

THE WEEK AHEAD @ TOMSETT

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sept 16-20 2024

MONDAY

TUESDAY Evacuation Drill #2

WEDNESDAY Pac Meeting Virtual TEAMS 6:30 pm

THURSDAY Meet My School Open House 6 pm
Introductions at 6:30 pm in the gym

FRIDAY Professional Learning Day - school not
in session for students



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 23 - Photo Day (UPDATED)

Sept 27 - Orange Shirt day

Sept 30 - Truth & Reconciliation
Day (No School)

October 4th - Terry Fox Run
(UPDATED)

PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!





TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT TOMSETT



Our school has nearly 500 students, including 68 new kindergarteners. Most families live within a 15-minute walk, with the furthest distance being 1.8 km. With over 100 cars using the parking lot daily, we appreciate the safe and careful driving.

To ensure smooth drop-off:

- Walk your children if you live within the Garden City – Cambie – No. 4 block.
- Do not park or leave cars in the drop-off area.
- Avoid staff parking; we have limited parent parking available.

Given the walkable neighbourhood design, we encourage ideas to promote walking to school, such as walking buses or parents supporting each other. We challenge families who drive to walk at least once a week. Senior students will soon initiate a Freedom Friday walk.

Share ideas with Ms. Wallace at kwallace@sd38.bc.ca



Breakfast Club is open to all students on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 am to 8:30 am. Kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2 students should come with a caregiver; parents or grandparents are welcome. The focus is on providing a nutritious breakfast in a calm environment without playtime, promoting socialization. Food is provided by the school district, and students will check in with staff upon entering through the back gym door. Breakfast options include fruit, muffins, boiled eggs, cheese strings, and yogurt. The staff looks forward to welcoming students.

Student Affordability Fund

This past spring, the provincial government announced a renewal of one-time funds for 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 Ms. 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 to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

PAC Meeting

Our first Virtual PAC meeting is Wednesday, September 18th at 6:30 pm. The link will be sent out to families on Tuesday afternoon. We look forward to hearing from our PAC regarding our upcoming school year. Ms. Wallace will also be presenting her monthly update. We hope you can join us.



Drills

At Tomsett, we practice our Evacuation drills at the beginning each school year and again in the spring. We practice, evacuation fire drills, earthquake drills and hold and secure, and lock down drills. We teach our children to walk calmly in case we find ourselves in an emergency situation. Ask your child about our first evacuation fire drill from this week.



Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Dates

September 8 - 14 Mennonite Heritage

September 15 - 16 Mawlid-al-Nabi

September 22-28 Gender Equality
Week

September 30 National Truth &
Reconciliation Orange Shirt Day

October 1 National Seniors Day

October 2 - 4 Rosh Hashana

October 3 - 12 Navarati



Learning with Nature

Div 19 harvested the sunflower from the garden and used it as a learning opportunity. They deconstructed sunflowers to learn about the seed and the anatomy of a plant.

This week, they also started to learn their letters and made alphabet soup.

