consent Form (attached to verification packages)

We are pleased to announce that Talmey will be participating in the B.C. School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program. We will be providing fresh B.C. fruits and vegetable to the students during classroom time. Students will receive picked, washed, and ready to enjoy produce every other week at no charge. This program will begin soon.

Every Talmey student is automatically part of this nutritional program but if you choose to withdraw your child(ren), please complete the form in the package. Also, if your child has a food allergy, please fill in the form and return it to the teacher.

We thank our PAC in advance for their support with the distribution of the fruits and vegetables!

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## Student Family Affordability

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### Student and Family Affordability Fund

The Student and Family Affordability Fund is 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 school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students.

We request that families reach out to Ms. Hazon if you need 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.

### PARKING LOT SAFETY REMINDER



A reminder to families and caregivers who pick up at the end of the school day to **please park in the neighbourhood and walk to the school**. We are experiencing ongoing challenges with congestion in our parking lot. We may need to close our lot at the end of the day if we continue to have challenges with safety. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe.

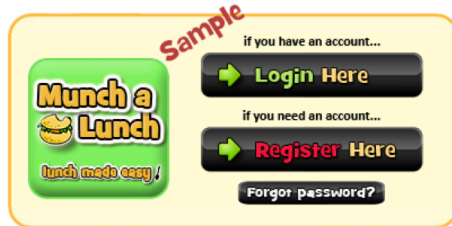
\*In consulting with the RCMP, they do remind us not to double park or block access for cars as you may be dropping or picking up your children. If there are no parking spaces available, please do not double park! Exit the parking lot and park along the side streets that allow for parking, while abiding by the No Stopping regulations in front of the school, which are being regularly enforced by By-Law Officers and the RCMP.

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### Talmey PAC News

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Our first PAC meeting was a success! It was wonderful to have so many parents attend our first meeting of the year! A reminder that all parents are welcome to attend PAC meetings and our PAC offers childminding during meetings.



Our next two PAC meetings will be on:

- October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30**
- November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30**

Hot Lunch days will begin on **September 27<sup>th</sup>**. Please use Munch-a-Lunch website to place the order for your child(ren).

A notice was sent home earlier this month. If you are interested in placing an order, please do so through the Munch a Lunch site. (<https://munchalunch.com/schools/RCTalmey>)

\*To order for next Friday, orders must be placed by September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Hot lunch dates & menu:

09/27 (Fri) - Fukuroku Japanese and Sushi
10/04 (Fri) - A&W
10/11 (Fri) - Fusion Feast
10/18 (Fri) - Subway
11/01 (Fri) - Fukuroku Japanese and Sushi
11/08 (Fri) - A&W
11/15 (Fri) - Fusion Feast
11/22 (Fri) - Subway
11/29 (Fri) - Taco Luis
12/06 (Fri) - Fukuroku Japanese and Sushi
12/13 (Fri) - A&W
12/20 (Fri) - Fusion Feast

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*District News*

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**Settlement Worker in Schools**

The Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) program provides settlement support and services for immigrants, refugees and newcomers. As a Settlement Worker, the primary role is to provide comprehensive settlement services tailored to the needs of newcomer families. This includes offering valuable information about the school system, helping you navigate your child’s educational journey, and connecting you with essential community resources available in Richmond.

The upcoming Settlement Services Orientation, which will be held at the School Board office and Cambie Community Centre. This orientation will provide a comprehensive overview of the settlement services available to you, and it will be an excellent opportunity to connect with various community resources. We believe this session will be incredibly beneficial for new families and those who want to deepen their understanding of the support available within the Richmond School District.

Please register at your earliest convenience to secure your spot on the date that works best for you. Click the link to register: <https://forms.office.com/r/5qtB8Aehn2>

Please note: The orientation is for parents' attendance only; students should attend school during school hours. Please refer to the attachment for registration details.

**City of Richmond – Active Recreation & Sport Fund**

For residents 18 and under, funding is provided for children and youth to participate in active recreation programs and sports where financial barriers impact inclusion.



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### City of Richmond – Gang Prevention Information Sessions

In partnership with the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of BC, Richmond RCMP, and Touchstone Family Association, these free sessions are designed for parents, guardians and caregivers. Registration is required.



#### GANG PREVENTION INFORMATION SESSIONS

FREE for parents, guardians and caregivers

Mon, Sep 23 from 6:00-8:00pm  
at Richmond City Hall  
(6911 No. 3 Road)

Tue, Nov 19 from 6:00-8:00pm  
at the Richmond Cultural Centre  
(7700 Minoru Gate)

Learn how to protect and support your children.

For more info, visit [richmond.ca/BSCF](http://richmond.ca/BSCF).



### Student Absence/Early Warning – Call 604-668-6275 Option 1

The Early Warning program requires parents to call the school and leave a message at 604-668-6275 option 1 if students are absent. The goal of this program is to ensure that all of our students are accounted for as they come to school each day.



**DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT**

## 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](http://sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct)



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***Upcoming Important Dates***

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Thursday, September 19	Terry Fox Run
Friday, September 20	Professional Development Day (no school)
Monday, September 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day (no school)
Tuesday, October 8	Fall Immunization
Monday, October 14	Thanksgiving Day (no school)
Wednesday, October 16	Individual Photo Day
Thursday, October 24	Early Dismissal for Learning Updates/Conferences (11:50 am)
Friday, October 25	Professional Development Day (no school)
Monday, November 11	Remembrance Day (no school)
Monday, November 25	Professional Development Day (no school)
<b>Mon, Dec 23 to Fri, Jan 3</b>	<b>Winter Vacation</b> (no school)
<b>Monday, January 6</b>	<b>Return to School</b>