



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tomsett Elementary

September 29th-October 3rd

Monday, Sept. 29th

**Orange Shirt Day
at school**

Wear orange today

Tuesday, Sept 30th

**Truth and
Reconciliation**

Day

No School

Wednesday, Oct. 1st

**Evacuation drill
@ 11:30pm**

Thursday, Oct. 2nd

Friday, Oct. 3rd

Hello families,

It was wonderful to see our classes settle in to the new Modular Learning Space. Many students have expressed their gratitude and pride for the new space, which has been great to see!

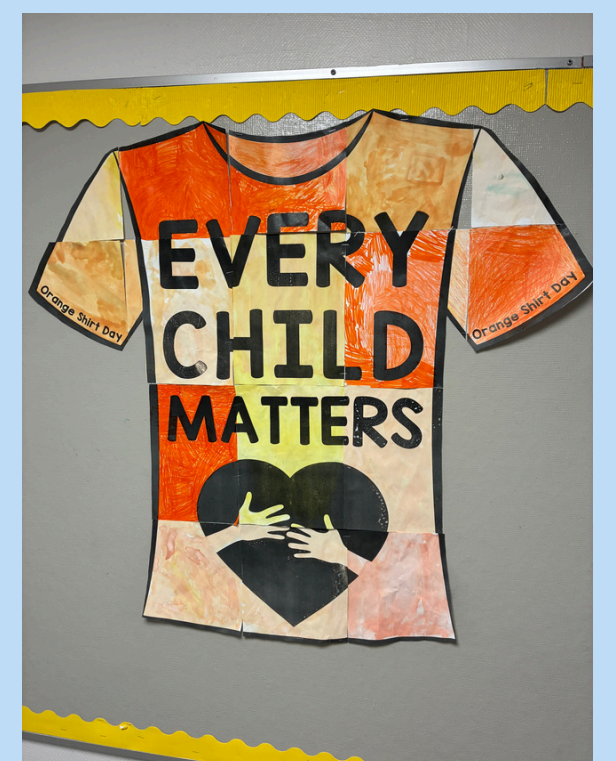
This is a friendly reminder that next Tuesday, school will be closed for **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation**. We are encouraging students to participate in **Orange Shirt Day** at school on Monday. Please see an important invitation to families below from Ms. Parvez, our Teacher Librarian.

This Wednesday, we will have our First Evacuation (Fire Drill) of the year. We practice these drills so that we know what to do in the event of a real emergency. Teachers will ensure they speak to classes ahead of time about expectations and procedures, and for this first drill, we will go slowly, with lots of pre-loading of what to expect. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

We hope that everyone has a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Ms. Wallace and Mrs. Anderson



Tomsett Spirit Wear

Our Spirit Wear store is open - please order through this link. The store closes on October 1st, and it takes about three weeks for orders to be processed, picked up, and delivered to students.

[Click here to order](#)



Upcoming Dates

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

November

- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly
- 11 Remembrance Day (no school for students)
- 19 PAC Meeting

A Note from Ms. Parvez

Dear Families,

As part of our ongoing commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, we invite you to participate in a meaningful journey using *52 Ways to Reconcile* by David A. Robertson. This powerful resource offers weekly suggestions that help deepen understanding, foster empathy, and build respectful relationships with Indigenous peoples and communities.

We encourage you to choose one or more of the suggested actions from the book and engage with them as a family. Whether it's reading a story, attending a local event, learning about Indigenous history, or reflecting on personal experiences—every step counts. To help you get started, we will suggest a few activities each week.

#40: Wear an Orange Shirt on Orange Shirt Day

#2: Start an Indigenous Book Club (or read a book from our Indigenous Peoples Collection).

#17: Support an Indigenous Business (Need an orange shirt? Buy from an Indigenous business!)

Once you've completed an activity, please feel free to document your experience by taking a picture and emailing it to sparvez@sd38.bc.ca. We will proudly display your contributions at school to celebrate our collective efforts toward reconciliation. Thank you for joining us in this important work. Together, we can make a difference.

Warm regards,
Salima Parvez

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) 668-6448 (option 1)**

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



-Parents, please **DO NOT PARK in the staff parking lot** or in the DROP OFF/NO PARKING ZONES as we need these spots for staff

-Please **DO NOT drop off students on Odlin Road**

-Please **DO NOT leave your vehicle** unattended in the drop off/pick up zone

-Please **WALK, BIKE, SCOOT** to school to avoid vehicle congestion in the morning and after school

Thank you for doing your part to keep our school safe!

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!



Dates of Significance

September 30th Orange Shirt Day - Created to recognize the impacts and history of residential schools, celebrate survivors, and be a call of action to reconciliation.

Nation Day for Truth and Reconciliation - The day honours the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

October 1 Kol Nidrei - A prayer evening which ushers in the Jewish holiday, Yom Kippur.

October 1 National Seniors Day - An occasion for Canadians to celebrate the contributions of seniors in our homes, communities and workplaces.

October 1 Yom Kippur - Known as the Day of Atonement, many Canadians of Jewish faith in Canada spend the day fasting and praying. Its theme centres on atonement and repentance.

October 1-2 Dussehra - A Hindu event celebrated on the 10th day of the month of Ashvina (September-October), the seventh month of the Hindu calendar, with the appearance of the full moon, an event called the "bright fortnight" (shukla paisa).

October 4 National Day of Action to Honour Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Trans, and 2-Spirited - A day to commemorate and commit to taking action and seeking justice to end violence against Indigenous women, girls and gender diverse people.

October is

German Heritage Month - A time to recognize the contributions German Canadians have had and how their heritage has shaped Canada's current social and economic fabric.

Canadian Islamic History Month - A time when all Canadians can learn more about the culture, contributions, and achievements of the Muslim community.

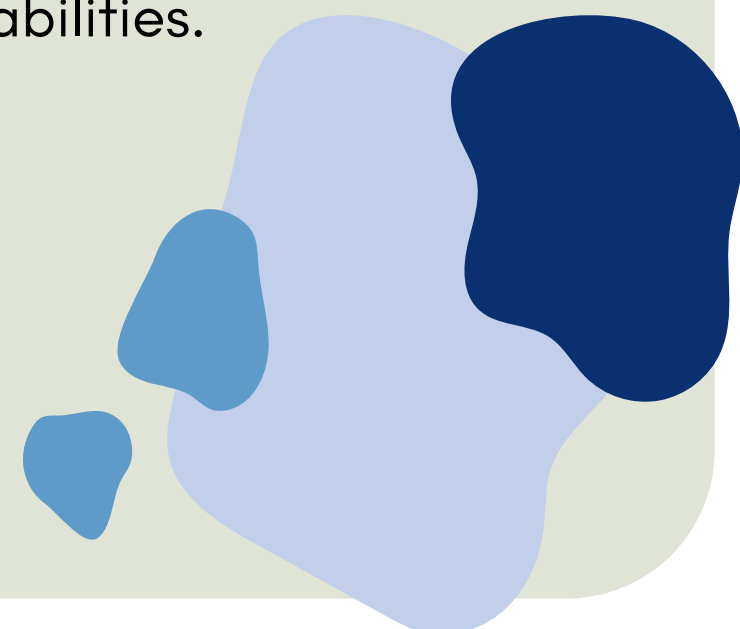
Community Inclusion Month - This month celebrates the valuable contributions that people with developmental disabilities make and recognizes the importance of communities where everyone is included.

Latin American Heritage Month - A time to showcase the richness and vitality of the Latin American cultures and heritage while reflecting on the contributions the Latin community have made to Canadian culture.

Women's History Month - In 1992, the Government of Canada designated October as Women's History Month, marking the beginning of an annual month-long celebration of the outstanding achievements of women throughout Canada's history.

National Disability Employment Month - An awareness month to promote employment inclusions for persons with disabilities and to celebrate the many and varied contributions of workers with disabilities.

*Please click the links to learn more.



PAC Corner

Hot Lunch

Make sure to order your hot lunch! The cutoff dates will be 8 days before the Hot Lunch date.

Orders are placed through Munch a Lunch which can be accessed from our school website or [this link](#).



PAC Meetings

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 19th @ 6:30pm.



District Updates

City Centre Catchment Review-Public Engagement Now Underway

The Richmond School District is excited to be opening a new elementary school at 8671 Odlin Crescent in September 2026. This new school represents an important investment in our growing city centre community and reflects the district's long-term commitment to neighbourhood-based schools. It will provide students and families with enhanced opportunities for learning close to home while supporting enrolment growth in one of Richmond's fastest-growing areas.

To prepare for the school's opening, the district is reviewing nearby school catchments. This review will help determine the catchment area for the new school and determine the adjustments that are needed to neighbouring catchments in order to balance enrolment now and into the future.

Public consultation is now underway and includes an online survey and a series of open houses to gather feedback on two proposed scenarios for the new catchment area. Feedback gathered through this process will help inform the board's final decision, expected in November 2025.

Participation Opportunities:

- Complete the online survey by October 27, 2025:
 - [English Survey](#) | [Chinese Survey](#)
- Attend an open house – see details beside

More information can be found on the District Website [HERE](#)

Timeline (Key Dates)

Date	Milestone
September 2025	Boundary review process launched
September 3 – October 27, 2025	Public feedback period
November 2025	Review of public input
November 2025	Board decision