

Timberwolf Times

Issue: #1

September 5th, 2025

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



Welcome back to a new school year at Talmey Elementary. We are so happy to be back at school together! We are looking forward to a happy year of learning together.

It has been such a delight to welcome our students back to school! This year, we welcomed just over 20 new students from as far away as China, Mexico and Poland. Within Canada we have students from Alberta, Ontario as well as several other provinces and cities within BC! Our school community has given our new students and families a warm welcome and we look forward to getting to know all of you this school year. An extra special thank-you to our PAC (Parent Advisory Council) for welcoming our new families with refreshments on the first day of school!

We are happy to welcome back our returning staff members and are delighted to be welcoming several new staff members.



A Big Welcome Back to School!

Our enrollment is stable. We have just over 350 students in 15 Divisions!

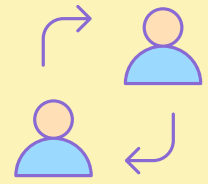
Our new modular build is now complete, and we are pleased to have six new classrooms. Our portable classrooms will be closed. We are also very excited to have a new playground! We expect this to be finished within a few weeks!

We are looking forward to continuing to support students in their learning and building community within our school.

We thank you for your patience and understanding this week as we worked through our September start-up.



STAFFING UPDATE



We are pleased to welcome the following new staff members to our team:



New to teaching positions at Talmey:

- *Mr. Cho (our new Grade 5/6 classroom teacher)
- *Ms. Monger (temp contract in Gr. 4/5 till end of October)
- *Ms. Gibb (Resource/ELL/LRT)
- *Ms. Burian (Resource/ELL/LRT & Prep)
- *Mr. Woods (our new BAND teacher)
- *Mr. Fong (our new school counsellor)



New Educational Assistants:

- * Ms. Weaver-Steves
- * Ms. Lorenzo
- * Ms. Manalac
- * Ms. Morin
- * Ms. Kao



Noon Hour Supervisors

- * Ms. Tam, Ms. Nagra and Ms. Zhang are joining us as our new NHSs

SCHOOL HOURS

Monday-Friday



Doors open to students : 8:40 a.m.



Start of Classes : 8:45 a.m.



Recess : 10:10 a.m. to 10: 25 a.m.



Start of Lunch : 11:50 a.m.



Start of Afternoon Classes: 12: 45 p.m.



School Dismissal: 2: 45 p.m.

STAFFING UPDATE

STAFF LIST

Principal: Ms. Hazon

Vice Principal: Ms. Jess

Sr. Administrative Assistant: Ms. Huang

Administrative: Ms. Chan (Tu/W) / Ms. Yang (Th/F)

Div	Staff		Grade	Room	
Div 1	Mr. Snyder		7	6	
Div 2	Ms. Feng		6/7	11118	
Div 3	Ms. Nanat		6/7	11116	
Div 4	Mr. Cho		5/6	11115	
Div 5	Ms. Long		4/5	11114	
Div 6	Ms. Gavsie (M-W)/ Ms. Italia (Th-F)		4/5	10	
Div 7	Ms. Singh		4/5	13	
Div 8	Ms. Black		2/3	11	
Div 9	Ms. Hau		2/3	5	
Div 10	Ms. Molnar (M-T)/ Ms. Silverson (W-F)		2/3	7	
Div 11	Ms. Zhou		1/2	3	
Div 12	Ms. Quan		1/2	14	
Div 13	Ms. Lal		1	2	
Div 14	Ms. Ng		K	12	
Div 15	Ms. Janzen		K	1	
Music/Band	Mr. Parker		-	Multipurpose Rm	
PE	Ms. Jess		-	Gym	
Librarian	Ms. Yang		-	Library	
ELL/LR/PREP	Ms. Burian (Mon/Tue/ Wed)				
ELL/LR	Ms. Choy		-	18	
ELL/LR	Ms. Lipman		-		
ELL/LR	Ms. Bach (Tue/Thurs)		-	8	
ELL/LR	Ms. Vu		-	9	
ELL/LR	Ms. Wu		-		
ELL/LR	Ms. Gibb		-		
ELL/LR	Ms. Bansal		-		
EA	Mr. Alblas	EA	Ms.Pour	EA	Ms. Lorenzo
EA	Ms. Chan	EA	Ms. Synelnyk	EA	Ms.Manalac
EA	Ms. Silva	EA	Ms.Watts	EA	Ms. Morin
EA	Ms. Reyes	EA	Ms. Wilson	EA	Ms. Kao
EA	Ms. Saguin	EA	Ms. Homenuk	EA	Ms. Jamal
EA	Ms.Sars	EA	Ms. Weaver-Steves	-	-
Counsellor	Mr. Fong	-		Rm 8	
SLP	Ms. Sholberg	-		Rm 9	
SWIS	Ms. Elshafi (F AM)	-			
NHS	Ms.Tam, Ms. Nagra, Ms. Zhang	-		-	



SCHOOL NEWS



STUDENT SAFETY STUDENT ABSENCE EARLY WARNING REMINDER

If your child will be away from school, please call the Early Warning Line at 604-668-6275 before 8:00 a.m. with the following message

My name is _____ I am calling to let you know that _____
(student's name) in Division will not be at school today.

****Please remember to include the reason for the absence.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

This week students worked in multi age groups to re-connect and create a kind community of learners. Our focus for the first few days of school has been on building community and reviewing our social responsibility expectations. Please see a few photo highlights below





Social responsibility at Talmey is an important part of learning. We follow the Talmey "STAR" Code of Conduct:

Safe
Thoughtful
Accepting
Responsible

STUDENT VERIFICATION PACKAGE AND SCHOOL FORMS

In the next few weeks, we will be sending home a package of forms that we please ask you to fill in. Each package will include student verification form, Use of personal information form, paying for school supplies and student agendas through the Cash Online program, and a Walking Field Trip Form, When you have completed filling in all these forms, please have your child return them to their classroom teacher.



STUDENT SUPPLIES

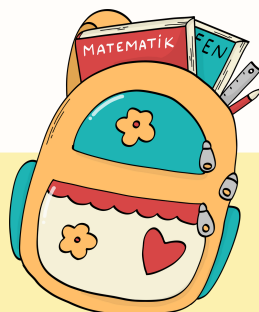
The Board of School Trustee shas approved the Schools SuppliesService Program for 2025-2026. The cost to each student is \$35.00. The School Board continues to offer this service as a cost saving support to families and as a way of standardizing basic supplies for classroom use. Exercise books, duo tangs, papers, pencils, pens, crayons, rulers, erasers, glue etc. are supplied in quantities appropriate to each grade level. In the coming weeks, we will be requesting payment for school supplies. All supplies are being provided.

PAY ONLINE: <https://richmondsd38.schoolcashonline.com/>

STUDENT AND FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND

This fund was 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.

We are requesting that families reach out to Ms. Hazon if you need financial 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.



STUDENT CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES



We acknowledge that many of our older students have personal cell phones. Please note, the district established a new policy last school year for personal digital devices. Please see below

Elementary Schools (K-7):

*Students should not have personal digital devices in their possession during the school day unless permission is granted by the supervising staff for educational purposes. This includes during recess and lunch or while outside on the playground or on school property.

*It is recommended that students do not bring personal digital devices to school

If students do have personal digital devices in their possession during the school day, it is expected that they will respect the learning environment within the school and classrooms and ensure that all phones are turned off from 8:40 am to 2:45 pm and they are placed securely in backpacks. If there is an emergency, or a student needs to call parents during the school day, the office staff will gladly assist them. With regards to all personal electronic devices, please note that if they are reported lost or stolen, the school cannot be held responsible. We thank you for your support in this area.



UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

“COMMUNITY WELCOME/MEET THE PARENTS” AFTER SCHOOL EVENT **Thursday, September 18th from 3:00 P.M. –4:00P.M.**

Please mark your calendars! On Thursday, September 18th from 3:00–4:00 p.m, parents are invited to come with their children to meet their teachers and visit the school. We will send out a reminder about this event closer to the date. Members of our PAC executive will be here to meet new families



TERRY FOX RUN

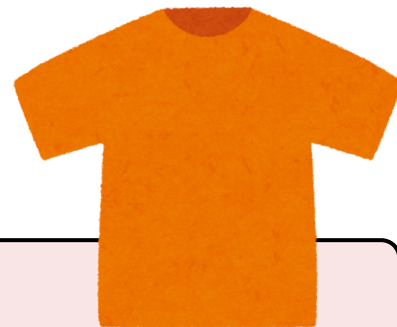
Our Terry Fox Run will also take place on Friday, September 19th. The time of the run is still being determined. We will be collecting donations and setting a fundraising goal very soon!



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Monday, September 22nd is a Professional Development Day for teachers. Students do not come to school on this day.

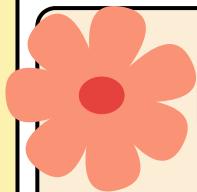
ORANGE SHIRT DAY



Monday, September 29th wear orange!

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day takes place on September 30th. This is a commemorative day that honours the children who survived residential schools and remembers those who did not. This day relates to the experience of Phyllis Webstad, who is Northern Secwepemc (Shuswap), residential school survivor from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem, First Nation. On her first day of school, Phyllis arrived dressed in a new orange shirt, which was taken from her. It is now a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom, and self-esteem, experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

We will be acknowledging Orange Shirt Day on Monday, September 29th and invite students to wear orange to school.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th (NO SCHOOL)

Federal Statutory Holiday on September 30th: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. "This is a key step in the reconciliation process. It provides an opportunity to recognize and commemorate the tragic history and ongoing legacy of residential schools and honours their survivors, their families and their communities."

(Government of Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-day-truth-reconciliation.html>)

TALMEY PAC NEWS



We thank our PAC for hosting their Sweet Start welcome event for our new families. It was lovely to meet our newest community members!

All parents are automatically members of the vibrant Talmey PAC - Parent Advisory Committee. The PAC meets once a month to plan supportive activities for the enrichment of the entire school population.

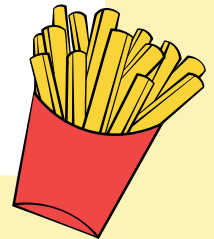
Please consider volunteering for one of the PAC activities and connecting with the school community. Together we are better in creating a positive learning experience for everyone in our community.

We hope you can join us for our first PAC meeting of the year coming up on **Monday, September 15th at 6:30 pm**. Further details to come closer to the date.

PAC contact: TalmeyPAC@gmail.com



Hot Lunch will start on Friday, September 26th!

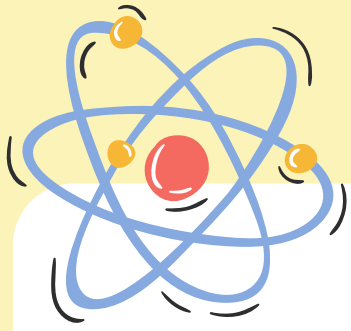


We thank our PAC for fundraising for Body Science Lesson in October !

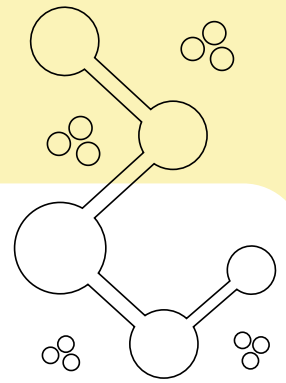
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BODY SCIENCE WORKSHOPS AT TALMEY



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Body Science Boot Camp for Parents

Parenthood never arrives with a rulebook, and when it comes to explaining the world of sexual health to your child, it can be hard not to end up a bright shade of red. Using humor and straight talk in an open, interactive environment, Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators will show you how easy it is to convey healthy, positive messages about sexual health to kids.

In this workshop parents will learn:

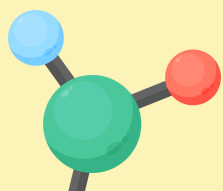
- Why we need to talk to children about sexual health at a young age
- How to reduce risk of child sexual abuse
- What children should know at each stage of development, with specific examples of how to explain concepts and processes using inclusive language
- How to become their kids' go-to source of sexual health information
- How to normalize open, honest sexual health conversations in their family
- How to effectively answer even the toughest questions kids ask
- What will be covered in Body Science workshops for students



*Student workshops are scheduled for Thursday & Friday Oct 9th & 10th-More info to come.

A parent information session will also be offered:

*The parent Zoom meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7th at 6:30 PM. The Zoom link will be shared with all parents closer to the date.



DISTRICT NEWS

RICHMOND
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

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Parent Communication

The district recently sent a letter to Talmey families about the new elementary school which will be ready next September. Please see below for more information.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Richmond School District is excited to be opening a new elementary school at 8671 Odlin Crescent in September 2026. This new school represents an important investment in our growing city centre community and reflects the district's long-term commitment to neighbourhood-based schools. It will provide students and families with enhanced opportunities for learning close to home while supporting enrolment growth in one of Richmond's fastest-growing areas.

To prepare for the school's opening, the district is conducting a city centre catchment review to:

- Establish a new catchment area for the Odlin School.
- Balance enrolment and address overcapacity at neighbouring schools.
- Promote responsible use of district facilities, resources and educational services.
- Endeavor to have students attending schools close to where they live.
- Provide families with clarity on where their children will attend school.

As a family living in the area, your child's current school catchment may be affected by these catchment changes, which could mean a change in the school your child attends. The district is approaching this process carefully and thoughtfully, with opportunities for families to learn more, ask questions and share their perspectives before any decisions are made. To help address common questions, a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document has been attached to this letter for your reference.

The district will be hosting a special virtual meeting for all Talmey families who may be impacted by the proposed catchment adjustments. This meeting will provide an overview of the process, timeline and next steps. It will offer an opportunity for families to ask questions and share feedback directly with district staff. The virtual meeting will be held on Thursday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m.

To attend the meeting, please visit: <https://sd38.zoom.us/j/64520144346> and use passcode: 6000. A recording will be emailed the following day to families who were unable to attend. A recording will be emailed the following day to families who were unable to attend.

These are important considerations, and we encourage you to participate in the consultation process to share your perspective. Your input will support district planning and help guide the board's decision. You can also provide feedback by completing the online survey, open until October 17, 2025, and by attending one of the upcoming public open houses. Full details, including a timeline of events, are available at <https://sd38.bc.ca/city-centre-catchment-review>.

Thank you for taking the time to be part of this important conversation.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Newsletters will be shared every second Friday. Please also check our school website.

Website address: talmey.sd38.bc.ca

**** Please make sure to add talmey@sd38.bc.ca to your contacts list, so that emails go to your inbox and not your junk mail!**

PLEASE NOTE: NEWSLETTERS WILL ALWAYS BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY BY EMAIL.

If you do not have access to a computer, let Ms. Hazon know and alternate arrangements can be made. Thank you!

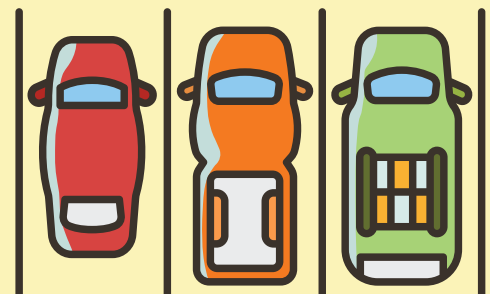
PARKING LOT SAFETY

Our parking lot can become quite congested at the end of the day. Please park on a side street and walk into the school for end of day pick up. This will help ease congestion in our lot.

*Please avoid double parking in our school lot.

**We may need to close our parking lot if safety concerns arise.

Thank you for your understanding!





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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026

Tuesday, September 2	Grades 1-7 students attend from 8:45 am-9:45 am
	New Kindergarten students attend from 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
Monday, September 22	Professional Development Day (no school)
Tuesday, September 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day (no school)
Monday, October 13	Thanksgiving Day (no school)
Wednesday, October 15	Individual Photo Day
Tuesday, October 21	Fall Immunization
Thursday, October 23	Early Dismissal @ 11:50 am- Learning Update #1/Conferences
Friday, October 24	Professional Development Day (no school)
Tuesday, November 11	Remembrance Day (no school)
Thursday, November 13	Photo Retake Day
Monday, December 1	Professional Development Day (no school)
Thursday, December 18	Learning Update #2 Written Updates get Published
Friday, December 19	Last day of School before Winter Break
Monday, Dec 22 to Fri, Jan 2	Winter Break (no school)
Monday, January 5	School Reopens after Winter Break
Friday, January 23	Professional Development Day (no school)
Thursday, February 12	Early Dismissal @ 11:50 am- Learning Update #3/Conferences
Friday, February 13	Professional Development Day (no school)
Monday, February 16	BC Family Day (no school)
Friday, March 13	Last day of School before Spring Break
March 16 - 27	Spring Break (no school)
Monday, March 30	School Reopens after Spring Break
Friday, April 3	Good Friday (no school)
Monday, April 6	Easter Monday (no school)
Thursday, April 23	Learning Update #4/ Written Updates get Published
Tuesday, April 28	Spring Immunization
Friday, May 15	Professional Development Day (no school)
Monday, May 18	Victoria Day (no school)
Thursday, June 25	Last Day of School for Students
Thursday, June 25	Learning Update #5/ Written Updates get Published
Friday, June 26	Admin Day

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