



WEEK AT A GLANCE
Tomsett Elementary
January 5-9th

Monday, Jan. 5th	Tuesday, Jan. 6th	Wednesday, Jan. 7th	Thursday, Jan. 8 th	Friday, Jan. 9 th
Welcome Back!				

Hello Families,

It was a busy and joyful week at Tomsett! Our primary students had a wonderful time at the Toy Swap earlier this week—thank you to Mr. Tham for organizing such a fun event. Many of the primary team also took part in a special Story Workshop in the Library as it was transformed into a magical river. A big thank you as well to our PAC for hosting Winter Skate Night. It was a fantastic turnout, and it was so nice to see so many families come together to celebrate the season.

Learning Updates were posted yesterday. Please ensure you are able to access your MyEd account to view them. If you are unable to log in, please email MyEdParentPortalesd38.bc.ca for support.

Please also see below our Grade 7 Grad Fundraiser-Bottle Drive below!

We hope you enjoy a restful and wonderful two-week break. School will reopen on Monday, January 5th. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our Tomsett community—we are truly grateful.

Merry Christmas to all who are celebrating! We send heartfelt wishes for a day of joy, hope, and connection. May this season bring warmth to your homes and remind us of the values of generosity, compassion, and peace.

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

December

Winter Break: December 20-January 4

January

13 Evacuation Drill

26 Pro-D

19-28 K Pop Lessons

28 K Pop Performance (Afternoon)

30 Hold and Secure Drill



Dates of Significance

DECEMBER

December 14-22: Hannukah - Hannukah, or the Festival of Rededication, celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after its defilement by the Syrian Greeks in 164 BCE. The eight-day festival has become a beloved and joyous holiday. It is also known as the Festival of Lights and usually takes place in December, at the time of year when the days are shortest in the northern hemisphere.

December 21: Winter Solstice (Northern Hemisphere) - The shortest period of daylight and the longest night of the year. This date is celebrated by, and has significance to, multiple cultures and religions.

December 24-January 7: Quviasukvik - Inuit winter feast and festival observed by the Inuit, Yupik, Aleut, Chukchi, Iñupiat, and NunatuKavut. Celebrates the coming year and placates the roaming spirits for good luck in the year to come.

December 24: Christmas Eve - The evening or entire day before Christmas Day, the festival commemorating the birth of Jesus.

December 25: Christmas Day - A Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus. Since the early 20th century, Christmas has also been observed as a cultural and secular holiday by Christians and non-Christians.

JANUARY

January 1: Ochetookeskaw - Also known as Kissing day or Handshaking Day. A Métis day of celebration derived from the custom of visiting everyone in the community and bringing in the New Year with the shaking of hands and kissing.

January 1: New Year's Day - The first day of the year according to the Gregorian Calendar. Most New Year's festivities begin on December 31 (New Year's Eve), the last day of the Gregorian calendar, and continue into the early hours of January 1. Common traditions include attending parties, eating special New Year's foods, making resolutions for the new year and watching fireworks displays.

January 4: World Braille Day - A day to celebrate Braille and what it means for the human rights of people who are blind or partially sighted.

January 5: Guru Gobindh Singh Jayanti/Prakash - The birthday of Guru Gobind Singh. A Sikh festival to celebrate the 10th Guru of the Sikhs.

Please click the links to learn more.

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

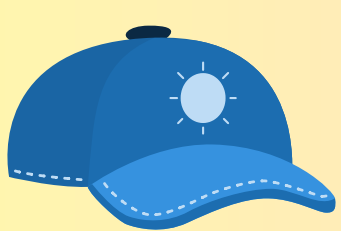
Parents please ensure your child is dress for raining weather, we go outside at recess and at lunch.

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

Thank you, PAC, for hosting the Winter Skate Night and Winter Fundraisers!

Here are a few reminders that were emailed this morning:

Hot Lunch Returns: January 5, 2026!

- Hot lunch will restart on Monday, Jan 5, the first day back to school.
- We suggest placing your hot lunch orders soon and taking it off your holiday to-do list!

Upcoming Order Deadlines:

- Jan 5 hot lunch – order by January 1
- Jan 7 hot lunch – order by January 2

Support Tomsett with FlipGive – Perfect for Boxing Day!

With Boxing Day shopping around the corner, please consider joining Tomsett on FlipGive – a free team fundraising app that makes supporting our school easy.

How it works:

- Tomsett earns cash back on everyday purchases all year long.
- You shop with brands you already love, such as Home Depot, Walmart, Sport Chek, Indigo, Old Navy, Apple, Esso, and Loblaws.

Join our team and receive a \$5 bonus on your first purchase!

👉 Join here: <https://shop.flipgive.com/onboarding/join?joincode=XM93G4>

👉 Or enter team code: XM93G4

Thank you for your continued support of Tomsett PAC.

Wishing everyone a joyful holiday season and a very happy New Year!

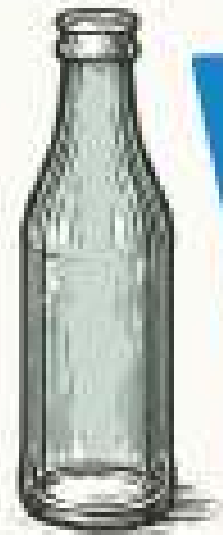
Warmly,

Tomsett PAC



Tomsett Grad 2026

BOTTLE DRIVE



Support your Tomsett Grad 2026 by donating your empties using the **Return-It App**:

- 1** Sign up for a free Return-It account at <https://app.return-it.ca>
- 2** Download the **Return-It App**.
(Found on Google Play Store or the iOS App store)
- 3** Donate to our Tomsett Grad 2026 using the following link:
<https://app.return-it.ca/tomsettelementarygrad2026>
(You'll have the option to set auto-donations or a one-time donation.)
- 4** Return all your empty beverage containers to any Return-It Express kiosk, every container counts!



Tomsett Grad 2026 Bottle Drive runs from now until May 31, 2026. All empties go to Tomsett Grad 2026 graduation ceremony and yearbook. Got questions? Email us at Tomsett2026@gmail.com



Scan to learn more

Northern Lights Winter Landscapes by Div. 11



Salmon Lifecycle by Div. 17



Story Workshop in the Library



Div. 1 and 21 Buddy Gingerbread Houses

