



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tomsett Elementary

October 13-17th

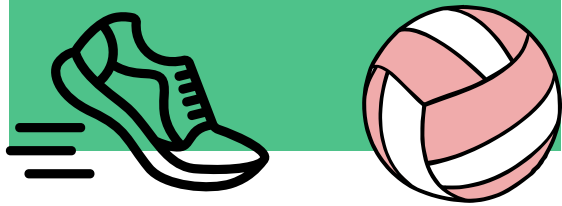
Monday, Oct. 13th

No School
Thanksgiving

Tuesday, Oct. 14th

Cross Country Run
Practice @ Lunch
Grades 1-7

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



Wednesday, Oct. 15th

Thursday, Oct. 16th

**Stop, Drop, Cover & Hold On
Drill**

Cross Country Run Practice @
Lunch
Grades 1-7

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



Friday, Oct. 17th

Hello families,

We hope that everyone enjoys the long weekend. We are grateful for this amazing Tomsett community. A friendly reminder that there is no school on Monday for Thanksgiving.

A few reminders for next week:

- Cross Country Running and Volleyball practices will take place on Tuesday and Thursday at lunch.
- Please keep an eye out for Parent Teacher Conference notices coming home. Conferences will take place the week of Oct. 20-24th with early dismissal @ 1:45pm on the 22nd and 23rd.
- We will have our first Stop, Drop, Cover, and Hold On (Earthquake) Drill next Thursday. We will give students lots of pre-loading and Mrs. Anderson will talk us through the procedure over the announcements. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

Have a wonderful long weekend and Happy Thanksgiving to those that celebrate. We will see you on Tuesday!

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

October

22 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm)

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23 Kindergarten Hearing Screening @ 9am

24 Pro-D Day (no school for students)

28 Photo Retake Day

29 District Cross Country Fun Run

November

10 Remembrance Day Assembly

11 Remembrance Day (no school for students)

19 PAC Meeting

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.

ADHD: The Real Deal

October 21 @ 10:00 am – 11:30 am

<https://familysmart.ca/event/adhd-the-real-deal-25/>

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!



Dates of Significance

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.

October 11 – International Day of the Girl: A day to recognize girls' rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world.

October 13 – Thanksgiving: An official statutory holiday in Canada occurring on the second Monday of October. Though its origin is rooted in prayer for and celebration of the autumn harvest, Thanksgiving is no longer restricted to harvest activities and has become a day for gathering family to give thanks for their general well-being. These articles may be helpful in considering the Indigenous contributions to Thanksgiving traditions as well as the colonial undertones of the day.

October 14-15 – Simchat Torah: A celebratory Jewish holiday that marks the completion of the annual Torah reading cycle. Simchat Torah literally means "Rejoicing in the Law" in Hebrew.

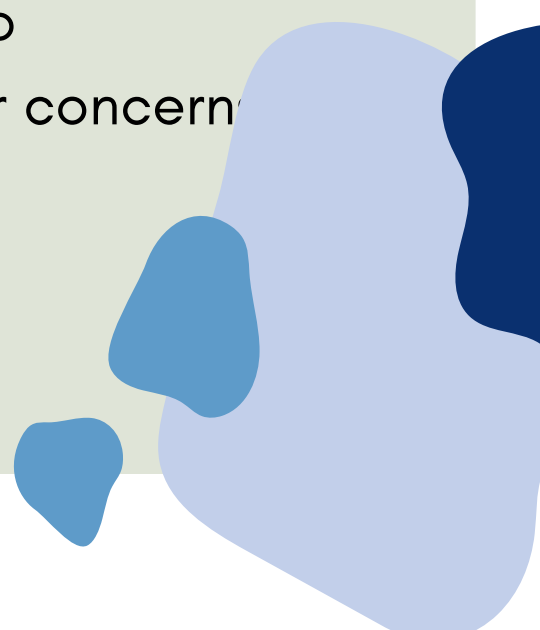
October 15 – International Pronouns Day: A day to make respecting, sharing, and educating about personal pronouns commonplace. #MyPronounsAre #ShareYourPronouns on social media.

October 16 – Spirit Day: A day when people are encouraged to wear purple to create awareness for the bullying and harassment that the 2SLGBTQ+ community faces. Created in 2010 by Canadian teenager, Brittany McMillan, from Surrey BC and now promoted by GLAAD.

October 16 – World Food Day: A day to promote worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and for the need to ensure healthy diets for all.

October 17 – International Day for the Eradication of Poverty: This day presents an opportunity to acknowledge the effort and struggle of people living in poverty, a chance for them to make their concerns heard, and a moment to recognize that poor people are the first ones to fight against poverty.

*Please click the links to learn more.



Moments of Learning and Joy at Tomsett this Week



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 Ditrict 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