



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tomsett Elementary

November 3rd-7th

Monday, Nov. 3rd

Tuesday, Nov. 4th

Evacuation Drill @
9:10am

**Volleyball Practice @
Lunch (Grade 6/7)**

Wednesday, Nov. 5th

Thursday, Nov. 6th

**Volleyball Practice @
Lunch Grade 6/7**

Friday, Nov. 7th

Hello families,

We hope you enjoy a safe and happy Halloween tonight. Here are a few reminders for the week ahead:

- **Cross Country Fun Run Participants:** Congratulations to our Cross Country Fun Run participants who ran on Wednesday at Garry Point. Thank you to Ms. Musil and Ms. Chan for coaching!
- **Student Pick-Ups and Early Departures:** A friendly reminder that if you need to pick up your child before the end of the school day, please check in at the office. We will call your child down to meet you there. It's important that we know who is arriving and leaving the school throughout the day to ensure everyone's safety. If students are outside during recess or lunch, please do not go directly to the playground to pick them up. This can be confusing for students and may make others feel uncomfortable when unfamiliar adults are in the play area. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe and organized!
- **Remembrance Day:** We will have our Remembrance Day Assemblies on November 10th (Even Divisions @ 9:15am and Odd Divisions @ 10:30am). We will be collecting poppy donations over the next couple of weeks. Students can bring in coin donations or you can donate using Cash Online [HERE](#).
- **PAC Reminders:** Please see important new updates in our PAC section.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Ms. Wallace and Mrs. Anderson



Reminder

Please remember to check in at the office if you are dropping off your child late or picking them up early.

If you are volunteering in our school, first and foremost...THANK YOU! Second, please make sure to sign-in at the office and get a visitor badge.



Upcoming Dates

November

10 Remembrance Day Assemblies
(EVEN divisions @ 9:15am, ODD divisions @ 10:30am)

11 Remembrance Day (no school for students)

19 PAC Meeting

December

1 Pro-D

9 Evacuation Drill

18 Term 1 Learning Updates Posted

19 Last day of classes before
Winter Break

FamilySmart Parent Sessions

Please see the following information about upcoming IN-PERSON parenting sessions at Brighthouse Library. (100-7700 Minoru Gate) hosted by FamilySmart. Please click on the links to register.

Emotion Regulation

November 4 @ 10:00 am – 11:30 am

<https://familysmart.ca/event/emotion-regulation-17/>

Connecting with our Kids when Anxiety Leads to social isolation

November 18 @ 10:00 am – 11:30 am PST

<https://familysmart.ca/event/connecting-with-our-kids-when-anxiety-leads-to-social-isolation-5/>



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!



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](#).

Reminders

Issue with Hot Lunch: if students do not receive the correct hot lunch, there's a mistake, or they didn't receive it even though they think they have one, please go to the server and the volunteers will correct it right away

Hot Lunch Volunteering: we have a WhatsApp group and Google Docs that is used. You can have another parent add you to WhatsApp that links to the Google Docs or email tomsettpac21@gmail.com for the links. This allows parents to alert the group if there's a change in plans and they are no longer available, so other parents can step in to help out. This is especially important during cold and flu season and we need a minimum number of volunteers to deliver on time.

PAC Meetings

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



Dates of Significance

November is:

Adoption Awareness Month: November is Adoption Awareness Month in British Columbia and celebrates the loving families created when people open their hearts and commit to sharing their lives with a vulnerable child or youth.

Lebanese Heritage Month: Lebanese Heritage Month was officially designated by the Parliament of Canada in 2023 as a time to recognize and honour the contributions of Lebanese Canadians.

November 1 - Musqueam Day: An important day recognized by Musqueam Nation to celebrate their ancestor's determination to seek justice and protect their inherent rights. On November 1, 1984, Musqueam won Guerin v. The Queen, the landmark Supreme Court of Canada case regarding the Shaughnessy Golf Course lease. The case, led by Musqueam Chief Delbert Guerin, fundamentally changed Canadian law.

November 5 - Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib: A Sikh holiday that celebrates with a procession of songs and hymns.

November 7 - Inuit Day: An opportunity to celebrate, listen to, and learn from Inuit from across the North. It is a day to honour the rich contributions and vibrant ways of knowing and being of Inuit across the globe.

*Please click the links to learn more.

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Library Pumpkin Contest!

