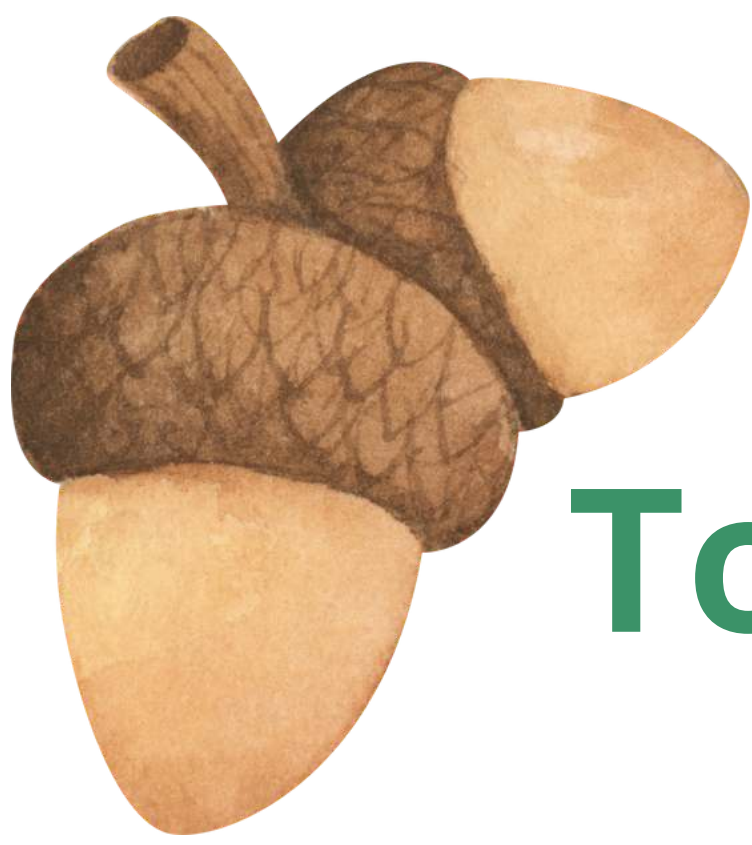




WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tomsett Elementary

November 17th-21st

Monday, Nov. 17th

Photo Retakes #2

Tuesday, Nov. 18th

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

Volleyball Game @
Talmey

Wednesday, Nov. 19th

**Volleyball Jamboree @
MacNeill 3-6pm
(Grade 6/7 Volleyball
Team)**

PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm

Thursday, Nov. 20th

**Safer Space
Presentation
Grade 6/7s**

Friday, Nov. 21st

Hello families,

We hope you had a lovely week. We are excited for our **Grade 6/7 volleyball** team to attend the **MacNeill Jamboree next Wednesday**. We also have a **PAC meeting next Wednesday at 6:30pm**. Please see the meeting invite in the PAC section below. We have scheduled a second photo retake day for Monday if your child missed the first one. Please complete the attached form and send to school with your child. Safer Schools is presenting to our grade 6 and 7 students on Thursday.

The rains have come; please send your child to school with a waterproof coat with a hood and waterproof shoes or boots. Vessi work well. We go outside at recess and again at lunch, and to ensure students stay dry, they must have proper outside clothing that keeps the rain out. Umbrellas are not recommended, as children cannot run and play while holding one. We love all the muddy buddies we see and the great boots. Please insist that your child has a coat when they come to school.

Hopefully, you received the email from Ms. Wallace on Monday, but we would like to remind all parents and guardians about expectations for **student pick-up and supervision after school**.

All students must be picked up by a responsible parent or guardian at dismissal time, especially those in Kindergarten to Grade 3. Older students who have permission to walk home should be on their way by 3:00 p.m.

We have noticed that several students are staying on the playground after school without adult supervision. Please note that school supervision ends at 3:00 p.m., and responsibility for student safety transfers to parents at that time. Students should not be left on their own on the playground past 3:00 p.m.

Over the past few weeks, we have observed that some students require support to regulate their emotions and make safe choices after school. This is support that parents and guardians are best positioned to provide once the school day ends. We appreciate your help in keeping all students safe and supported.

Last, we are excited to share, we will have a **Winter Concert** on Dec. 4th after lunch where Div. 1-6 and 18 will be sharing what they have been working on with Ms. Quan. Families are welcome.

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

19 PAC Meeting

19 Volleyball Tournament @ MacNeill

20 Safer Space Gr. 6/7

December

1 Pro-D

4 Winter Music Concert Div. 1-6 and 18

(afternoon)

9 Evacuation Drill

18 Term 1 Learning Updates Posted

19 Last day of classes before Winter Break



Parent Education Session: Kindergarten District Program Options

(Early French Immersion and Montessori)

The Richmond School District provides two district program options for students entering Kindergarten. We invite families with children registering for the 2026-2027 school year to join district staff to learn more about Early French Immersion and Montessori programs.

Topics will include:

- Early French Immersion (EFI) Program
- Montessori Program
- Registration Information
- Important Dates to Note
- Frequently Asked Questions

Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

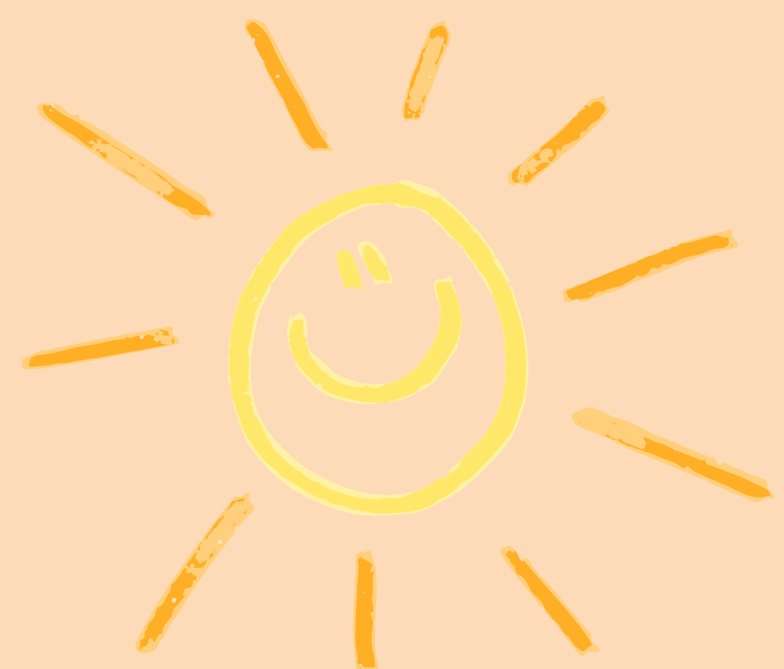
Location: Virtual on Microsoft Teams

Hosts: Gordon Fitt, Catherine Jule, Kristine Canas and Karen Leung

Meeting Link: Code and QR code on Flyer

Please see the flyer below:

Kindergarten DPO Parent Education Session 2025



Parent Education Session: Late French Immersion Webinar

The Richmond School District offers the Late French Immersion program beginning in Grade 6 at James Whiteside and John Diefenbaker Elementary Schools. We invite families of current Grade 5 students to join us for a virtual meeting about this program. We will be hosting this **Webinar on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025 at 6pm.**

This information session will include the following topics:

- Program Overview
- Student Experiences
- Registration Process
- Frequently Asked Questions



Please see attached flyer for more details and share this opportunity with your school community.

DPO LFI Parent Education Session 2025

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!

The rains have come.....

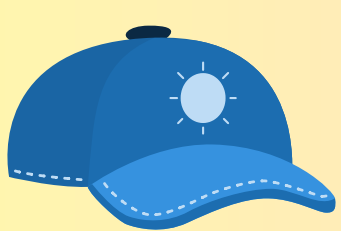
Parents please ensure your child is dress for raining weather, we go outside at recess and at lunch.

Wear boots.

Wear a coat with a hood.

Send extra socks and shoes to school.

Umbrellas are not reccomended as children can't run and play while holding an umbrella.



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](#).

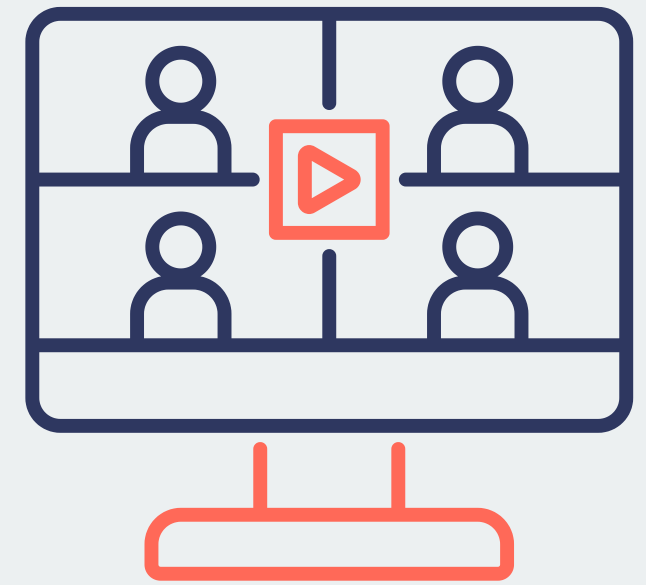
PAC Meetings

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 19th @ 6:30pm. Please see the Teams Invite below:

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 216 837 682 157 29

Passcode: Te2ph2Nk



November is:

Dates of Significance

Adoption Awareness Month: November is Adoption Awareness Month in British Columbia and celebrates the loving families created when people open their hearts and commit to sharing their lives with a vulnerable child or youth.

Lebanese Heritage Month: Lebanese Heritage Month was officially designated by the Parliament of Canada in 2023 as a time to recognize and honour the contributions of Lebanese Canadians.

November 16: International Day for Tolerance - A day to recognize that people are diverse and only tolerance can ensure the survival of mixed communities in every region of the globe.

November 16: Louis Riel Day - A day that recognizes the anniversary of Riel's execution in 1885. This day is an opportunity to learn more about the life and importance of Louis Riel, leader of the Métis.

November 17-21: Multiculturalism Week - A time to celebrate the contributions of our multicultural communities and to appreciate the way diversity enriches British Columbia.

November 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance - An annual observance that honours the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.

November 20: National Child Day - Celebrated in Canada in recognition of our country's commitment to upholding the rights of children and two historic events: the 1959 signing of the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child and the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989.

Safer Space Information

Sheet

About Safer Space

Safer Space is an interactive workshop designed for children and youth to better understand how to stay safe when using apps, social media, and gaming platforms. Through engaging activities and real-life scenarios, we walk through online exploitation in a familiar and accessible way for our participants.

About Children of the Street

Since 1995, Children of the Street has worked to prevent the sexual exploitation and human trafficking of children and youth in British Columbia. Our main way of achieving this goal is through our school-based educational presentations. Every year, we provide over 500 workshops to more than 25,000 young people across BC.

Why is this important?

- The Canadian Centre for Child Protection (C3P) is processing **more than 100,000 reports** of online child sexual exploitation every month.
- Cybertip received close to **4,000 reports of sexually explicit deepfake images** and videos of youth in just one year.
- 1 in 4 parents reported coming across **inappropriate online behaviour aimed at their child** according to Public Safety Canada.
- The UN found that at any given time **750,000 individuals are estimated to be looking to connect with a child online** for sexual purposes.

Education is key to preventing child sexual exploitation. Our prevention-based workshops provide children, youth, and parents with knowledge and practical tools to help keep kids safe from sexual exploitation, off and online. **90%** of workshop participants say that the presentation taught them how to stay safe online, and **91%** indicate that they learned how to get help if they, or a friend, need it.

What your child will learn:

- What online **exploitation** is and how to prevent it
- How to recognize the **red flags** of luring and grooming
- Online permanency and the **consequences of sharing** private information online
- Practical tips for **staying safe** online
- Trusted adults and **ways to reach out** for help