

# Tomsett Elementary

Tomsett is a school that C.A.R.E.S



## Lest We Forget

For many of us, it is a challenge to make a meaningful connection to our veterans, to war and to the magnitude of the sacrifice that others made for us. Although there are other places in the world that continue to experience the upheaval associated with conflict and war, as citizens in Canada, we are incredibly fortunate to live here. This Remembrance Day when we take time to remember and honour our troops, it is a good opportunity for us to take a moment to be thankful for the support we give each other, our community and our country. Let's hope that our children and others who follow will continue to live in peace.



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**REMEMBRANCE DAY  
ASSEMBLY**

Friday, November 8

10:50am

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**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Monday, November 11

No School

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**PRO-D DAY**

Friday, November 22

No School



## Remembrance Day Assembly - Friday November 8, 10:45am

On Friday, November 8th, we will be holding our Remembrance Day assembly. Remembrance Day is a time for all Canadians to take time to recognize the sacrifice that our soldiers made, and continue to make for us. We invite members of our school community to come and join us for our ceremony.



## Richmond City Centre Volleyball Tournament

Our school volleyball team will have the opportunity to participate in the Richmond City Centre Volleyball Tournament at MacNeill Secondary. The tournament will take place on Wednesday, November 13th. We hope that you will come and cheer on our team.

Thank you to Mr. Tham, Mr. Harris and Ms. Leung for coaching our team.

## Breakfast Club Starts This Month

Beginning on Wednesday November 6th, we will be opening our doors early (8:00am) to students who would like to come to school to play in the gym and have something to eat. We will offer breakfast club and early entry on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. Items available will vary from day-to-day and may include such things as cereal, milk, juice, fruit, toast, and oatmeal. Our breakfast club is open to all students. Children may come to just play in the gym as well - breakfast is available if they are hungry. We will not turn anyone away. Thank you to our various sponsors for their donations. Thank you also to our staff who are volunteering their time before work to offer this important program.



Students should enter the school using the side door near the gym.



## PAC Movie Night

Friday, November 8th, 5:30pm

On Friday, our PAC will be hosting their first Movie Night of the year. The movie is the new release of The Lion King. Doors open at 5:30pm. The movie begins at 6:00pm

Admission is \$2/person, \$10/family. Pizza, popcorn, and other snacks will be for sale at the Servery.

As this is a family event, parents are required to be in attendance with their children.

We hope to see you there!



## Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 3rd, 2:00am

A reminder that we turn our clocks back one hour this Sunday morning at 2:00am as Daylight Savings Time ends.

Did you know that it was Benjamin Franklin who came up with the idea of Daylight Savings Time in 1784! That's a long.....time.....ago.....Get it ? :)



## Thanks Polygon

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Polygon, a major developer of homes in our neighbourhood, for their \$5000 donation to help fund a new playground. It is greatly appreciated by our school community.



## **Students Walking to Class on Their Own**

This is a reminder that all of our students should be dropped off either in the **main entrance of the school** or outside of the main doors, and should walk to class on their own.

In an effort to maintain building security and to promote independence, we will be implementing this beginning on Monday, November 4th.

All parents and visitors should report to the school office during school hours. Lunches may still be dropped off in the main entrance.

At the end of the school day, parents / visitors should also wait in the main entrance or outside.

Lastly, for parents wanting to speak to teachers, we ask that you schedule an appointment. This can be done by phoning our office at 604-668-6448.



## Exiting Out Any Door

Beginning **Monday, November 4th**, we will be allowing students to exit out any of our doors in the school. We are doing this to reduce some of the congestion in the main entrance of the school at the end of the day. Students in Divisions 10, 11, and 12 will still be walked down to the main entrance. Other students may also exit this way - we are just providing them with the option to use a different door.

We will continue to see whether this, and other measures like not bringing strollers into the main entrance, having parents wait outside, and having a designated meeting location away from the entrance will help improve things.

Thank you for your cooperation - our goal of course is to maintain student safety while making it easier for parents.

## No More Parking In This Area



We share in your frustration with our parking lot. Given the location of our school (behind houses), the layout of the parking lot, and increased traffic, we are struggling to keep children safe while helping to get you on your way. Student safety is our **top priority**. To this end, we are going to ask that you be patient and courteous with one another while in the parking lots.

Beginning on **Monday, November 4th**, we will no longer be allowing cars to park along the sidewalk of the parking lot (see attached photo). This area will be marked with cones that will prohibit anyone from parking in this location. The buses that serve our before and after school care are finding it challenging to get out of the lot with cars parked in this location. Also, please do not park in any of the areas where there are yellow lines (eg. immediately in front of the school). With our enrollment set to increase by up to 100 more students in the next couple of years, we are going to have to explore other ways (other than driving) to get our students to and from school. To improve student safety and reduce your frustration, it would be good to start thinking about this now for your children and your family.

As a family, you might want to consider the following options:

1. Have your children walk to and from school. Many of you live quite close.
2. Carpool - have a different day of the week assigned to a different parent.
3. Pick a location close to the school (not on school property) where you can pick up and drop-off your children (eg. parking lot at the mosque next door).
4. Start a walking school bus - different parents volunteer to walk together from a designated spot at a designated time and return to the same spot (eg. walking school bus leaves corner of 4 Road and Cambie at 8:30am - and one parent walks the group to school).
5. Drop off before 8:30am and pick up after 2:50pm. Kids can wait out front of the school with other children under the covered area.

# STUDENT SAFETY



In an effort to continue to improve student safety, we will be chaining the gate at the back of our property closed (see above right). As we have very few students who use this gate at the beginning or end of the school day, we decided to chain it closed during the school year. We will unchain the gate at the beginning of the summer break to provide access to the path for the community. We are hopeful that not many of our neighbours use this gate during non-school hours and that any inconvenience will be minimal.



## Toonie Tuesday

Tuesday, November 18th

We will be having our first Toonie Tuesday fundraising drive in support of Canuck Place, Childrens' Hospice on the 18th. Canuck Place is a home where parents with sick children may come and stay while their children are in hospital. Last year, we donated \$1000 to Canuck Place, due to your generosity. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Left Over Halloween Candy?

As in years past, we are collecting any left-over or unwanted Halloween candy and are donating it to McMath Secondary. Their student leadership team has a program where they donate Halloween candy to the Good Shepard Ministry in Vancouver who then donate it to those in need. Candy will be collected between Monday, November 4 - Friday, November 8. It can be left in a bin in the main lobby.



# Winners of Our Halloween Colouring Contest

This year was had more than half the school submitting entries to our colouring contest. Thank you to all those who participated. The photos below are of the winners from each division. Congratulations!







# Some Student Artwork From Around Our School

