



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tomsett Elementary

October 27-31st

Monday, Oct. 27th

Tuesday, Oct. 28th

Photo Retake Day

Cross Country Run

Practice @ Lunch

Grades 1-7

Volleyball Practice @

Lunch (Grade 6/7)

Wednesday, Oct. 29th

Hold and Secure Drill

Cross Country Run @

Garry Point

after school



Thursday, Oct. 30th

Volleyball Practice @

Lunch Grade 6/7

Friday, Oct. 31st

Halloween



Hello families,

Thank you for meeting with your child's teachers this week during Parent-Teacher Conferences. This is an important step in supporting your child's learning.

Here are some reminders for the upcoming week:

- **Photo Retake Day** is Tuesday, October 28th. If your child needs a retake or was away on the original day, please complete the attached form and bring to school on Tuesday. This form was emailed earlier this week.
- We will have our first **Hold and Secure drill** on Wednesday as part of our regular safety procedures. During a Hold and Secure, all exterior doors are locked and no one enters or leaves the building, while regular learning continues inside. These drills help ensure that students and staff know what to do in the unlikely event of a situation occurring outside of the school. We appreciate everyone's calm participation and cooperation in helping keep our community safe.
- The **Cross Country Fun Run** is taking place at Garry Point on Wednesday, October 29th after school. This event is for students that have been attending our cross country run club on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Ms. Musil and Ms. Chan and permission forms have been completed.
- **Halloween** is on Friday. Students are welcome to wear their costumes, but please do not send weapons or masks to school. Please remind students about taking costumes off at recess/lunch so that they do not get wrecked. Please read the important message below about "Getting REDI for Halloween."
- This year, we will be having two **Remembrance Day Assemblies**. Even divisions will start at 9:15am and odd divisions at 10:30am. Families are welcome to come.
- **Playground construction** has begun! It should take another week and a half to be finished.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Ms. Wallace and Mrs. Anderson



Reminder

Please remember to check in at the office if you are dropping off your child late or picking them up early.

If you are volunteering in our school, first and foremost...THANK YOU! Second, please make sure to sign-in at the office and get a visitor badge.



Upcoming Dates

November

10 Remembrance Day Assemblies (EVEN divisions @ 9:15am, ODD divisions @ 10:30am)

11 Remembrance Day (no school for students)

19 PAC Meeting

December

1 Pro-D

9 Evacuation Drill

18 Term 1 Learning Updates Posted

19 Last day of classes before Winter Break

FamilySmart Parent Sessions

Please see the following information about upcoming IN-PERSON parenting sessions at Brighthouse Library. (100-7700 Minoru Gate) hosted by FamilySmart. Please click on the links to register.

Emotion Regulation

November 4 @ 10:00 am – 11:30 am

<https://familysmart.ca/event/emotion-regulation-17/>

Connecting with our Kids when Anxiety Leads to social isolation

November 18 @ 10:00 am – 11:30 am PST

<https://familysmart.ca/event/connecting-with-our-kids-when-anxiety-leads-to-social-isolation-5/>



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!



Get REDI for Halloween

For those who celebrate it, Halloween should and needs to be fun! And it can be fun for ALL and not at the expense of equity-deserving groups. It's good to keep in mind that the following are NOT Costumes:

- RACE (black face/brown face)
- ETHNICITY AND CULTURE (Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks)
- RELIGIOUS FAITH (religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab/turban/kipphah)
- GENDER (gender switching for humour or to mock)
- TRAUMA (hangman's noose/weapons)



For further reading and learning, these articles offer some perspective on how groups have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other “dress up” events.

[5 Tips for Teaching Your Kids About Cultural Appropriation This Halloween](#)
[Teach About Blackface and Other Racist Halloween Choices](#)

Dates of Significance

October is

German Heritage Month - A time to recognize the contributions German Canadians have had and how their heritage has shaped Canada's current social and economic fabric.

Canadian Islamic History Month - A time when all Canadians can learn more about the culture, contributions, and achievements of the Muslim community.

Community Inclusion Month - This month celebrates the valuable contributions that people with developmental disabilities make and recognizes the importance of communities where everyone is included.

Latin American Heritage Month - A time to showcase the richness and vitality of the Latin American cultures and heritage while reflecting on the contributions the Latin community have made to Canadian culture.

Women's History Month - In 1992, the Government of Canada designated October as Women's History Month, marking the beginning of an annual month-long celebration of the outstanding achievements of women throughout Canada's history.

National Disability Employment Month - An awareness month to promote employment inclusions for persons with disabilities and to celebrate the many and varied contributions of workers with disabilities.

October 31 - Halloween: Halloween originates from the eve of All Saints' Day (Roman Catholic/Christian), and the celebration has influences from Celtic paganism as well as Christian beliefs and practices. It has since become a cultural celebration observed in many countries. Articles such as this one and this one shine a light on cultural appropriation and Halloween.

*Please click the links to learn more.

From the Library

Tomsett Story Book Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Paint, glue, or glitter your pumpkins to
turn them into a something amazing!



Drop off your pumpkins to the library
after October 27th.



All pumpkins need to be picked up on October 31st.

PAC Corner

Hot Lunch

Make sure to order your hot lunch! 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

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 19th @ 6:30pm.



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 Ditrict 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



Early Learning for Families Events

Do you have a 0–5 year old child?

The Richmond School District welcomes your family to our Early Learning for Families (ELFF) events. Join us for fun and engaging learning experiences while meeting new friends and building home to school connections. It's also a great opportunity to ask your Early Learning questions to district staff.

Event Date & Time	Theme	Elementary School	Address	Special Guest
November 27, 2025 9:15 - 11:00 am	Early Learning for Families	Mitchell Elementary	3800 No. 5 Road Richmond BC	Ira Pettie
January 20, 2026 9:15am - 11:00 am	Early Learning for Families	Whiteside Elementary	9282 Williams Road, Richmond BC	Penny Pom Pom & Fae the Garden Fairy
March 5, 2026 1:15 - 3:00 pm	Early Learning for Families	Thompson Elementary	6211 Forsyth Crescent, Richmond BC	Will's Jams
May 20, 2026 12:45 - 2:30 pm	Outdoor Event: Indigenous Storytelling	Anderson Elementary	9640 Alberta Road, Richmond BC	Kung Jaydee

Special Guests



Ira Pettie
Performing Artist &
Entertainer



**Penny Pom Pom & Fae
the Garden Fairy**
Musicians



Will's Jams
Musicians



Kung Jaydee
Indigenous Storyteller



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