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# **Timberwolf Times**

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

# Welcome Autumn!



As we transition into Autumn, we have been fortunate to have had many sunny days over the past few weeks! The school field is filled with many fallen leaves and acorns, keeping our students busy at play at recess and lunch! The rhythm of the school is well in place and classes are beginning to settle into routines. Many classes have been learning about social responsibility. We will soon be having our first 'Star of the Week recognition announcement. We do this

every Friday to highlight the importance of being safe, thoughtful, accepting and responsible. The core component of social responsibility at Talmey is our "STAR" Code of Conduct. Visitors are always impressed with how polite and courteous our students are; a reflection of our focus on building a socially responsible community.

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We are looking forward to many learning highlights this month including our first family teams' activity and our Great Pumpkin Run coming up at the end of the month.

Please enjoy the photo highlights below of the learning from the past few weeks.



# Learning Highlights



# What's Happening in OCTOBER

### Thanksgiving Day – Monday, Oct.14th





As we head into the Thanksgiving long weekend, this short article on Thanksgiving in Canada will provide some information to read on the days' origins, history, and differences among provinces <a href="https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/thanksgiving-day">https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/thanksgiving-day</a>.

We wish everyone celebrating Thanksgiving a joyful and happy celebration.

### Photo Day - Wednesday, October 16

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



### Parent/Teacher Conferences - Learning Update #1

### Thursday, October 24th - Early Dismissal at 11:50 am

Teachers will schedule meetings with parents for our first learning update/conferences on October 24th. Such conferences are one part of the communication process that is in place to support our students. Parents can contact the classroom teachers by using the student's agenda or by emailing the office or teachers.

Each teacher is sending home their personal conference schedule.

#### Professional Development Day - no school

### Friday, October 25th

October 25<sup>th</sup> is a Provincial Professional Development Day and all students do not attend school this day.

### **Great Pumpkin Run**

# Wednesday, October 30th

On Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> we will having our Great Pumpkin run! We are looking forward to this fun fall event. We celebrate with a pumpkin raffle at the end of our run!

### Halloween Dress-up Choice

Thursday, October 31st



Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> students and staff will be joining in the spirit of the day by dressing in costumes or in black and orange. Please remember that students are not to dress in costumes that present a safety issue for themselves or others or have any replica toy weapons as part of their costumes.

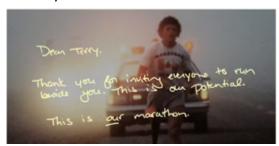
#### **Volleyball at Talmey**



Volleyball has started for interested students in Grade 6 and Grade 7. Volleyball practices are scheduled during lunch. A game schedule is currently being developed. Thank you to Mr. Snyder, Ms. Singh, Ms. Long and Ms. Feng for supporting our keen players!

#### **Terry Fox Run Update**

The Terry Fox Run was a big success! Students and staff ran/walked for 30 minutes to show their support for cancer research. Thank you to the generous donations from our community! We have raised \$1731 so far for the Terry Fox Foundation. We will keep our online donation option open for one more week to see if we can reach our \$1800 goal. Thank you to everyone who has contributed and to Mr. Snyder for leading our events.



#### **Foundation Skills Assessment**

Each year students in Grades 4 and 7 participate in the Foundation Skills Assessment. The assessment consists of a written and on-line component. Students are assessed in literacy and numeracy. The assessment provides a snapshot of student learning currently, and provides the school with information about strengths and stretches in these areas. The assessment results are not used to determine written update comments but do provide families with another opportunity to see how their child is doing. The best source of information, however, continues to be your child's classroom teacher.

The FSA assessments run from October 1st to November 1st.

#### **PAC Meeting and Information**

The next PAC meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 16th at 6:30 pm** in the Talmey Library Learning Commons. All parents are welcome to attend. Childcare for school-age children will be available. Our November meeting is set for **Wednesday, November 20** that 6:30 PM.

**Hot Lunch**-If you are interested in placing an order, please do so through the Munch a Lunch site. (<a href="https://munchalunch.com/schools/RCTalmey">https://munchalunch.com/schools/RCTalmey</a>)

\*To order for next Friday, orders must be placed one week prior. 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

# And then it's NOVEMBER

#### **Remembrance Day**

# Friday, November 8th @10:30 am

We hope that you will be able to join us on Friday, Nov 8th as we come to together for this important assembly. We will be doing fundraising for the Poppy Foundation during that week and students will receive a Poppy for this assembly.





Taking care of ourselves and others is the purpose of the Children of the Street presentations. Over the coming weeks our intermediate students will be participating in an interactive workshop focusing on consent, boundaries, and preventing the sexual exploitation of children and youth. An information poster is attached for your reference.

# **School Reminders**

#### **Basic School Supplies and Planners**

Thank you to all the parents who have registered and paid their fees online. Payment for these items will be due on Oct 11. Payment must be made online as cash and cheques will **NOT** be accepted. If you are in financial hardship, please call or email Ms. Hazon. If you are having difficulties registering online, please email at talmey@sd38.bc.ca and the office staff will walk you through the process.

#### Student and Family Affordability Fund

This 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.

# Early Warning - 604-668-6275, option 1

The Early Warning program requires parents to call the school and leave a voice message at 604-668-6275 option 1, if students are absent. Please leave your child's full name (first and last), Division #, teacher's name, the date, and reason for the absence. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave a voice mail message. The goal of this program is to ensure all our students are accounted for as they come to school each day.



# **District News**

### **Grade 5 Active Pass**



The City of Richmond has launched the 2024/25 Grade 5 Active! Pass (<a href="https://richmond.ca/parks-recreation/about/sports/grade5.htm">https://richmond.ca/parks-recreation/about/sports/grade5.htm</a>) that offers a pass for FREE admission to drop-in swimming, skating, pitch and putt golf and other community center activities.

# Calendar

Monday, January 6	Return to School
Mon, Dec 23 to Fri, Jan 3	Winter Vacation (no school)
Friday, November 20	Hot Lunch Day
Friday, November 13	Hot Lunch Day
Friday, November 6	Hot Lunch Day
Tuesday, December 3	Popcorn Day
Friday, November 29	Hot Lunch Day
Monday, November 25	Professional Development Day (no school)
Friday, November 22	Hot Lunch Day
Tuesday, November 19	Popcorn Day
Friday, November 15	Hot Lunch Day
Monday, November 11	Remembrance Day <mark>(no school)</mark>
Friday, November 08	Hot Lunch Day, Remembrance Day Assembly @10:30 am
Wednesday, Nov 06	Photo Retakes
Tuesday, November 05	Popcorn Day
Friday, Nov 01	Hot Lunch Day
Friday, October 25	Professional Development Day (no school)
Thursday, October 24	Early Dismissal for Learning Updates/Conferences (11:50am)
Tuesday, October 22	Popcorn Day
Friday, Oct 18	Hot Lunch Day
Wednesday, October 16	Individual Photo Day
Monday, October 14	Thanksgiving Day (no school)
Friday, Oct 11	Hot Lunch Day
Tuesday, October 8	Fall Immunization, Popcorn Day