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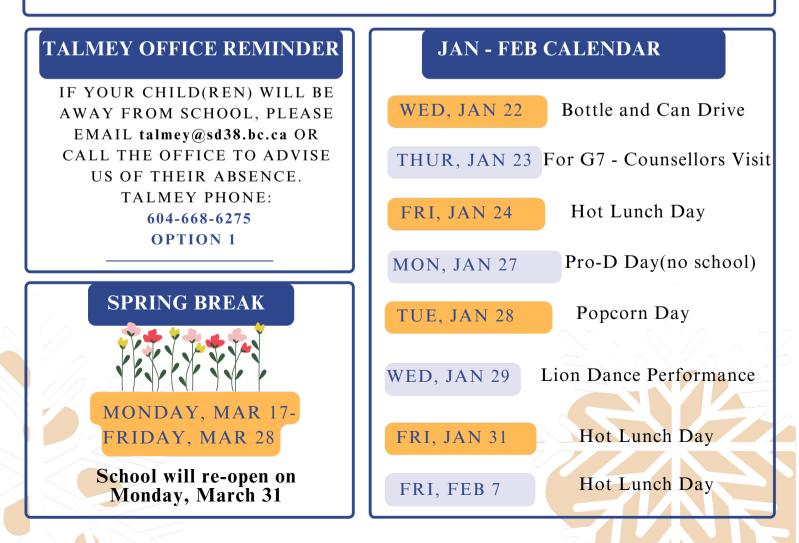
FROM OUR ADMIN TEAM

Dear Talmey Families,

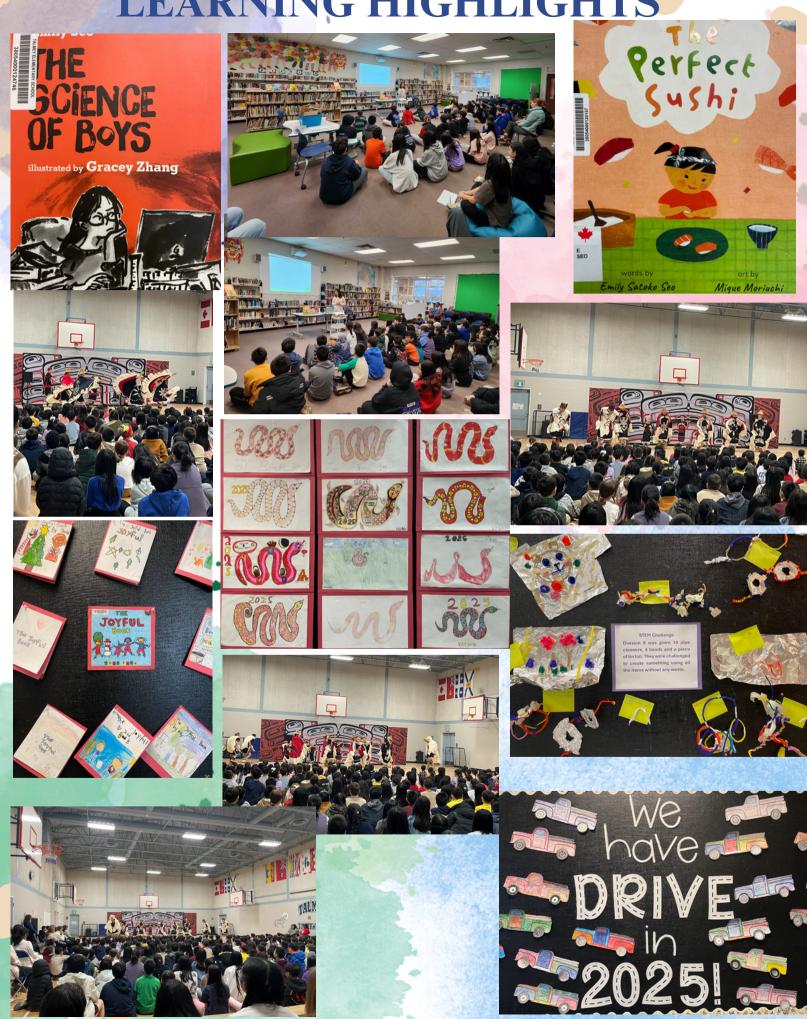
Welcome to 2025! We hope you have had a good start to the new year. We enjoyed welcoming everyone back to school last week.

We have started the planning process for next school year. Last week you should have received an **'Intent to Return' form**. This form helps us establish our projected enrollment for the fall of 2025. Please return these forms to your child's teacher or to the office as soon as possible. Thank you!

This afternoon we enjoyed a performance by the Dancers of Damelahamid, an intergenerational Indigenous dance group. We thank the District for funding this fine arts performance for our learners. Please see the photo highlights below.



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



TALMEY EVENTS

SKATING FIELD TRIPS FOR ALL CLASSES



We are thrilled to be going to the Minoru Ice Arena for skating sessions! The school will be divided into four groups and each class will attend one session. The sessions are 10:45-11:45 AM on Feb. 4, 12, 18 and 19. We thank our PAC for their generosity in funding this special event. More information will soon be available to let you know which one of these days your child is skating.

UPCOMING LION DANCE PERFORMANCE

January 29th, 2025

We are looking forward to welcoming the Vancouver Lion Dance group on January 29th which is Lunar New Year. The Lunar New Year holiday 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.

AFTER SCHOOL LIBRARY LOUNGE



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. Students must be accompanied by an adult guardian. We look forward to welcoming you!

PINK SHIRT DAY WED, FEB. 26



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! FROM THE DISTRICT

GRADE 7 TRANSITION

We are beginning the high school transition planning process for our Grade 7 students. Parent information evenings have been scheduled at high schools over the next few months. All grade 7 parents and guardians should have received detailed information about the registration process, the transfer process as well as dates for parent information events.

Grade 7 Parent Information Evenings for 2025/26

School Name	Date
Hugh Boyd Secondary	January 23, 2025 at 6:30 pm
JN Burnett Secondary	February 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm
Cambie Secondary	January 14, 2025 at 6:00 pm
MacNeill Secondary	January 23, 2025 at 6:00 pm
McMath Secondary	February 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm
McRoberts Secondary	January 23, 2025 at 6:30 pm
McNair Secondary	February 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Palmer Secondary	January 23, 2025 at 6:30 pm
Richmond Secondary	February 5, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Steveston London Secondary	January 22, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Richmond Virtual School (BL, RAIL)	January 23, 2025 at 7:00 pm at
	Palmer Secondary School, Room 131

PARENT EDUCATION SESSION

Many of our kids are anxious and glued to their phones, seeking endless distraction and feeling isolated and disconnected. Aggressive outbursts have become common and yet others seem to have stopped talking all together. As parents and caregivers, we are increasingly alarmed. We entice, cajole, bribe, encourage, shout, but nothing seems to work long term. Join Hannah on Jan 21, 2025 6:30 - 8 p.m.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2020, turning 5 in 2025. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2025. Online registration is now open. Please visit <u>http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten</u> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates and FAQs.Thank you and please share this information with your friends and family who have kindergarten aged children!

TALMEY PAC

TALMEY PAC MEETING - February 12th

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 if there are any questions regarding PAC matters.

Next two PAC meetings are Wednesday, February 12th and March 12th at 6:30 pm



Meeting

Reminder

PAC REMINDER

- The PAC is strongly encouraging parent volunteers to reach out and get involved! We have positions opening up very soon as some of our parent volunteers will be leaving at the end of this school year. To ensure smooth transitions, we would like to ensure new volunteers are trained. Please come to the next PAC meeting (Jan 15 at 6:30 pm in the school library) or contact us at talmeypac@gmail.com to find out more. We cannot run our successful programs without the help of parents like you!
- Please sign up to volunteer for Hot Lunch Term 2 by using the 'Volunteer' link on the Munch a Lunch website



Ordering for Hot Lunch Term 2 is available on the Munch a Lunch site.

Tuesday, Jan 28th is our next popcorn day! Popcorn is \$1 a bag and will be available for sale in the multi-purpose room at recess.





Spirit Wear is available for purchase! The link to purchase is: <u>https://rc-talmey.itemorder.com/shop/home/</u>

- The PAC is hosting a Bottle Drive on January 22. Hang on to those empties until then! Please drop off the bottles in collection bins near the parking lot between 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM.
- Our soup fundraiser goes along with the Bottle Drive on Jan 22.
- The Grade 7 Farewell Committee, in conjunction with Mitchell Soup, will be hosting a fundraiser beginning January 22. Details to follow.



If you are the parent of a Grade 7 student and are not part of the Grade 7 Farewell Committee, please email <u>talmeygrads2025@gmail.com</u> to be included on future communication.



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.

SNOW DAYS



On a snow day, 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.



MODULAR PLANNING

You may have noticed some changes to our school grounds as we continue to prepare for our modular build.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, several trees were removed over winter break and new trees were planted in an alternate location.

This week, one back stop was removed to prepare the site.

The construction company will be setting up a trailer soon. Their work area will be fenced and will be located behind our basketball court.

We are excited to add 6 new modular classrooms to the Talmey community ready for September of 2025.



Monday, March 31	Return to School
Mon, Mar 17 to Fri, Mar 28	Spring Vacation (no school)
Tuesday, March 11	Popcorn Day
Friday, February28	Hot Lunch Day
Wednesday, February 26	Pink Shirt Day
Tuesday, February 25	Popcorn Day
Friday, February 21	Hot Lunch Day
Monday, February 17	Family Day (no school)
Friday, February 14	Professional Development Day (no school)
Thursday, February 13	Early Dismissal for Learning Updates/Conferences (11:50 am)
Tuesday, February 11	Popcorn Day
Friday, February 7	Hot Lunch Day
Friday, January 31	Hot Lunch Day
Wednesday, January 29	Lion Dance Performance
Tuesday, January 28	Popcorn Day
Monday, January 27	Professional Development Day (no school)
Friday, January 24	Hot Lunch Day
Thursday, January 23	For G7 students - Counsellors Visit
Wednesday, January 22	Bottle and Can Drive

