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FROM OUR ADMIN TEAM

Dear Talmey Families,

For those of you who attended your child's learning update (conference) this week, we hope you enjoyed learning more about your child's progress.

Skating field trips have continued over this past week. We are looking forward to our final two sessions coming up next week. We thank our PAC for covering the bus and skating cost for all our students. We have included a few photo highlights below.

Over the weekend fencing will be put up on part of our school grounds over as preparations continue for the next phase of our modular build project. We will continue to keep you updated as plans evolve.

We wish you all a joyful Family Day and a happy long weekend.

Ms. Hazon and Ms. Jess



TALMEY OFFICE REMINDER

IF YOUR CHILD(REN) WILL BE AWAY FROM SCHOOL, PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE OFFICE TO ADVISE US OF THEIR ABSENCE.

TALMEY PHONE: 604-668-6275 OPTION 1 TALMEY EMAIL: <u>TALMEY@SD38.BC.CA</u>



FEB CALENDAR

MON, FEB 17	Family Day (no school)
FRI, FEB 21	Hot Lunch Day
TUE, FEB 25	Popcorn Day
WED, FEB 26	Pink Shirt Day Family Teams Activity
FRI, FEB 28	Hot Lunch Day
TUES, MAR 11	Popcorn Day

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS























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FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH! RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY: FEB 1-28



Every February, Canadians are invited to participate in Black History Month festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present.

The commemoration of Black History Month dates back to 1926, when Harvard-educated African American historian Carter G. Woodson proposed setting aside a time devoted to honour the accomplishments of African Americans and to heighten awareness of Black history in the United States.

This led to the establishment of Negro History Week in 1926. Celebrations of Black history began in Canada also shortly thereafter. During the early 1970s, the week became known as Black History Week. It was expanded into Black History Month in 1976.

Our LLC (Library Learning Commons) has a selection of black history books. Below is part of our collection. These books are a series of biographies about aviators, artists politicians, pop stars, athletes, and activists.



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!

SKATING FIELD TRIPS FOR ALL CLASSES IN FEBRUARY

Classes enjoyed our first two sessions of skating. We are looking forward to our next two sessions coming up on February 18th and 19th. The sessions are 10:45-11:45 AM. Students will be traveling by bus. Please return signed field trip consent forms to your child's teacher. We thank our PAC for their generosity in funding this special event.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TALMEY

FEEDING FUTURES PROGRAM





Our Sharing Fridge was funded through the Ministry of Education Feeding Futures Program.

All students can access nutritious snacks as needed anytime throughout the day.

Our library has a selection of books about food insecurity.

At Talmey, we are working to reduce the stigma around food insecurity. We invite all students to access the sharing fridge when needed.



BASKETBALL SEASON

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 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 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 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

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY-PARENT FEEDBACK

Each year the Ministry of Education asks grade 4&7 parents, grade 4&7 students, and school staff to complete a learning survey. If you have a child in grade 4 or 7, please take a little time to visit

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm to share your thoughts and ideas. Your opinions will help guide the future of education in BC.



STRATEGIC PLAN SURVEY



The Richmond Board of Education creating a Strategic Plan that will guide the Richmond School District over the next five years.

As part of the development of the 2025–2030 Strategic Plan, the district is seeking input from parents/caregivers through a survey.

Additionally, there will be four open houses and a virtual session. Feedback gathered will help shape the priorities that will guide the district for the next five years.

The survey will be open until Sunday, February 23, 2025, and can be accessed here:

<u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8PQpzI aCBDUrk6BK9E5mUvBxfNaqd2Jq8tAyr7dIDcIrrNg/view form</u>

MODULAR PLANNING NEXT STEPS-WHAT TO EXPECT FEBRUARY 14



This past week a few more trees were removed as directed by our Project Management Team. Mature trees will be planed in new locations soon.

We expect to see fencing up soon as the construction crew will be moving their site trailer onto our school grounds. Part of our running track will be blocked but a temporary gravel path will be created so children can still run laps.

If you have any questions about the phases of our modular project, please contact Ms. Hazon.

Project completion is still set for September 2025.

LIBRARY LOUNGE

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

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. **Please remember that students attending our library lounge sessions must be accompanied by an adult guardian.** We look forward to welcoming you!

TALMEY PAC

PAC REMINDERS



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 PAC meeting is Wednesday, March 12th at 6:30pm

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 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 25th is our next popcorn day! Popcorn is \$1 a bag and will be available for sale in the multi-purpose room at recess.

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.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

FAMILY DAY IN RICHMOND



The city is offering 60+ low-cost and free family-friendly events and activities over the Family Day weekend (Feb 14-17). You can access more information about what is available here: <u>https://www.richmond.ca/culture/calendar/special-events/familyday.htm</u>



EXTENDED ABSENCES

DAY OFF

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.





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Mon, Mar 17 to Fri, Mar 28	Spring Vacation (no school)
Monday, March 31	Return to School
Tuesday, April 8	Popcorn Day
Friday, April 11	Spring Immunization
Friday, April 18	Good Friday (no school)
Monday, April 21	Easter Monday (no school)
Tuesday, April 22	Popcorn Day
Tuesday, May 6	Popcorn Day
Tuesday, May 13	Class Group Photo Day, Welcome Kindergarten event
Thursday, May 15	Grade 7 Welcome Day @MacNeill
Friday, May 16	Professional Development Day (no school)
Monday, May 19	Victoria Day (no school)
Tuesday, May 20	Popcorn Day
Tuesday, June 3	Popcorn Day
Tuesday, June 17	Popcorn Day
Friday, June 27	Last Day of School for Students

