

Tomsett Elementary

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



We are so glad to see you

After 18 months, we are so happy to see all of you and have you back at school. Despite being able to deliver education online, there is something to be said for actually being together. The year ahead is going to be one of reconnecting with each other. Learning how to be together, how to make friends, how to solve problems, how to share, etc. will all take centre stage. We are optimistic that things will continue to get better in the community / province / country and that we will be able to lift some of the things that are currently in place, while keeping everyone safe. I cannot express to you enough, how grateful we are to have your support in all of this. We encourage you to ask questions and to seek clarification on things as we continue to work together to provide our children with the best learning conditions possible.



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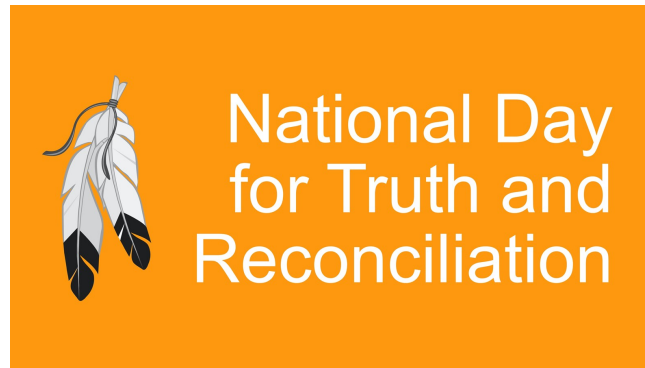
A Sneak Peek Inside Our New Addition

Many of your children have probably come home to tell you how nice our new classrooms are. Our contractor, Heatherbrae has worked very hard all summer to ensure that things were ready to go for September. In this picture, you can see the new flooring in the hallway, one of the classroom doors (there are 4 new classrooms), frosted glass windows that make up a portion of the hallway wall) and to the left, glass windows that look out onto a new courtyard. Currently, work continues in our gym and in the old wing of our school. The entire project is slated to be completed near Spring Break 2022.



Terry Fox Run - Friday, September 24th (2:00pm)

Next Friday, we will be holding our annual Terry Fox Run (regardless of weather). We will be holding the event in groups (primary / intermediate) in an effort to prevent crowding. We are encouraging students to wear masks and **walk** this year rather than run. We are also fundraising for the Terry Fox Foundation - asking for a Toonie (\$2) from each student. Our goal is to raise \$600.



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - September 30th

The Canadian government recently passed legislation to make **September 30th**, a federal statutory holiday called the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. As such, all schools in the Richmond School District will be closed on Thursday, September 30, 2021.

This day provides an opportunity for all Canadians to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools. This may present itself as a day of quiet reflection or participation in a community event. Schools in our district will be engaged in a variety of activities leading up to September 30th to ensure that students understand the significance of this day in our community and in our nation.



We encourage our students to wear their orange shirts any day they would like to, especially Wednesday, September 29th and Thursday, September 30th.



Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

We had our first **virtual** PAC meeting on Wednesday, September 15th at 6:30pm. Thank you to all of those parents who attended. **We are seeking a volunteer to be secretary for our PAC.** Being able to type minutes in English is all that is required (once a month). If you are interested, please let us know. Our next PAC meeting will also be held virtually on Wednesday, October 13, at 6:30pm



Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)

Students in Grades 4 and 7, we will be completing the FSA's in late October, early November this year. Students are assessed on numeracy, writing and reading. Individual results and booklets will be sent home to parents prior to Winter Break.

School Starts at 8:45am



Being on time is a life skill. We need you to help us teach it to our kids. Our school doors open at 8:30am, a warning bell goes at 8:40am and by 8:45am, your child should be in their classroom, seated at their desk starting class. If you are arriving at 8:45am, your child is already behind his/her classmates. While we understand that things come up from time to time, we ask that you make every effort to try to have your children to school on time.



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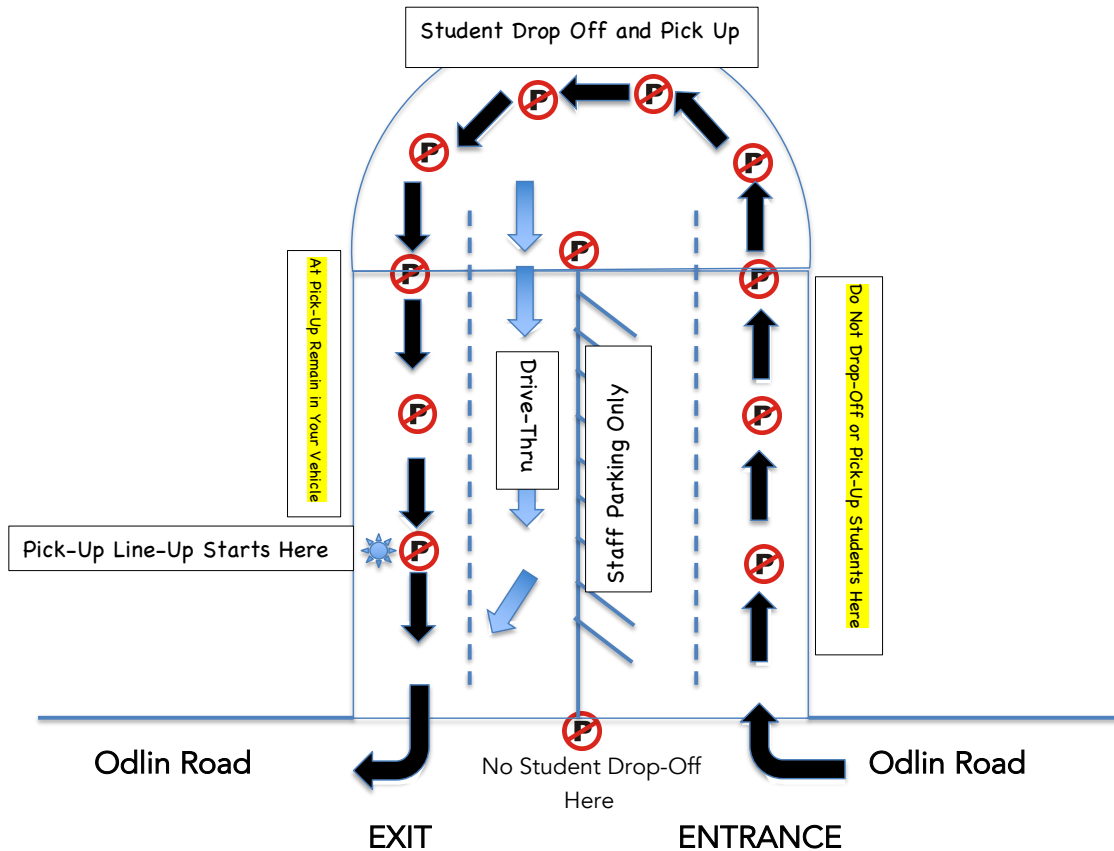
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Parking Lot Reminder

Dear Parent(s),

Below is a map of our parking lot. Most of you are familiar with how it operates. Thank you for helping to keep the lot safe for our children. Instructions and expectations are listed below. Please make sure that you familiarize yourself, and anyone who will be picking up your child / children, of these expectations.



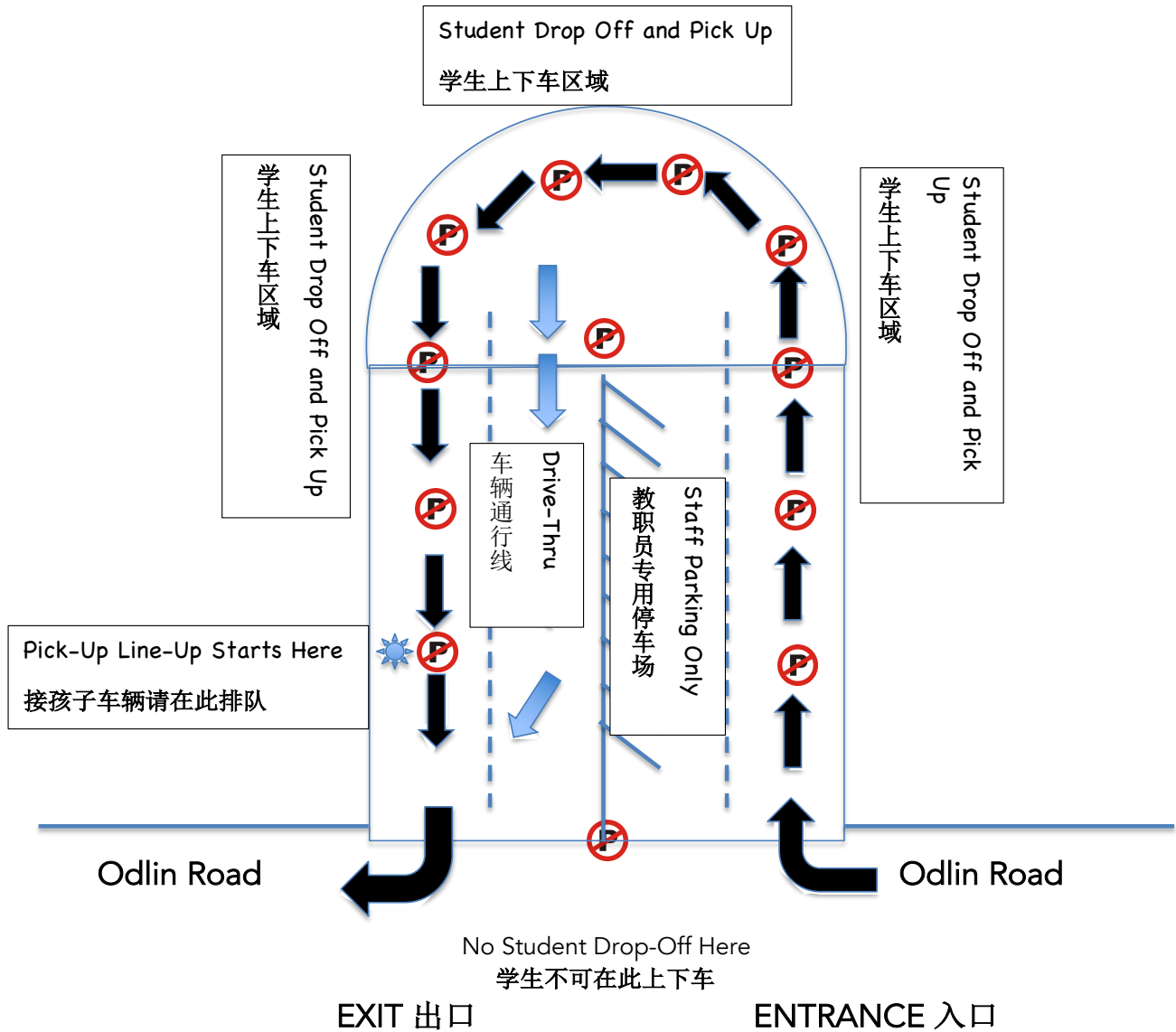
At Drop-Off (8:30 – 8:45am), traffic is to keep moving. Stay in the right-hand lane. Drop children off close to the front of the school, not along the sidewalk approaching the school. **DO NOT PARK.** Once child / children are dropped off, exit turning right.

At Pick-Up (2:30 – 2:50pm), traffic will line-up, single file. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE.** Once you have your child / children, pull into drive-thru lane and exit turning right.



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How to Help Us Be Good Neighbours - Parking Lot

When our school was built, the land surrounding the school was largely farm land. Over the last few decades, the neighbourhood has greatly changed with more houses, more apartments, and more cars. In our effort to be good neighbours, we ask that you please do the following when dropping off and picking up your children:

- please drop off and pick up in the parking lot only
- Do not park in "no parking zones" (anywhere there is a no parking sign or where there are yellow curbs)
- Continue to drive slow, even after your child has been dropped off or picked up
- **Turn your car engine off if you are waiting at the end of the day - this helps the environment too**
- **Do NOT block our neighbours' driveways at the end of the day. They need to be able to enter and exit at any time.**

Thank you.



Every Day is an Outside Day

One of the things that we discovered last year was that in addition to hand washing, being outdoors and getting lots of fresh air was beneficial for our students' health. As such, all days at school, regardless of the weather, are outside days. We ask that you check the weather forecast and make sure your child has the necessary clothing for the day. This includes: boots, hats, umbrellas, waterproof / water resistant coats, etc.