



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tomsett Elementary

September 22nd-26th

Monday, Sept. 22nd

Pro-D Day

no school for
students



Tuesday, Sept 23rd

Photo Day

Individual Photo
Day



Wednesday, Sept. 24th

Thursday, Sept. 25th

Friday, Sept. 26th

Hello families,

It was wonderful to meet many of you this week, both virtually on our first PAC meeting of the year and in person at our “Meet My School” event on Thursday.

Please note that Monday, September 22nd is our first Pro-D Day of the year. The staff will be spending the day learning, but there is **no school for students on this day**.

We have exciting news to share that our new Modular building has passed the inspection for occupancy and classes will be able to move in on Tuesday! We ask that the moving classrooms (Div. 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15) please start their day in their usual rooms and students will move with their teachers during the day. We will send communication home on Tuesday to families of where to pick up students.

When students return on Tuesday, it will be **Photo Day**. These will be individual photos. Class photos are scheduled for later in the year.

Student verification forms and packages went home last week. Please complete the forms and return to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

Shanah Tovah! To our Jewish students, staff, and families, we wish you a sweet and meaningful Rosh Hashanah as you welcome the Jewish New Year 5786. May this time of renewal be filled with hope, joy, and connection.



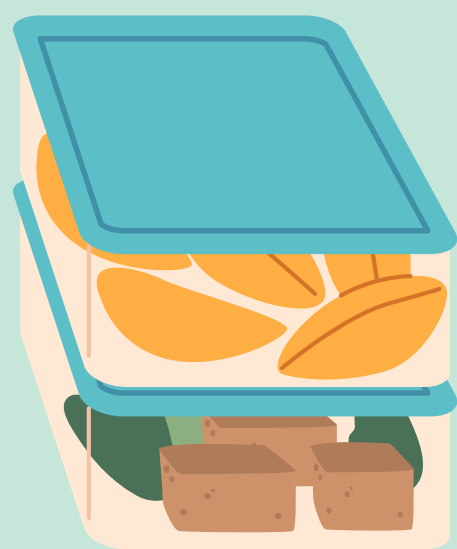
As always, do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

Ms. Wallace and Mrs. Anderson

Litter-less Snacks and Lunches

We encourage families to pack snacks and lunches in reusable containers whenever possible. Choosing litter-less options helps reduce waste, keeps our school grounds clean, and supports our commitment to caring for the environment. Thank you for helping our students learn the value of sustainability in everyday choices!



Upcoming Dates

September

30 Truth and Reconciliation Day (no school)

October

13 Thanksgiving (no school)

22 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm)

23 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm)

24 Pro-D Day (no school for students)

28 Photo Retake Day

November

10 Remembrance Day Assembly

11 Remembrance Day (no school for students)

19 PAC Meeting

Terry Fox Run

Thank you!

We want to say a big thank you to Ms. Quinn for her organization with our Terry Fox Run. We also want to thank students and families as we were able to beat our goal of \$1500 early in the week. With donations and raffle ticket sales, we raised a **total of \$2580**. Thank you for your support!

Our top fundraisers were Division 19 for primary and Division 4 for intermediate. Also, congratulations to Julian in Div. 14 for winning the t-shirt raffle!

The students did a wonderful job running this afternoon!



Student and Family Affordability Fund

The provincial government funds the Student and Family Affordability Fund. This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in the following areas:

- School and course fees
- School supplies and course materials
- Field trips
- School-related extracurricular opportunities
- Clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities

Please reach out to Kirsten Wallace

kwallace@sd38.bc.ca if you are in need of

assistance. 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 in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.



Reminders



Please report any absences, lates, early dismissals, etc. to our

**Early Warning Line at
(604) 668-6448 (option 1)**

Let us know your child's name, division, why they are away and for how long.

If your child(red) will be arriving late, please make sure to sign in at the office.

THANK
you



Parking Lot Safety Reminders



-Parents, please **DO NOT PARK in the staff parking lot** or in the DROP OFF/NO PARKING ZONES as we need these spots for staff

-Please **DO NOT drop off students on Odlin Road**

-Please **DO NOT leave your vehicle** unattended in the drop off/pick up zone

-Please **WALK, BIKE, SCOOT** to school to avoid vehicle congestion in the morning and after school

Thank you for doing your part to keep our school safe!

Dress for the Weather

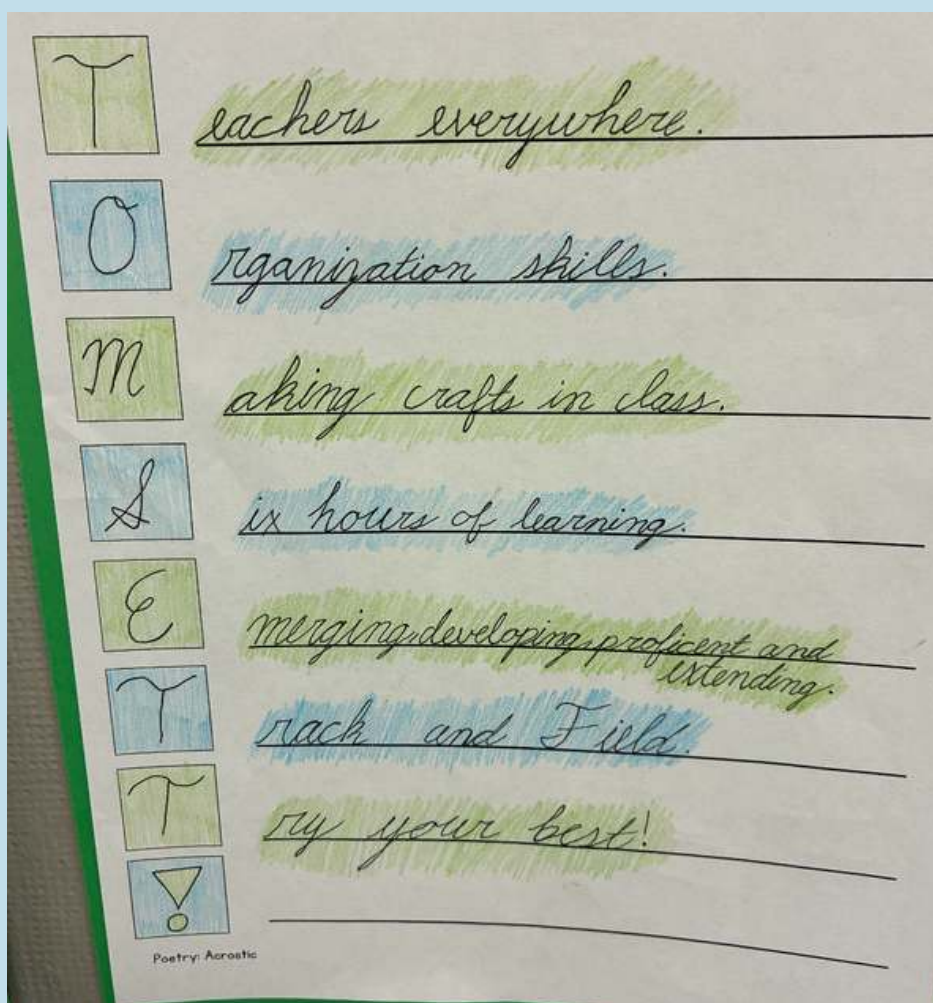
Please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather. This may include lots of layers at this time of the year. We will be outside for recess rain or shine!



Tomsett Spirit Wear

Our Spirit Wear store is open - please order through this link. The store closes on October 1st, and it takes about three weeks for orders to be processed, picked up, and delivered to students.

[Click here to order](#)



Around
the
School



Dates of Significance

September 21-27th Gender Equality Week - An opportunity to raise awareness of the important contributions women and gender diverse communities have made to the growth, development, character and identity of Canada

September 22-24th Rosh Hashana - A two day celebration of the Jewish New Year that begins on the evening of September 15th and ends at sundown on September 17th. These dates change annually.

September 22-October 1st Navaratri - A festival that spans over nine nights and ten days and is celebrated every year in the autumn season.

*Please click the links to learn more.



PAC Corner



Hot Lunch

Exciting news...orders for Hot Lunch are now open! If you missed the cut off for the first hot lunch, not to worry! You can still order for the other Hot Lunch dates. The cutoff dates will be 8 days before the Hot Lunch date.

Orders are placed through Munch a Lunch which can be accessed from our school website or [this link](#).



PAC Meetings

Thank you to everyone that joined our first PAC meeting this week. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 19th @ 6:30pm.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to the PAC and their yummy treats at the Meet My School Evening!



District Updates

City Centre Catchment Review-Public Engagement Now Underway

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 reviewing nearby school catchments. This review will help determine the catchment area for the new school and determine the adjustments that are needed to neighbouring catchments in order to balance enrolment now and into the future.

Public consultation is now underway and includes an online survey and a series of open houses to gather feedback on two proposed scenarios for the new catchment area. Feedback gathered through this process will help inform the board's final decision, expected in November 2025.

Participation Opportunities:

- Complete the online survey by October 27, 2025:
 - [English Survey](#) | [Chinese Survey](#)
- Attend an open house - see details beside

More information can be found on the District Website [HERE](#)

Timeline (Key Dates)

Date	Milestone
September 2025	Boundary review process launched
September 3 – October 27, 2025	Public feedback period
November 2025	Review of public input
November 2025	Board decision