



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tomsett Elementary

November 24-28th

Monday, Nov. 24th

Tuesday, Nov. 25th

Volleyball Practice @
Lunch

**Volleyball Game @
Talmey**

Wednesday, Nov. 26th

Thursday, Nov. 27th

**Safer Space
Presentation
Grade 4/5s**

Friday, Nov. 28th

**Deadline for PAC
Holiday Fundraiser**

Hello families,

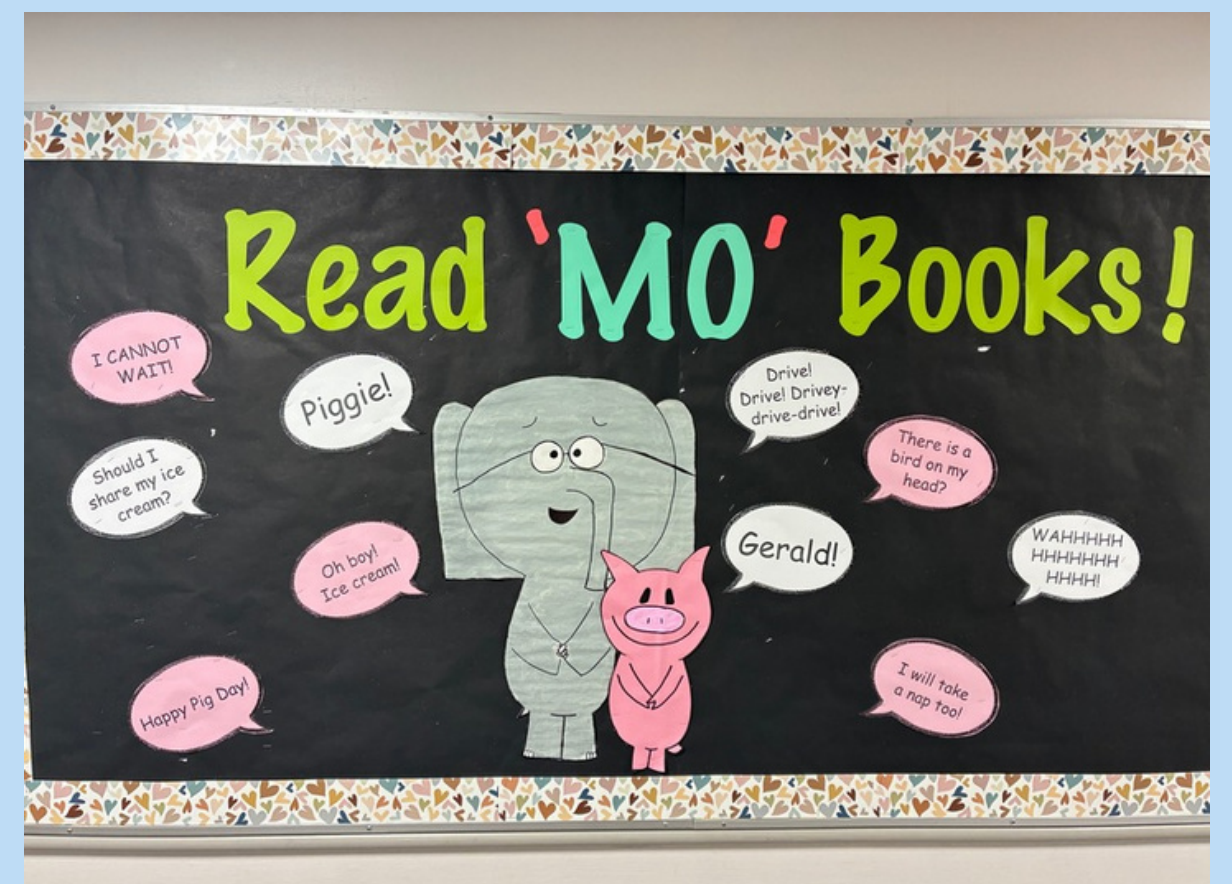
We want to say a big congratulations to our Volleyball Team for their hard work at the MacNeill Jamboree this week. Thank you to our coaches and to the parents that came out to support. They will have their last volleyball game of the season next Tuesday at Talmey.

Thank you to everyone that attended our PAC meeting this week. Hopefully, you received an email this week about our PAC Holiday Fundraiser. Please see the PAC section for more information.

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

December

- 1 Pro-D
- 4 Winter Music Concert Div. 1-6 and 18 (afternoon)
- 9 Evacuation Drill
- 18 Term 1 Learning Updates Posted
- 19 Last day of classes before Winter Break

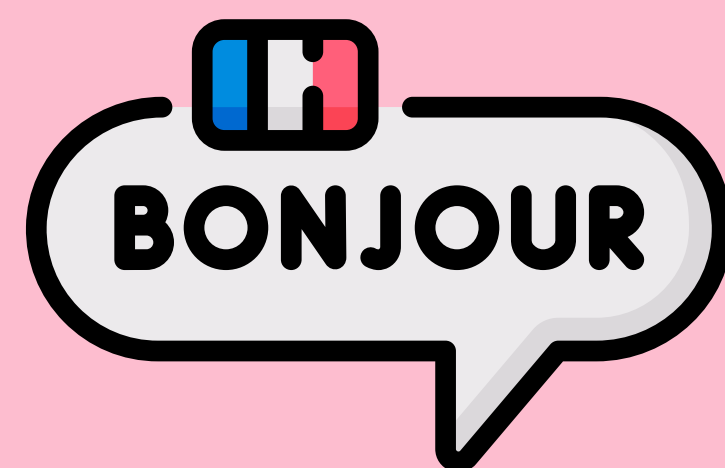


Parent Education Session: Late French Immersion Webinar

The Richmond School District offers the Late French Immersion program beginning in Grade 6 at James Whiteside and John Diefenbaker Elementary Schools. We invite families of current Grade 5 students to join us for a virtual meeting about this program. We will be hosting this **Webinar on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025 at 6pm.**

This information session will include the following topics:

- Program Overview
- Student Experiences
- Registration Process
- Frequently Asked Questions



Please see attached flyer for more details and share this opportunity with your school community.

DPO LFI Parent Education Session 2025

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 22- **Holodomor Memorial Day:** A day to remember and honour the millions of victims of the Holodomor, the famine genocide deliberately inflicted on Ukrainian people in 1932 and 1933 by Joseph Stalin's totalitarian regime.

November 24- **Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur:** A Sikh day of observance for the death and impact of the ninth Sikh Guru.

*Please click the links to learn more.

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!

The rains have come.....

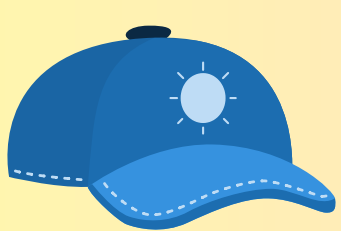
Parents please ensure your child is dress for raining weather, we go outside at recess and at lunch.

Wear boots.

Wear a coat with a hood.

Send extra socks and shoes to school.

Umbrellas are not reccomended as children can't run and play while holding an umbrella.



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 January @ 6:30pm.

PAC Holiday Fundraiser

The Tomsett PAC is excited to kick off a special holiday fundraiser to help support school programs and activities!

We're offering two special Canadian-made treats – perfect for gifting during the holiday season!

La Biscuitery Cookies – Christmas limited edition, as part of their Holiday Collection.

Purdys Chocolatier– holiday classic and a seasonal favourite.

How to order:

- Online ordering is now open on MunchALunch!
- Order Deadline: Thursday, November 27th

Every purchase helps support Tomsett students and school activities!

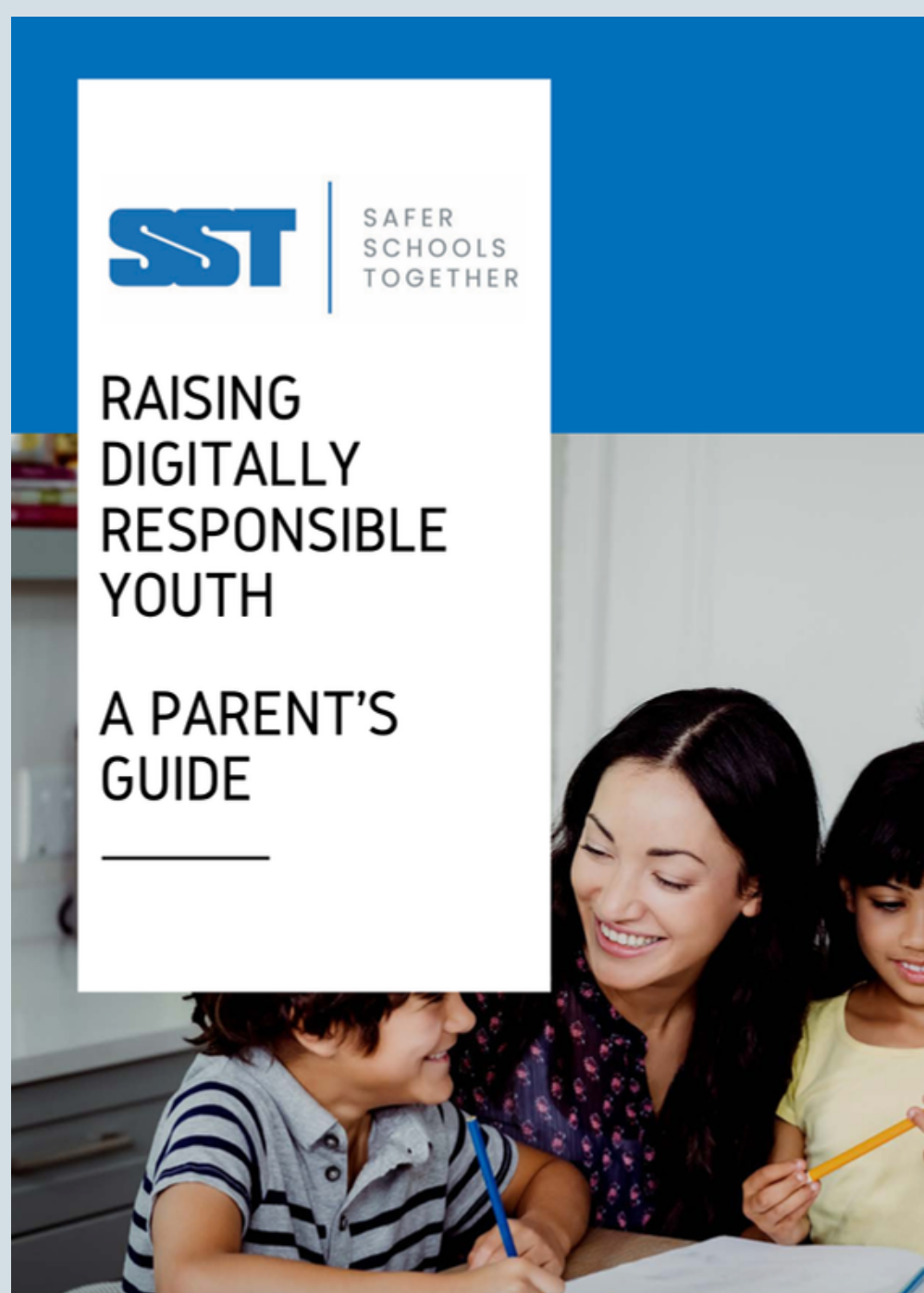
Thank you for your support and we wish you a joyful holiday season.

Warmly,

Tomsett PAC



In case you missed the PAC meeting, here are some resources that were shared by Tomsett Admin:



Raising Digitally Responsible Youth: A Parents Guide



Safer Space Information Sheet

About Safer Space

Safer Space is an interactive workshop designed for children and youth to better understand how to stay safe when using apps, social media, and gaming platforms. Through engaging activities and real-life scenarios, we walk through online exploitation in a familiar and accessible way for our participants.

About Children of the Street

Since 1995, Children of the Street has worked to prevent the sexual exploitation and human trafficking of children and youth in British Columbia. Our main way of achieving this goal is through our school-based educational presentations. Every year, we provide over 500 workshops to more than 25,000 young people across BC.

Why is this important?

- The Canadian Centre for Child Protection (C3P) is processing **more than 100,000 reports** of online child sexual exploitation every month.
- Cybertip received close to **4,000 reports of sexually explicit deepfake images** and videos of youth in just one year.
- 1 in 4 parents reported coming across **inappropriate online behaviour aimed at their child**, according to Public Safety Canada.
- The UN found that at any given time, **750,000 individuals are estimated to be looking to connect with a child online** for sexual purposes.

Education is key to preventing child sexual exploitation. Our prevention-based workshops provide children, youth, and parents with knowledge and practical tools to help keep kids safe from sexual exploitation, off and online. **90%** of workshop participants say that the presentation taught them how to stay safe online, and **91%** indicate that they learned how to get help if they, or a friend, need it.

What your child will learn:

- What online **exploitation** is and how to prevent it
- How to recognize the **red flags** of luring and grooming
- Online permanency and the **consequences of sharing** private information online
- Practical tips for **staying safe** online
- Trusted adults and **ways to reach out** for help