



I hope everyone had a relaxing and festive Thanksgiving long weekend, full of gratitude and family time. We had a great Terry Fox Run last week. The clouds disappeared, and the rains held up just in time for our run in the sun. The orange treats afterward were much appreciated. A big thank you goes out to our parent volunteers and one of our community partners, SaveOn Foods, for donating the oranges.

We are now hitting our stride with class routines, and there are many events and activities happening at Thompson. This eNewsletter will showcase some of those events, and act as a reminder of things on the horizon.

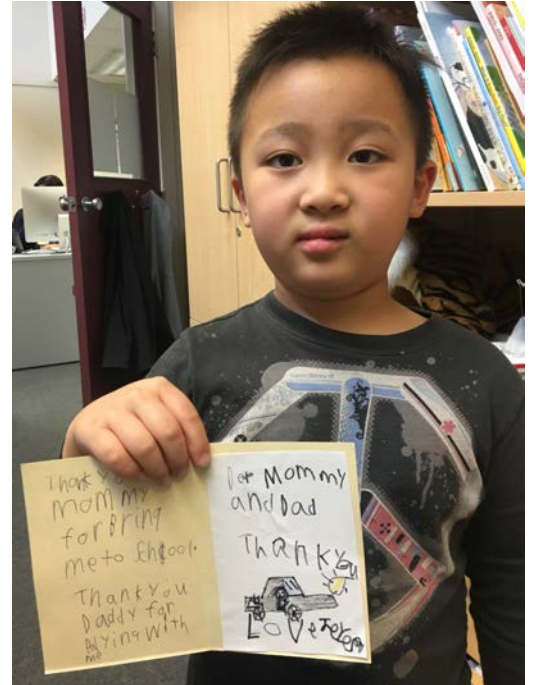
Reminder - Photo Day Tomorrow

Also, there are still spaces available to book a sitting for Professional Family photos for just \$25. There are still times available for October 10th and 11th. If you missed the notice that went home about this you can book online at:

<https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/in710yto/>

Reminder - PAC Meeting October 17 - 9am

All parents are welcome to come to our monthly PAC meeting held in the Multi-purpose room. At these meetings, parents put their ideas together and plan events that support the school. Mr. Juhasz (the Principal) also provides an update on school events and direction, he seeks parent advice, and is available to answer questions if need be. The PAC is always looking for new attendees and hopefully you can join us.



Special Announcement!

Parent Meeting: October 16th at 6pm - Thompson gym Topic: Communicating Student Learning(CSL)

One of Thompson's goals this year is to be more innovative with how we communicate student learning. So that we are more in-line with current assessment practices, the new curriculum, and our use of ePortfolio as a teaching and learning tool, we will be making some changes to what was formally known as the "report card."

Parents are invited to join us on October 16th at 6pm in our gym to hear about these changes, and how parents can be better connected to their child's learning. Mr. Juhasz will host this interactive evening, and as special guests, we will have Mrs. Rose (a K/1 teacher) and Mr. Stokes (a 6/7 teacher) demonstrate how they assess students and use ePortfolio to communicate their students' learning. We promise that these innovations that will be presented will be very different than what you would have experienced as an elementary student yourself once upon a time. Lily Zhou, our SWIS worker, will be on hand to support new families and interpret if need be. Hope to see you there.

Thompson Tiger Wear is back!

Students, staff, and parents can show their school spirit by ordering a dry fit T-shirt or hoodie. We are hoping that every student will have a Thompson Tiger T-shirt to wear. Parents can order using the online KEV program (same program that you used for school supplies etc.)

<https://richmondsd38.schoolcashonline.com/>

There will be sample sizes on display in the front hallway for folks to try on to make sure that they're ordering the correct size. We will not be able to make exchanges afterwards because these are custom orders based on what you choose. Similar to last year, we are offering T-shirts, hoodies and reversible team jerseys.



Thompson PAC Pumpkin Fundraiser – October 29th after school

In preparation of our Annual Pumpkin Carving event on October 31st, we have over 90 pumpkins that will be made available for students by donation. These pumpkins (one per student) will be available for pick up after school on October 29th. Parents are encouraged to come to the school on the 29th to take the pumpkins home because not all students are big enough to carry a pumpkin home ;-). If you missed the pick up on the 29th, and we still have some left, you can get them from our front hallway.

Prior to the October 31st Family Teams carving event in the gym, we ask that each student come back to school on October 31st with their pumpkin cleaned out, whereby they have carved open the pumpkin from the bottom (so we can put lights inside when we display them).



Cross Country Running Team

We have been training for the district cross country run by practicing formally at recess time on Tuesdays and Fridays, and informally during our school wide-runs three times/week. This year, Thompson Tigers will attend a district cross country run on October 17, at Garry Point (near to the parking lot beside Pajos). A memo with details about the cross country run has been sent home with the runners, and another reminder is to follow. We are grateful for Mrs. McCaskill and Ms. Poon who are our Cross Country running coaches this year.

Start Times:

3:30 start for grade 1s- 5 minute "windows" after for older aged students.

3:35 grade 2

3:40 grade 3

3:45 grade 4

3:50 grade 5

3:55 grade 6

4:00 grade 7

Approximate route distances:

900 meters grades 1, 2,

1300 meters- grade 3, 4 and 5

1600 meters- grade 6 and 7



Kindergarten Registration - help spread the word

Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2014, turning 5 in 2019. These children will begin kindergarten in September, 2019. Registration begins November 1, 2018. Please visit our website <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten> for more information.

Families are encouraged to register any time during the Priority 1 registration period (November – January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 8, 2019.

Please join us at one of our parent information evenings specifically for kindergarten families. At these sessions we will provide information on how and when to register, as well as program options including French Immersion and Montessori.

October 16 - Westwind Elementary - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
 October 17 - Anderson Elementary - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
 October 23 - Thompson Elementary - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
 October 25 - Mitchell Elementary - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Kindergarten evening for parents of students with special needs
 November 21 - Cook Elementary - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Welcome UBC Teachers.

We are very fortunate to not only have 6 amazing UBC teachers joining us this year, but we also have 6 mentoring teachers willing to share their expertise and pay it forward with our new prospective teachers. This is a classic win-win scenario because the new teachers get guidance from our experienced staff, and our students benefit from having a second teacher working with them. They are with us for the next few Thursdays, followed by a 2 week practicum, then a 10 week practicum after the March Break. The classes that are participating are: Mrs. Rose, Mrs. TV, Mrs. Ginet, Mr. Stokes, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Dimmick. All the best to our teachers of tomorrow.



2018/2019 Calendar

October 10, Wednesday - Photo Day and Family Photos
 October 12, Friday - Pizza Day
 October 16, Parent Info Night - Communicating Student Learning - 6:00p.m.
 October 17, PAC Meeting 9:00am in Multi-purpose room
 October 17, District Cross Country Run - Garry Point - 3:30p.m.
 October 19, Friday - Professional Development Day - no school for students
 October 24, Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.- Dreamrider Performance
 October 26, Friday - Hot Lunch Day (Munch a lunch - preordered online)
 October 31, Wednesday - Halloween Pumpkin Carving - wear your costume

November 2, Friday - Professional Development Day - no school for students
 November 6, Tuesday - Photo Retake
 November 9, Friday - Remembrance Day Assembly
 November 9, Friday - Hot Lunch Day (Munch a lunch - preordered online)
 November 12, Monday - Remembrance Day Holiday
 November 15, Thursday - Pizza Day
 November 19, Monday - Grade 6 Immunizations
 November 20, Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. - Rainbow Dance Theatre
 November 21 and 22 (Wed. and Thurs.) 1:45 p.m. early dismissal - Parent teacher conferences
 November 23, Friday - Curriculum Implementation Day - no school for students
 November 30, Friday - Pizza Day

December 7, Friday - Hot Lunch Day (Munch a lunch - preordered online)
 December 11, Tuesday - Band Concert at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
 December 20, Thursday - Winter Celebration
 December 21, Friday - Pizza Day January
 December 24 to January 7, 2019 - Winter Holidays
 January 7, School reopens

Thompson Elementary School

6211 Forsyth Crescent, Richmond BC. 604 668-6420

Early Warning Answering Machine: 604 668-6426

Website: thompson@sd38.bc.ca - Instagram: @thompson_tigers - Twitter: @thomptiger1