

TIMBERWOLF TIMES

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FROM OUR ADMIN TEAM

Dear TalmeY Families,

We had another busy and learning filled week here at TalmeY! Our staff began the week with a professional learning day, participating in a mini conference hosted the district's Learning Services Department. Many staff were inspired after listening to speaker and author, Hannah Beach. Families can access a recent webinar hosted by the district, with Hannah Beach, titled "Cellphones: What's Healthy, What's Not, and What We Can Do to Support Our Kids". The link is included below.

We were delighted to host the Vancouver Chinese Lion Dancers for an incredible performance this past Wednesday. It was extra special to have one of our very own TalmeY students participate in the performance!

Yesterday, our Green Team hosted a lunch time fashion show for BRRR Sweater Day. Student leaders did an excellent job emceeing the show and reminding us about saving energy.

A reminder that snow is in the forecast this weekend! Please be sure to review the district weather related closure information (see below & posted on the district website).

Wishing you all a restful, warm and happy weekend!

Ms. Hazon and Ms. Jess

TALMEY OFFICE REMINDER

IF YOUR CHILD(REN) WILL BE AWAY FROM SCHOOL, PLEASE EMAIL

talmey@sd38.bc.ca OR CALL THE OFFICE

TO ADVISE US OF THEIR ABSENCE.

TALMEY PHONE:

604-668-6275

OPTION 1

FEB CALENDAR

THURS, FEB 6

Musical Performance

FRI, FEB 7

Hot Lunch Day

TUES, FEB 11

Popcorn Day

THURS, FEB 13

Early dismissal at 11:50 AM
Learning updates

FRI, FEB 14

Pro-D Day (no school for students)

MON, FEB 17

Family Day (no school for students)

FRI, FEB 21

Hot Lunch Day

SPRING BREAK



MONDAY, MAR 17 -

FRIDAY, MAR 28

School will re-open
on Monday, March 31

BuRrrDay (Bundle Up, Richmond!)

Thermal Comfort Campaign | November 2024 – March 2025



Congratulations to our Green Team for hosting a very successful BURRR SweaterDay as part of the Bundle Up, Richmond Campaign!

The Richmond School District(SD38) wants to deepen energy awareness regarding thermal comfort in our daily lives.

Staff and students were encouraged to wear warm clothes for winter on BURRR sweater day. Our Green Team hosted a lunch time fashion show and may students and staff participated!

Thank you Green Team & Ms. Singh!



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TALMEY

LIBRARY LOUNGE & FAMILY LITERACY WEEK



A reminder that our library is open after school every Tuesday and Thursday for families to drop in. We invite you to enjoy exploring our book collection, to read with your children and/or to play a game or two. Thank you to our librarian, Ms. Yang, for hosting our after-school Library Lounge sessions!

Families, schools, libraries, literacy organizations and communities across BC celebrate Family Literacy Week, January 26–February 2, 2025, with activities, events and contests. “Family literacy refers to the way parents, and extended family members use literacy at home and in the community.” -Hayden, R. & Sanders, M (2007).



Learn to be Green Together

Family Literacy Day Honorary Chair, Barbara Reid invites families to *Learn to be Green, Together!*

Barbara Reid is a picture book illustrator and author whose award-winning artwork is created using modelling clay.



Photo by: Ian Crysler Photographer

1 Start an indoor garden

Learn about herbs and vegetables while growing your own food and reducing your carbon footprint.

2 Visit a little free library

Recycling books is a great way to reuse items and get books for free. You can leave books for others too.

3 Visit a national park or nature museum

Learn about the importance of preserving nature.

4 Shop local at a flea market

Not only can you help support local businesses, it's a great opportunity to practice your financial skills.

5 Visit the local library

Borrow books about the environment to learn more about climate change and what you can do to help.

6 Eat a meatless meal

Follow a recipe for a vegetarian meal and also boost your math and numeracy skills.

7 Make a craft from recycled items

Get creative and see what you can make using plastic bottles, used clothing, or recycled cardboard.

8 Go screen-free for the day

Play outside, read a book, or do a craft instead. Not only do these activities practice your learning skills, they also save electricity.

9 Buy something second-hand

Buying used items instead of new is a great way to reduce waste and save money at the same time.

10 Go on a nature scavenger hunt

Make a list of commonly found outdoor items, then go on a walk together with your list and see if you can find all the items.

BASKETBALL SEASON



Our basketball teams have been meeting regularly. We are looking forward to coordinating a few games with our neighbouring schools!

Thank you to Mr. Snyder and Ms. Singh for coaching our teams!

Grade 7 Boys Basketball Schedule 2025

Practices will be held Tuesday and Friday during Lunch hour (12:05 pm-12:40 pm)
Games will be start around 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm depending on travel time

Tuesday, February 4th - Home Game vs Mitchell
Thursday, February 13th - Away Game @ McNeely
Tuesday, February 18th - Away Game @ Mitchell
Monday, February 24th - Home Game vs McNeely
Tuesday, March 4th - Tournament @ MacNeill Secondary (This date is not 100% confirmed yet)

Grade 5/6 Boys Basketball Schedule 2025

Practices every Thursday during lunch hour (12:05 pm - 12:40 pm)
Games will be start around 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm depending on travel time

Wednesday, February 5th @ Tomsett (Away Game 3 vs 3)
Tuesday, February 11th vs McNeely (Home Game)
Wednesday, February 19th vs Tomsett (Home game 3 vs 3)
Tuesday, February 25th @ McNeely (Away Game)

Girls Basketball Schedule 2025

Practices will be held Monday and Wednesday during Lunch hour (12:05 pm-12:40 pm)
Games will be start around 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm depending on travel time

Wednesday, February 5th Away game @ Tomsett (Grade 6's 3 vs 3 games)
Tuesday, February 11th Away game @ Mitchell
Wednesday, February 12 Home game vs McNeely
Wednesday, February 19th Home game vs Tomsett (Grade 6s 3 vs 3 games)
Tuesday, February 25th Home game vs Mitchell
Thursday, February 27th Away game @ McNeely
Tuesday, March 4th Tournament @ MacNeill Secondary (This date is not 100% confirmed)

TALMEY & DISTRICT EVENTS

SKATING FIELD TRIPS FOR ALL CLASSES

FEBRUARY



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.



Cellphones: What's Healthy, What's Not, and What We Can Do to Support Our Kids

Families can access Hannah Beach's presentation using the link below:

Some of the items discussed include:

- The replacement of play with entertainment
- The relationship between play and digesting anxiety
- Cell phone use and how its affecting identity formation and attention span
- Six practical tips regarding adolescents and cell phone usage
- The recording of the webinar as well as the transcript is only available for a limited time.

You can access it using this link:

<https://sd38.bc.ca/news/2024-10-16/cellphones-whats-healthy-whats-not-and-what-we-can-do-support-our-kids>

Modular Build Next Steps!

Feb 2025



We expect to see some significant changes to our school grounds in the coming weeks as preparation begins for our new modular build. Next week part of our field area will be fenced off and a trailer will be moved onsite. This will be the working area for the construction crew. A few more trees will be removed and new, mature trees will be planted in a new location. More updates to come!

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!**

TALMEY PAC

TALMEY PAC MEETING – WEDNESDAY, FEB 12TH AT 6:30 PM

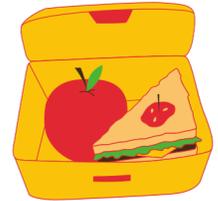
MEETING

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 6:30pm

PAC REMINDERS

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 (Feb 12th 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!



Ordering for Hot Lunch Term 2 is available on the Munch a Lunch site. A reminder to please double check that you have ordered lunch for the term. If you have ordered lunch, you will receive an email confirmation from Munch a Lunch.



Tuesday, Feb 11th 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: <https://rctalmey.itemorder.com/shop/home/>



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

Mitchell Soup Co
FUNDRAISER



ORDER NOW

Use the QR code above or link below:
<https://raise.mitchellsoupco.com/rctalmeypac/rctalmeypacw25>
Proceeds help to support farewell initiatives for our Grade 7s!

Handmade in Canada



\$15 / Dozen Original Glazed Donuts

PRE-ORDER BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11
ON [MUNCHALUNCH.COM](https://munchalunch.com)
UNDER FUNDRAISING

**PICKUP WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 19 FROM
2:30-3:00 PM**

*All proceeds go to support Talmey PAC *



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 (four) 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.



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.

FROM THE DISTRICT



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 <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten> 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!

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.

School Name	Date
JN Burnett Secondary	February 13, 2025 at 6:30pm
McMath Secondary	February 13, 2025 at 6:30pm
McNair Secondary	February 6, 2025 at 6:00pm
Richmond Secondary	February 5, 2025 at 6:00pm

TALMEY CALENDAR



Friday, February 7	Hot Lunch Day
Tuesday, February 11	Popcorn Day
Thursday, February 13	Early Dismissal for Learning Updates/Conferences (11:50 am)
Friday, February 14	Professional Development Day (no school)
Monday, February 17	Family Day (no school)
Friday, February 21	Hot Lunch Day
Tuesday, February 25	Popcorn Day
Wednesday, February 26	Pink Shirt Day
Friday, February 28	Hot Lunch Day
Tuesday, March 11	Popcorn Day
Mon, Mar 17 to Fri, Mar 28	Spring Vacation (no school)
Monday, March 31	Return to School

