

# Tomsett Elementary

Tomsett is a school that C.A.R.E.S



## Remembrance Day 2021

Next Thursday, November 11th marks Canada's 102nd Remembrance Day and the 100th anniversary of the poppy. In an effort to honour our veterans, current military personnel, and those who gave their lives for us, we will again be holding Remembrance Day ceremonies in our classrooms this year. It is important that we take a few minutes to remember our current and past soldiers and to learn more about living in peace.

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### REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thursday, November 11

No School

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### PHOTO RETAKES

Friday, November 12

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### PRO-D DAY

Monday, November 22

No School



**Richard Lee**  
School Board  
Trustee



**Christel Brautigam**  
Assistant  
Superintendent of  
Schools



**Mike Murray**  
Principal



## Halloween Candy Drive

Each year, McMath Secondary reaches out to elementary schools in Richmond asking for donations of unwanted or leftover Halloween candy. The leadership team at McMath collects the candy, bags it for individual use, and then donates it to ministries serving Vancouver's East-Side community. We have two bins located in the foyer of our school. We are accepting candy donations to this good cause until Friday, November 5th. Thank you.

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## Poppy Drive

For the next week, we are accepting donations to the Poppy Drive. The Poppy Drive supports veterans who live in our community. Your donation buys a poppy for your child. We hope that you will consider making a small donation to our Poppy Drive this year.



## **Being Cautious / Having Plan B**

Our staff and community have been working very hard to ensure that the children attending school remain healthy. As the colder and wetter weather approaches, it is inevitable that we will see an increase in colds and flu. To this end, we are asking for your assistance in helping to keep our students and staff safe.

If your child wakes up and is not feeling well - upset stomach, fever, runny nose, cough, sneezing, etc., please keep them home. We ask that you keep your children at home until they are better.

If your child becomes sick while at school, we ask that you come and pick them up as soon as possible. As a parent, I understand that this is not always convenient. In normal times, we would be able to keep them safe and comfortable until you can arrive. Given the current situation, we want to limit any exposures (Covid or not) to the students and staff here.

To this end, we are asking you to have a Plan B in place - this might look like making arrangements with a neighbour, friend, or relative to come and pick them up, or having to leave work yourself.

Thank you for your support. We need your continued efforts to keep everyone safe and healthy.



## Kindergarten Registration Now Open

Kindergarten Registration has now begun for the 2022 - 2023 school year. Children born between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017 are eligible to register for school.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, ALL registrations will be done online this year. There is no longer in person registration at your neighbourhood school or the school board office.

To register your child for Kindergarten, please visit [www.sd38.bc.ca](http://www.sd38.bc.ca) and click on Student Registration or visit [Kindergarten Registration](#)





## Catching Up With Mr. Burns

As you may recall, Mr. Burns was a teacher at Tomsett for the last three years. During his time here, I shared with him that one of my favourite TV shows is The Curse of Oak Island (Oak Island is located in Nova Scotia). He told me that he grew up not far from there and in June 2021, he moved back to Nova Scotia to continue his teaching career. Much to my surprise, I received a text message, and photo of him in his Tomsett T-Shirt showing him at Oak Island!

As the ninth season of the show is set to air this Sunday November 7th, I'll be watching with excitement and remembering our friend, Mr. Burns.



## Preschool and Before and After School Care @ Tomsett

Our contractor continues to make good progress on our new preschool (to the east of the school) and on our Before and After School Care room (inside the school). The YMCA has been awarded the contract for both of these programs, which will operate independently of the school. Each is slated to open in early 2022. For more information and to submit an Expression of Interest, please click on the attached links below. Please note: submitting an Expression of Interest **does not** guarantee your child a spot in the program.

[Tomsett YMCA Kids Club](#) (before and after school program)

[Tomsett YMCA Child Care](#) (full day child care for children 30 months - 5 years)

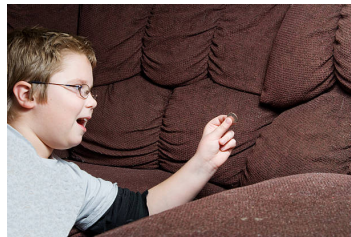
### **Tomsett Toonie Tuesdays Fundraising Event** (first ever all year fundraising event)

Starting Tuesday November 2, 2021- PAC is asking students to bring in a toonie, **EVERY TUESDAY**, for 26 weeks (a total of \$52/student). With the help of the students, PAC is hoping to raise **\$10,000** for much needed equipment, for the school. We are hoping to buy more iPads and projectors, help fund field trips, and buy picnic tables and benches. This event will be for 26 weeks (no collection during winter and spring breaks) and end on May 31, 2022.

Participation is **NOT** mandatory. We understand Covid has had a deep financial impact for some families. Students can participate every Tuesday or some Tuesdays or not at all. If parents prefer, they are welcome to send PAC a direct donation instead. Either way, we hope, with the help of the Tomsett families, we can reach our target goal.

On behalf of Maggie, me and the other PAC members, we thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Susan Nga Tran  
(PAC Chairperson)







## Dressing For The Weather

Over the last couple of days, the sky has opened up and has made everything wet. All of our students **go outside** for all recess and lunch breaks. We have had a number of students come to school ill-prepared for the weather. Please make sure that your child has rain boots, a raincoat with a hood, gloves, and an umbrella. For younger students, your child's teacher may want you to send in a change of clothes as well. One of the best ways to keep Covid-19 at bay is to be outdoors, in fresh air. As such, this is the reason why all of our students go outdoors at break times. If your child is not well enough to be outside, please keep them home from school.

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## Photo Retake Day + Photo Day for Division 1

Friday, November 12th (Remember not to wear green). Please remember to send your child with the retake permission form sent to you last week via email.



## Next Virtual PAC Meeting

Wednesday, November 17th @ 6:30pm

Zoom Link:

<https://sd38.zoom.us/j/9842181138>

Meeting ID: 984 218 1138

Passcode: 117308

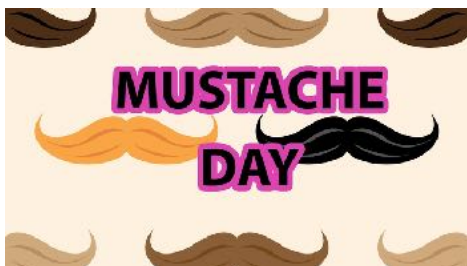
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## Sushi Day - November 24

The PAC is planning Sushi Day for Wednesday, November 24th. An order form will be distributed next week. All sushi is individually packaged, and is handled and distributed following Covid-19 guidelines.

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## School Spirit Day - Mustache Day

**Tomorrow - Wednesday, November 3rd is Mustache Day.**

We encourage all members of our school community to sport a mustache tomorrow to show your school spirit.

Wear one, draw one, cut one out, etc. Hope to see you sporting your best "stache" tomorrow.





## Happy Diwali Thursday, November 4th

To all members of our school community who are celebrating on Thursday, November 4th, we wish you a very Happy Diwali.

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## Happy Hannukah November 28th

To all members of our school community who are celebrating on Sunday, November 28th, we wish you a very Happy Hannukah.

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## Daylight Savings Time Ends

This is a reminder that on Saturday night before you go to bed, turn your clocks back (fall back) 1 hour. Daylight savings time ends at 2:00am on Sunday, November 7th.