

Tomsett Elementary

Learning To Be Me



Our Year Long Focus - Joy

Welcome Back to School. For those of you who are new to Tomsett, we are glad you have come to join our school community. For two school years now, we have had to take a break from many of the things we enjoy in life - the things that **bring us joy**.

This is why we are dedicating time this year to be purposeful about bringing joy back into our building and classrooms. Our goal is to bring back some of the fun and to take some time to reflect on what brings us joy, and how we can be thoughtful about incorporating it into the choices we make and the things that we do.

**QUEEN ELIZABETH
REMEMBRANCE HOLIDAY**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

(NO SCHOOL)

**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT DAY**

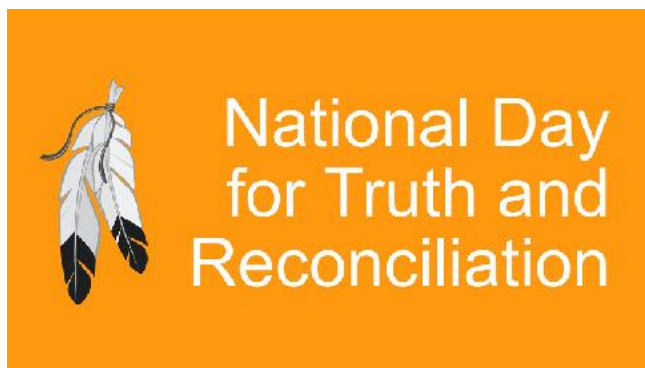
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

(NO SCHOOL)

**TRUTH AND
RECONCILIATION DAY**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

(NO SCHOOL)



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 Friday, September 30, 2022.

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.

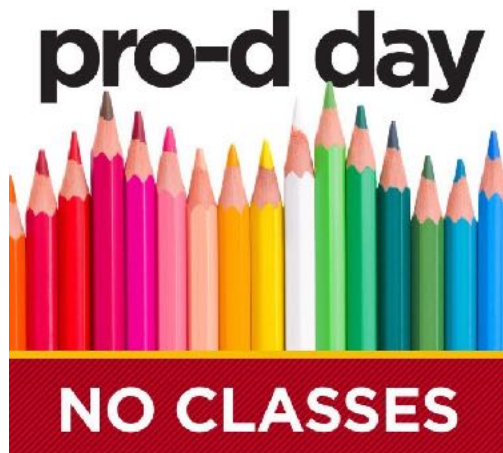


We encourage our students to wear their orange shirts any day they would like to, especially Thursday, September 29th and Friday, September 30th.



Saying Farewell to Queen Elizabeth

On September 8th, Queen Elizabeth II passed away at the age of 96, having served as the British and Commonwealth monarch for 70 years. Monday, September 19th has been declared a one-time provincial / federal holiday to commemorate her life. **As such, schools will not be in session on Monday, September 19th.**



Professional Development Day - Friday, September 23

Professional Development Days are determined in the spring for the following school year. These dates are sent to all parents before May 31st each year. Friday, September 23rd was selected as a district-wide professional development day. We will be learning more about literacy.

Classes are not in session on Friday, September 23rd.



School Starts at 8:45am

Being on time is a life skill. We need you to help us teach this 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 has already missed part of their lesson. 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.

If you like statistics,

- 1. 97% of our students are on time for school; 93% have zero lates for the entire school year.**
- 2. On average, students who are late, are late three (3) times per term, or nine (9) times per year.**



Cross Country Running

Ms. Lang is once again organizing cross country running for students who would like to participate in the district's fun run in October. More information will be coming home shortly.



Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Our first **virtual** PAC meeting (Zoom) will take place on **Wednesday, September 21th at 6:30pm**. All Tomsett parents are members of PAC and are welcome to attend.

Our PAC does many things in and around the school to help enhance the educational experience for our students.

We will be sending out a link, so those who would like to attend can do so from home.



Open House and Meet The Teacher Thursday, September 22, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

As you know, our school was under construction for a little more than two years. Between that and covid, it has been a long time since many of you have been in our building. This year, we are happy to be opening our doors to you on Thursday, September 22nd, from 6:00pm - 7:00pm. It will be a chance for you to walk around and admire our "new" school, to see our new addition and to meet your child's teacher.

We hope you will come and join us.

Please note: Mask wearing is optional. Parking is limited. We encourage families to walk to the school.



Breakfast Club Begins Wednesday, September 21st

Thank you to Mrs. Ferreira and her team of volunteers for offering our **breakfast club** again this year. The school opens for breakfast at 8:00am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Breakfast club is held in our gym. The gym is also open for students to come and be with their friends and play.

Breakfast club is offered for two main reasons: to make sure that children have something to eat before they start their day and for children to have some additional time to play with friends. **We will feed any child who asks for something to eat - no one is turned away.** However, it is important to know that our breakfast club should not be a substitute for those families who are able to feed their children at home. Our program is run by financial donations from corporations, individuals, or is paid for using school money.

One other bonus with having our breakfast club is that it gives working parents who are rushed to get to work in the morning, an opportunity to drop children off earlier to get a jump on their day.

If you would like to make a donation to our breakfast club, please contact the school office. Our collective goal is to ensure that no one starts their school day hungry.



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.



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Being a Good Neighbour

During the last couple of weeks, we have seen a great number of people bringing their dogs over to play and run in our field. We know how important it is for owners and dogs to get outdoors. However, we have also had a number of dog owners bring over their dogs and leave little "presents" behind. Please be a good neighbour and clean up after your dog. Also, there is a new off-leash dog area in the new park across the street from our school. On behalf of the children who step in dog poop and track it into the school, thank you.



Scholastic Book Fair Comes to Tomsett

Thank you to Ms. Parvez for offering and organizing the Scholastic Book Fair. The fair will be open starting on Tuesday, September 20th and closing on Thursday, September 22nd.

Each class will have a chance to visit the book fair throughout the school day to look at and purchase books. The book fair will also be open Tuesday - Thursday, after school between 2:45pm and 3:15pm. We strongly suggest that if you are driving, you may want to park in the east parking lot or arrive at the school after the afternoon rush is over (2:55pm).

The book fair will also be open (6:30pm - 7:30pm) on Thursday night during our open house.