

Tomsett Elementary

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



Welcome Back to School

Welcome Back to Tomsett! We hope that you had a restful and relaxing summer holiday. Since we left at the end of June, we have added 41 new students to our school (all from our catchment). What does this mean - it means that we are completely full (no spaces available for new students K - 7). As we have children on our waiting list, it is **extremely** important that you adhere to all deadlines for attendance and complete the necessary paperwork when you are planning an extended holiday (more than 3 days). We anticipate that we will continue to be at capacity for the next few years.



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School Board
Trustee



Wendy Lim
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Superintendent of
Schools



Mike Murray
Principal

1
MEET THE TEACHER
Thursday, September 12
5:30pm - 7:00pm

2
TERRY FOX RUN
Friday, September 20
1:30pm

3
PRO-D DAY
Monday, September 23

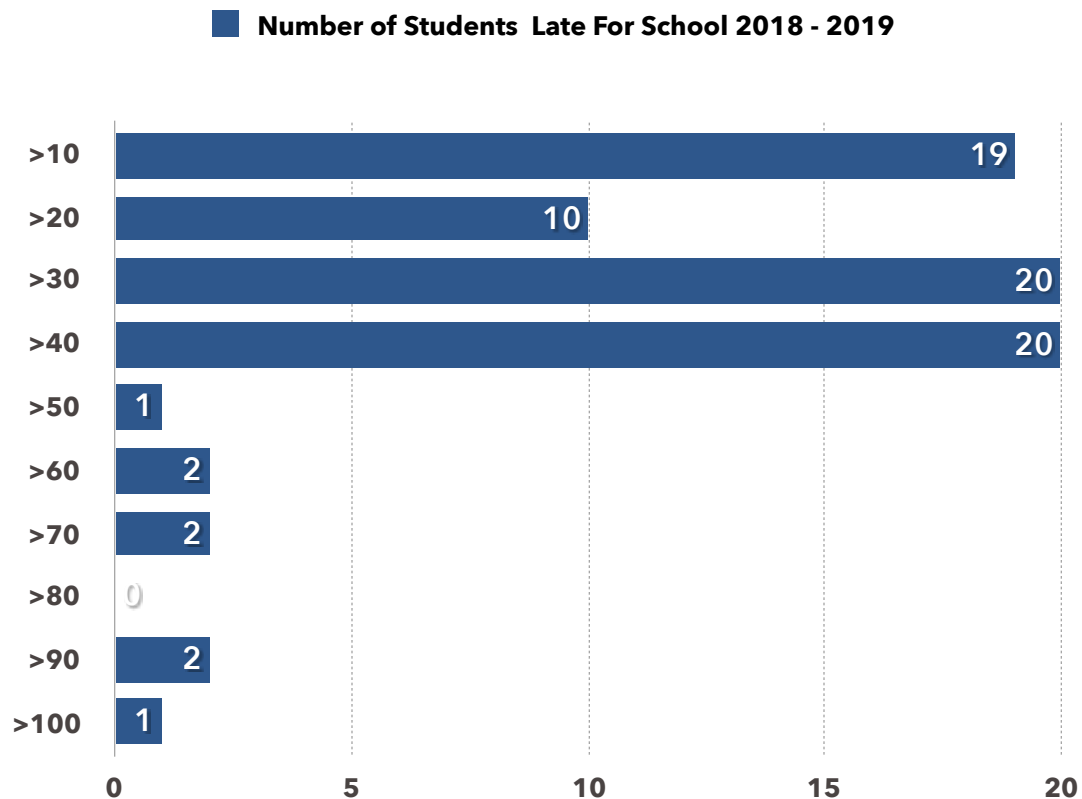
How BIG is Our "Being On Time For School Problem?"

Quite Big.

You may recall seeing this same article in the end of June newsletter. We want to be sure that all of our parents receive this information.

Despite gentle reminders in almost all of our newsletters last year, calls home, conversations, and letters sent home to parents, the number of students arriving at school late is a BIG PROBLEM that we need your help solving this year. Almost **43% of our school population has more than 10 lates in the school year**. A typical number in a school year is **9** (three per term). As you can see from the chart below, we have some students with more than 90 lates - 10X's what they should be. If you want to monitor your child's lates, this information is printed and attached to every students' report card, each term. If your child's number of times late from their June report card is in the numbers on the chart, we ask that you make the necessary changes at home and develop a morning routine.

We need all of your children to be at school on time.



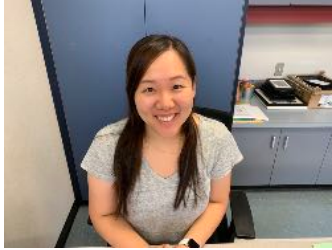
Welcome New Staff!



Ms. Yiana Loukas
Division 11 Teacher



Ms. Susanne Mohsenian
Educational Assistant



Ms. Serenade Bredefeld
Division 12 Teacher



Ms. Reagan Hansen
Educational Assistant



Mr. Justin Burns
ELL / LRT / Resource
Teacher



Mr. Paul Wright
Educational Assistant



Ms. Alissa Musil
Division 10 Teacher



Mrs. Babinder Sangha
Division 12 Teacher

Our Gardening Program

Our Gardening Program is continuing this year for a new group of students. As our students have waited patiently to see / eat the final product, we ask that our parents / neighbours not pick / consume vegetables from our garden.



Meet The Teacher BBQ - Thursday, September 12, 5:30 - 7:00pm



Our Meet The Teacher BBQ will take place this Thursday, September 12th, from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. Thank you to our PAC for helping to sponsor this event and to M&M's for cooking. Hot dogs, hamburgers, or veggie burgers, and a juice, will be available for free for all those who returned their order form. Our PAC will also be selling some additional items. In the event of rain, we will host families in our gym.



Changes to Our Hot Lunch Program

After much deliberation, we have decided **not** to run a hot lunch program this year. Looking at the needs of our students, we believe that our current program, while helping to assist parents, is missing our target audience - **students who come to school hungry**. As such, we will be setting up a breakfast program, where students will be able to come to school, socialize with other students and get something to eat. There will be more information to follow as we get the program up and running.

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breakfast
program

Parents may still prepare hot lunches for students and leave them on the cart in the main entrance - make sure you label your child's lunch. Better yet, have your children help make their lunches.

A reminder to everyone that services like Skip The Dishes, DoorDash, etc and other restaurant delivery **cannot** be used to provide hot lunches for students.

Thanks To Our Maintenance Department - Playground

During the summer, our Maintenance Department installed a new border to enclose our playground and put in new bark mulch to keep the playground safer and dryer for our students. Thanks to the District for the financial contribution to our school community and to the team who helped by doing the work.



BEFORE



AFTER

Parking Lot Information / Reminders



The picture to the left is our **“Drop Off Zone”** for students. As it is for Drop Off, parents should **not** be parking in the lane closest to the curb in the morning (this includes the time before 8:30am). Parents should also remain in their cars. We encourage parents to have children sit in the backseat, **behind the passenger**, so that they may exit the car on their own, and step right onto the curb. **ALL** of our students are old enough and capable enough to carry their own backpacks, band instruments, etc. Children can wait outside the front of the school before 8:30am. If it is raining, we encourage them to use an umbrella.

Parents are asked to wait in the car line-up for the traffic to move forward. **Do not drop students off in the left-hand lane**, as they may be struck by a car that is moving in the right-hand lane. You do not want to put your child, or someone else’s child in



Accessible Parking

Even if you have one of these hanging on your mirror, it does not mean you can park here. Unless you have a disability / mobility issue, or are dropping off a child with one, you are not permitted to park here. While I know it is convenient, we have parents with children who legitimately need to park here. Thanks for your cooperation.

Terry Fox Run - Friday, September 20, 1:30pm.

We will be holding our Terry Fox Run on the afternoon of Friday, September 20th. Terry Fox is one of Canada's greatest heroes - running across Canada to promote awareness of, and generate money for, cancer research. Although Terry fell short of his running goal, as Canadians we pick up where he left off, showing our support through running / walking and making donations to his cause. We will be sending home envelopes, asking for donations to help carry on this important work. If you would like to join us on September 20th, please do.



PAC Meeting - Thursday, September 19, 6:30pm

Our first PAC meeting of the 2019 - 2020 school year will take place on Thursday, September 19th at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held in our library. Child-minding is available. Translation is possible, as many of our parents have more than one language. We hope you will attend.

Reminders About Social Responsibility

Some advice from our senior students about expectations at school.

