

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tomsett Elementary

January 12-16th

Monday, Jan. 12th

Boys Basketball
Practice @ 2:45pm

Tuesday, Jan. 13th

Girls Basketball
Practice @ lunch
Evacuation Drill @ 1pm

Wednesday, Jan. 14th

Boys Basketball
Practice @ Lunch
PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm

Thursday, Jan. 15th

Open Shoot Around @ 8am
(boys and girls)
Girls Basketball Practice @
Lunch

Friday, Jan. 16th

Hello Families,

It was an exciting first week back with the opening of our new playground. It has been well-used and students are enjoying exploring the new equipment and using it safely. There are a few important reminders below.

- 1. Dress for the weather**-we saw all sorts of weather this week-sunshine, rain, wind, and even hail. Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather so that they can enjoy being outside at recess and lunch. Rain gear, boots, gloves, and a toque are important with warm layers. Although umbrellas are helpful for walking to and from school, they do get in the way when children are trying to play on the playground. Having extra clothes at school is helpful for those extra-wet days.
- 2. Keep toys and valuables at home**-We know that students can be excited to bring their favourite toys to school. However, this can create problems in the class as they can be distracting. As well, solving conflicts due to lost or damaged toys can leave students quite upset, and takes time for teachers to solve. We hope that you can remind students to keep their toys at home.
- 3. K-Pop Performances**-Our K-Pop lessons start in a couple of weeks. You should have received an email this week. Most classes will be partnered up and we will be having a performance for families on Wednesday, January 28th in the afternoon. Please see more information below.
- 4. Our Grade 6/7 Basketball** season will begin next week. Students that have signed up will be bringing notices home today.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and a friendly reminder that we have a PAC meeting next Wednesday. The link can be found in our PAC section below and will be emailed to all families on Wednesday. We would love to see you there!

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

January

- 13 Evacuation Drill
- 26 Pro-D
- 19-28 K Pop Lessons
- 28 K Pop Performance (Afternoon)
- 30 Hold and Secure Drill



K Pop Lessons

We are very excited to start our K-Pop Dance lessons on January 19th-28th. Most classes will be partnered with another class and will have 4-40 minute lessons over the course of the week and a half. We will have a dress rehearsal and two performances on Wednesday, January 28th. We welcome families to join us for the afternoon performances. Please see the details below:

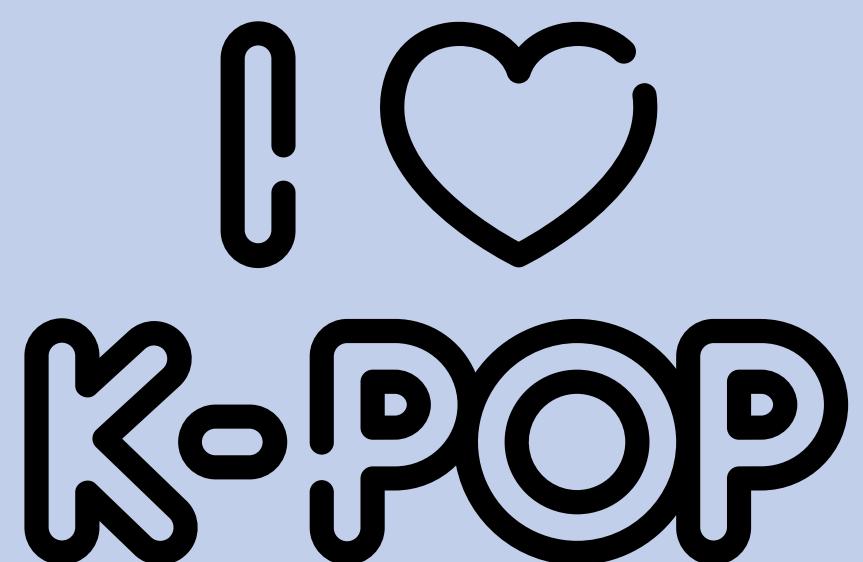
Wednesday, January 28th

Performance 1 @ 1pm (Doors open 12:45pm)

- Divisions 20/21, 16/17, 12/13, 8/9, and 3/4

Performance 2 @ 2pm (Doors open at 1:45pm)

- Divisions 18/19, 14/15, 10/11, 7, 5/6, 1/2



The cost for these lessons is \$5 per student and can be paid using CashOnline. You should have received an email notice this week.

Dates of Significance

JANUARY

January 13th - Maghi: Also known as Makar Sankranti. A Hindu celebration of the harvest.

January 15th - Black Excellence Day: Created by the Ninandotoo Society to rejoice and learn about the stories, art, and history of Black people.

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!

Dress for the Weather

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 recommended as children can't run and play while holding an umbrella.



School Messenger-Opt In Reminder

In February, the Richmond School District will be sending out another SchoolMessenger text message opt-in request. This opt-in gives the district permission to send important school and district updates directly to your phone via text message.

Many families have already completed this step when it was previously sent out—you only need to opt in once. If you are already enrolled, no action is required.

Please note that these messages are not spam and are used only for timely and important communications. We encourage all families to opt in to stay informed.

PAC Corner

PAC Meetings:

Our next PAC meeting is Wednesday, January 14th @ 6:30pm. The link is provided below and will be emailed on the day of:

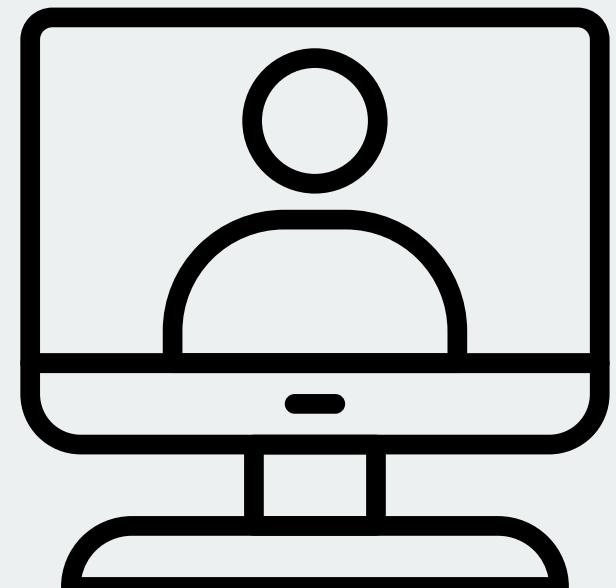
Microsoft Teams Need help?

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 228 912 174 858 9

Passcode: ju3Qu3nM

MEETING



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](#).

Support Tomsett with FlipGive

If you haven't had a chance, please consider joining Tomsett on FlipGive – a free team fundraising app that makes supporting our school easy.

How it works:

- Tomsett earns cash back on everyday purchases all year long.
- You shop with brands you already love, such as Home Depot, Walmart, Sport Chek, Indigo, Old Navy, Apple, Esso, and Loblaws.

Join our team and receive a \$5 bonus on your first purchase!

👉 Join here: <https://shop.flipgive.com/onboarding/join?joincode=XM93G4>

👉 Or enter team code: XM93G4

Thank you for your continued support of Tomsett PAC.

TRY

NO EQUIPMENT
NEEDED



TRY LACROSSE!

FREE TO ALL PLAYERS

LOCATION MANOAH STEVES SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

DECEMBER 10TH | 17:00 TO 18:30
WEDNESDAY

LOCATION DIEFENBAKER SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

JANUARY 14TH | 17:00 TO 18:30
WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 8TH | 10:00 TO 11:30
SUNDAY

MARCH 4TH | 17:00 TO 18:30
WEDNESDAY

MARCH 15TH | 10:00 TO 11:30
SUNDAY

PRE REGISTER
HERE

TO SECURE YOUR SPOT



VOLUNTEER INTERPRETERS NEEDED



The Richmond School District is seeking individuals who are fluent in English and other languages to join our Volunteer Interpreter Team.

Help strengthen communication between schools and families by providing language support during parent teacher conferences. Your involvement helps ensure every family feels welcomed and informed.

Training is provided.
All languages welcome.

To express your interest, please email your CV before January 16, 2026 to:

culturalinterpreters@sd38.bc.ca