

# Tomsett Elementary



## A Time to Be Thankful

I know it may feel like we are on a non-ending roller coaster, where we take two steps forward and one step back. Our hope, of course is to get back to normal as soon as we can. Until then, we continue to work hard to try and make school as "normal" as we possibly can for our students. I would encourage everyone to take time this coming weekend to take time to appreciate all of the things we have to be thankful for this year, especially our good health. You may recall that last year, we were asked not to spend time with anyone outside of our immediate household. Not so, this year we are making progress.

From all of us at Tomsett, we wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving.



**Richard Lee**  
School Board  
Trustee



**Christel Brautigam**  
Assistant  
Superintendent of  
Schools



**Mike Murray**  
Principal



## Terry Fox Donations

Last year, our school raised \$150.00 to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation. This year, we set a goal of \$600.00, and as a community, **CRUSHED** this goal by raising **\$1417.00**. Thank you for your generosity.

It was a beautiful afternoon for the event and everyone had fun. Thank you to Mrs. Hansen for organizing such a fun day for us.



## FSA's (Grades 4 and 7)

Grade 4 and 7 FSA's (Foundation Skills Assessments) will be taking place at the end of October - beginning of November. The assessments are in reading, writing, and numeracy.



## Individual Student Photos

We have a new company looking after our student photos this year - Edge Imaging. **Students will have their photos taken on Thursday, October 21st.** The company complies with all of the necessary protocols set out by the Provincial Health Office.

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## Great Shake Out - Monday, October 18, 10:18am

Every year, our school participates in the provincial Great BC Shakeout. This is an opportunity for us to teach and practice, what to do in the event of an earthquake with students. Although we have already had one earthquake drill this year, we will be practicing once again on October 18th.



## Parent - Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal

Wednesday, October 20 and Thursday, October 21, 1:45pm

This term our Parent-Teacher conferences will be taking place on Wednesday, October 21st and Thursday, October 22nd. **Students are dismissed at 1:45pm.** Teachers will be conducting Parent-Teacher conferences with parents either by phone, or by Zoom. Your child's teacher will be sending home additional information in the next few days.

As partners in your child's education, we hope that you will take this opportunity to discuss your child's learning with us.



## Professional Development Day

This is also a reminder that Friday, October 22nd is a provincial Professional Development Day. All schools in the province will be closed to students. School will resume on Monday, October 25th.

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### Our Next PAC Meeting - Wednesday, October 13, 6:30pm



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

Meeting ID: 984 218 1138

Passcode: 117308



## Reminder!

This Friday, October 8th is Pizza Day. Thank you to our PAC for organizing this event.



## Cross Country Fun Run

This is a reminder that our students in Grades 1 - 5, who have been participating in Cross-Country running, will have their Fun Run at Garry Point Park on Thursday, October 14th, rain or shine. A big thank you to Mrs. Lang and Miss Lee for coaching the team.



Our PAC has organized a Food Drive for the Richmond Food Bank this Thanksgiving. Our goal is to collect 600 lbs of food between September 28th and October 8th (**this Friday**).

Canned food, meals in a can (chili, stew), soup, diapers, baby formula, and dry goods are all great items to donate.

Thank you for helping to support the families in our community.





## Halloween Fun This Year

This year, Halloween is on a Sunday. Therefore, we will be having our Halloween Day on Friday, October 29th. Children may wear their costumes to school to show their "Halloween Spirit". Like previous years, we will be having our Halloween Colouring Contest for students to participate in. Thank you to our PAC for providing the prizes.

With safety in mind, we ask for your cooperation in the following ways:

- please do not send children to school with any candy or treats to share. We will provide these things again this year.

- please do not send any pretend weapons, swords, etc. to school. While fun for kids to have on Halloween, it is something that we do not promote at school.

In most classes, it is not going to be a "typical" day at school. Teachers may be doing fun, Halloween related things in their classrooms. More information will come from your child's teacher.





## **A Special Request**

### **Make An Optometrist Appointment For Your Child**

One of the services that has been temporarily suspended in schools is vision screening. One of the things that has a HUGE impact on your child's ability to learn is their vision. The BCMedical Services Plan (MSP) covers the annual eye exam fee for children 18 and under who have a valid health insurance card. If you have a child in Kindergarten, or if you think your child's vision might have changed, we ask you to please book them an appointment at a local eyeglass store or optometrist.

For more information, Google "BC Optometrists"