



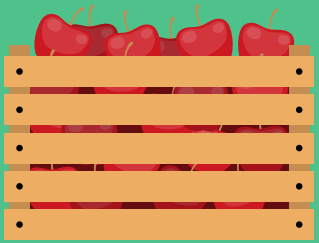
WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tomsett Elementary

October 6-10th

Monday, Oct. 6th

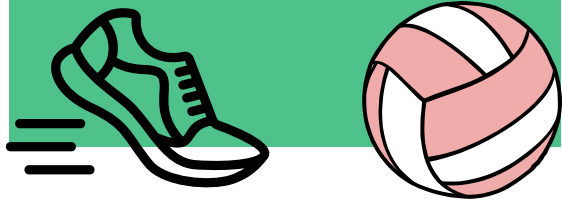
Order deadline for PAC
Apple Box Fundraiser!



Tuesday, Oct. 7th

Cross Country Run
Practice @ Lunch
Grades 1-7

**Volleyball Practice @
Lunch (Grade 6/7)**



Wednesday, Oct. 8th

Thursday, Oct. 9th

Cross Country Run
Practice @ Lunch
Grades 1-7



Friday, Oct. 10th

Volleyball Practice @
Lunch (Grade 6/7)



Hello families,

We hope you had a lovely week. We had our first **Evacuation Drill** of the year on Wednesday. Students did a great job evacuating the building quickly and quietly and meeting with their class on the basketball courts. We practice these drills so that we know what to do in the case of a real emergency. If you or your child has any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

On Monday, we wore orange to honour **National Truth and Reconciliation Day**. Ms. Parvez also had many invitations in the Library all week to honour and celebrate different aspects of Indigenous culture. We commit to continuing to learn all year long. Please do not forget about the invitation below that was shared last week.

Cross Country Run practices have started with Ms. Musil and Ms. Chan and will continue next week. The **District Cross Country Fun Run** will be on October 29th at Garry Point Park. Permission forms will be sent home next week. **Volleyball practices** for Grades 6 and 7 students have also begun on Tuesday and Friday at lunch with Ms. Ewart and Ms. Nistor.

Reminder, that Monday is the deadline for the **PAC Apple Box Fundraiser**. Please see the attached poster for more information!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,
Ms. Wallace and Mrs. Anderson



October 5th is World Teacher's Day

We want to express our gratitude to all of the educators at Tomsett that support our students in big and little ways every day!



Upcoming Dates

October

- 13 Thanksgiving (no school)
- 22 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm)
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- 24 Pro-D Day (no school for students)
- 28 Photo Retake Day
- 29 District Cross Country Fun Run

November

- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly
- 11 Remembrance Day (no school for students)
- 19 PAC Meeting

Reminder

A Note from Ms. Parvez

Dear Families,

As part of our ongoing commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, we invite you to participate in a meaningful journey using *52 Ways to Reconcile* by David A. Robertson. This powerful resource offers weekly suggestions that help deepen understanding, foster empathy, and build respectful relationships with Indigenous peoples and communities.

We encourage you to choose one or more of the suggested actions from the book and engage with them as a family. Whether it's reading a story, attending a local event, learning about Indigenous history, or reflecting on personal experiences—every step counts. To help you get started, we will suggest a few activities each week.

#40: Wear an Orange Shirt on Orange Shirt Day

#2: Start an Indigenous Book Club (or read a book from our Indigenous Peoples Collection).

#17: Support an Indigenous Business (Need an orange shirt? Buy from an Indigenous business!)

Once you've completed an activity, please feel free to document your experience by taking a picture and emailing it to sparvez@sd38.bc.ca. We will proudly display your contributions at school to celebrate our collective efforts toward reconciliation. Thank you for joining us in this important work. Together, we can make a difference.

Warm regards,
Salima Parvez

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.

Beyond Behaviours: When Is It More? What It Looks Like Ages 4 – 8

October 7 @ 10:00 am – 11:30 am

<https://familysmart.ca/event/beyond-behaviours-when-is-it-more-what-it-looks-like-at-ages-4-8-4/>

ADHD: The Real Deal

October 21 @ 10:00 am – 11:30 am

<https://familysmart.ca/event/adhd-the-real-deal-25/>

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!



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 6-13th – Sukkot This period, also known as the Feast of Tabernacles, lasts for about 7 days.

October 10th – World Mental Health Day A day that promotes mental health awareness and education, and advocates against social stigma relating to mental health.

*Please click the links to learn more.

PAC Corner

Hot Lunch

Make sure to order your hot lunch! The cutoff dates will be 8 days before the Hot Lunch date.

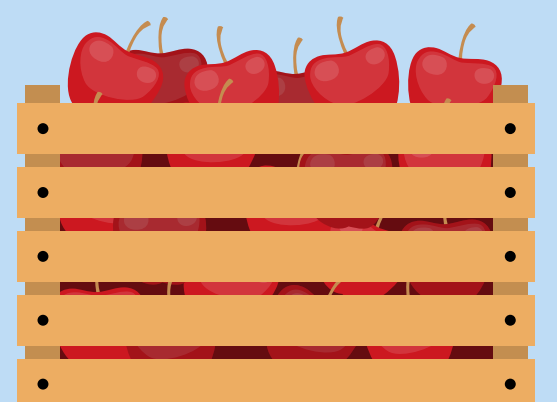
Orders are placed through Munch a Lunch which can be accessed from our school website or [this link](#).

PAC Meetings

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

Apple Box Fundraiser

Please see the attached poster for the Apple Box Fundraiser. Monday, October 6th is the order deadline. Apple boxes will be available for pick up on Friday, October 17th.



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 Ditrect 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



Orange Shirt Day in Div. 7



Outdoor Learning in Div. 9



“Saving Sam” Creative Thinking Challenge in Div. 11

