



WEEK AT A GLANCE
Tomsett Elementary
January 19th-23rd

Monday, Jan. 19th	Tuesday, Jan. 20th	Wednesday, Jan. 21st	Thursday, Jan. 22 nd	Friday, Jan. 23 rd
Boys Basketball Practice @ 2:45pm	Girls Basketball Practice @ lunch	Boys Basketball Practice @ Lunch Public Board Meeting	Open Shoot Around @ 8am (boys and girls) Girls Basketball Practice @ Lunch	
K Pop Dance Lessons Start!				

Hello Families,

Here are a few reminders for the week ahead:

1. **K Pop Dance lessons start on Monday.** We are excited to welcome Yunik Dance to our school.
2. **Basketball practices** continue next week for Grade 6/7. students.
3. Please encourage **safe play and exploration of our new playground** with kids before and after school. We are working on this during recess and lunch with the students.
4. Please remember our **parking lot drop off and pick up reminders.** Do not leave your vehicle unattended in our pick up/drop off lanes. Remind your child to get into your vehicle from the sidewalk. Walking around and into moving cars is dangerous. Drive slowly through the drop off area and make only right hand turns out of the parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation to keep our community safe.
5. Please read the important message below about **respecting our washroom** spaces at school.
6. Reminder that **Monday, January 26th a Pro-D Day.**

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

JANUARY

26 Pro-D

19-28 K Pop Lessons

28 K Pop Performance (Afternoon)

30 Hold and Secure Drill

February

11 Evacuation Drill

13 Pro-D Day

16 Family Day (no school)

25 Pink Shirt Day

27 Family Teams Pink Shirt Day Assembly

26 Conferences (11:50am dismissal)



Stay Informed with SchoolMessenger Text Alerts (Opt-In)

Our District uses SchoolMessenger to share important school and district updates, including weather closures, emergency notifications, reminders, and time-sensitive announcements.

All families with a current cell phone number in our MyEdBC database will receive a text message from SchoolMessenger (Text #: 978338) in February 2026. To start receiving text alerts, you will need to opt in.

How to opt in:

1. Watch for a text from SchoolMessenger (Text #: 978338).
2. Reply with "Y" to 978338.
3. You will receive a confirmation message letting you know you're successfully subscribed.

Want alerts on more than one device?

To receive text alerts on multiple phones, each phone number must opt in separately by replying "Y" to 978338.

Dates of Significance

JANUARY

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

January 17-Raoul Wallenberg Day: A day to recognize Raoul Wallenberg for his work in saving tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews during the Holocaust.

January 21- Lincoln Alexander Day: The birthday of Honourable Lincoln Alexander has been recognized across Canada since 2015. He was a pioneer in the fight for racial equity in Canada. Alexander's legacy is marked by many firsts as the first Black Member of Parliament, Cabinet minister, and Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

January 23-Vasant Panchami: A day that is believed to be the birth of the Goddess Saraswati, and is dedicated to this Hindu Goddess of knowledge, music, arts, wisdom and learning.

January 24-World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture: A day to celebrate and highlight the contributions of the many vibrant cultures of the African continent and the African people around the world, as well as their role in driving sustainable development, dialogue, and peace.

Please click the links to learn more.

Updated Volunteer Driver Form

The process for volunteering as a parent driver for field trips and after-school extracurricular activities has been updated.

Going forward, all volunteer drivers are required to complete an electronic Criminal Record Check (CRC) through the Province of British Columbia using a district-provided access code. When using the school district code, there is no cost to volunteers. Criminal record checks can be completed online:

👉 [HERE](#)

In addition, all drivers must provide proof of a minimum of \$1 million in third-party liability insurance. Criminal record checks and insurance documents may be kept on file and updated every two years. However, the Volunteer Driver Form must be completed annually.

Whenever possible, the school continues to use school-district buses, private bus companies, or public transit for field trips. Thank you for helping us keep student safety a top priority

Washroom Use

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are reaching out to ask for your help and support with an ongoing concern regarding student use of the washrooms at Tomsett. Unfortunately, both the boys' and girls' washrooms are not being respected, and staff are frequently required to respond to significant messes.

On an ongoing basis, we are finding that some students are not using toilets or urinals appropriately. In boys' washrooms, there have been repeated incidents of urine on the floor, in sinks, and in garbage cans. We have also seen entire rolls of toilet paper unrolled and placed into toilets, wet paper towels thrown onto walls and ceilings, and writing on washroom walls. These incidents are happening far too often and create unhygienic conditions for everyone.

We have addressed this issue with students through classroom discussions, school-wide reminders, and announcements. Despite these efforts, the problem continues, which is why we are now asking for your partnership.

We kindly request that families take time to review washroom expectations and respectful behavior at home. Please talk with your child about:

- Using the toilet or urinal properly and only for its intended purpose
- Never urinating on floors, in sinks, or in garbage cans
- Respecting shared spaces so they remain clean and safe for everyone
- Understanding that damaging or misusing school property affects the entire school community

Teaching and reinforcing these expectations at home makes a significant difference. When students receive consistent messages from both school and family, they are far more likely to make responsible choices.

Please be aware that if these behaviours continue, the school may need to introduce additional measures, such as students signing in to use the washroom or signing out of class, to help monitor and reduce incidents.

We truly appreciate your understanding, support, and cooperation as we work together to teach responsibility, respect, and care for shared spaces.

Thank you for partnering with us to ensure our school remains a clean, safe, and respectful environment for all.

Ms. Wallace and Mrs. Anderson



K Pop Lessons

K Pop Lessons will start next week! Here is a friendly reminder of the performance schedule:

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.

PAC Corner

PAC Meetings:

Thank you to everyone that attended our PAC meeting.

Our next PAC meeting is Wednesday, March 11th @ 6:30pm.

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.

Moments of Learning and Joy at Tomsett



"One Word for 2026" Agamograph
inspired by Yaacov Agam.

Agamograph is an art form that uses optical illusion to create artwork that changes when you look at it from different angles.

Move around and check our one word for 2026!



TRY

NO EQUIPMENT
NEEDED



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

