



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tomsett Elementary

September 8th-12th

Monday, Sept. 8th

**K Gradual Entry
Group A and B**
8:45-11:15am

15 minute Kindergarten Welcoming Conversations

Tuesday, Sept 9th

**K Gradual Entry
Group A and B**
8:45-11:30am

Wednesday, Sept. 10th

**K Gradual Entry
Group A and B**
8:45-12:15pm

Thursday, Sept. 11th

**K Gradual Entry
Group A and B**
8:45-2:45pm

Friday, Sept. 12th

**K Gradual Entry
Group A and B**
8:45-2:45pm

Hello families,

Welcome back! If you are new, we welcome you to this lovely community. We have 21 divisions with 489 students and a wonderful staff to support your children.

Students moved into their new classes this morning and have started getting to know each other and building their learning community for the year. We know this transition can take time at first for some students. Please consider the following information to support your child to start the year in a good way.

Background Information:

- The process of creating classes for this school year begins in May of the previous school year.
- Teachers and Administrators think deeply about how students will work well with others, the strengths and stretches of each child, and how they will best meet their social, emotional, and academic needs within a diverse group of students.

If your child is concerned about their placement:

1. Consider doing nothing - when a parent/guardian has an open mind, this helps ease the anxiety of the child.
2. Give it some time. Almost always, once students have time to bond with their teacher and classmates, concerns are resolved.
3. Talk to your child's new teacher. They can give you an accurate picture of how your child is adjusting in the classroom. Working together with your child's teacher will help optimize your child's learning experience, and build connections and trust.

Kindergarten Gradual Entry

- Continue with Gradual Entry until Wednesday September 10th (first full day on Thursday)
- 15-minute Welcoming Conversations to occur this week with your child's K teacher (they will reach out to schedule)

Welcome to our New Staff

As we begin the new school year, we would like to welcome the following new staff members. We are excited to welcome them to the Tomsett community.

- Ms. Mills – Div. 5 – Grade 5/6 (Job share)
- Ms. Wyatt – Div. 8 – Grade 3/4
- Ms. Hong – Div. 11 – Grade 2/3
- Ms. Carrusca – Div. 15 – Grade 1/2
- Ms. Chan – Div. 16 – Grade 1/2
- Ms. Ang – Div. 19 – Kindergarten
- Ms. Quan – Band
- Noon Hour Supervisor: Ms. Liu
- Ms. Anderson – VP

For a full list of Tomsett staff, please click [here](#).

Upcoming Dates

September

- 18 Meet My School @ 6pm
- 22 Pro-D Day (no school for students)
- 23 Individual Photo Day
- 26 Terry Fox Run @1:30pm
- 30 Truth and Reconciliation Day (no school)

October

- 13 Thanksgiving (no school)
- 22 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm)
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- 24 Pro-D Day (no school for students)
- 28 Photo Retake Day

2025-2026 Time Table

Time	
8:40 a.m.	Welcome Bell
8:45 a.m.	Learning Begins
10:10-10:25 a.m.	Recess
10:10 a.m.	Learning Resumes
11:50 a.m. – 12:42 p.m.	Lunch (eat 11:50 – 12:10 and play 12:10 – 12:42)
12:42 p.m.	Learning Resumes
2:45 p.m.	Dismissal



A more detailed schedule of your child’s class will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

Dress for the Weather



Please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather. This may include lots of layers at this time of the year. We will be outside for recess rain or shine!



Student and Family Affordability Fund

The provincial government funds 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 Kirsten 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 in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

Reminders



Please report any absences, lates, early dismissals, etc. to our

**Early Warning Line at
(604) 668-6272**

Let us know your child's name, division, why they are away and for how long. If your child(red) will be arriving late, please make sure to sign in at the office.

THANK
you



Parking Lot Safety Reminders



Drop-off and pick-up times can get hectic! Let's work together to keep our parking lot safe for everyone. Please remember these important points:

- Drive slowly and cautiously: be alert and watch for pedestrians.
- There is no parking in the parking lot. The drop off area is for a quick drop off. Please do not park there for extended periods of time and do not leave your vehicle unattended. This can block traffic flow and create hazards.
- Ms. Wallace and Mrs. Anderson do their best to be out there each morning and after school to support the flow of traffic and facilitate safe and quick drop offs and pick ups.
- Please consider **WALKING** to school!

Significant Dates in Our Community

September 4-5: Mawlid-al-Nabi

To our Muslim community members observing Mawlid al-Nabi, we extend warm greetings as you mark the birth of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). May this day bring peace, reflection, and blessings to you and your families.

September 7-13: Mennonite Heritage Week

September 8: International Literacy Day

Reminder-Nut Aware School



This is a friendly reminder that our school is a nut aware space. We have many students with life-threatening allergies. Please be mindful when packing lunches and avoid snacks or food that includes nuts such as peanut butter and Nutella.

Thank you for helping do your part to keep our community healthy and safe.

PAC Corner

The Tomsett PAC plays an important role in our school community. We encourage you to come to attend the first PAC meeting. It will be held on Zoom on **Wednesday, September 17th @ 6:30pm.**
Link to come!



District Updates

Tomsett families received an email earlier this week, sharing information about the District's process to engage in a Catchment Review for the new elementary school located at 8671 Odlin Crescent opening in September 2026.

To learn more about the proposed new city centre school catchment and to share your feedback, please visit the district's website and complete the survey at:
<https://sd38.bc.ca/city-centre-catchment-review>.

All feedback received by October 27 will be reviewed and considered as part of the public consultation process.

Thank you for taking the time to be part of this important conversation.