



**We Had a Lockdown Drill Today:**

At 1:15 today, the school initiated a school wide Lockdown Drill to practice our response should there ever be an emergency situation inside the building. When there is a Lockdown, the school's priority is to focus on the safety of our students and staff. To prepare for this, our staff and students were briefed with procedures prior the lockdown drill, and after the drill, teachers hosted follow up conversations with their students. Lockdown drills, along with earthquake drills, and fire drills are part of our usual routine to help keep our staff and students be informed, safe, and prepared. This will be discussed in further detail at our next PAC meeting in the Multi-purpose room on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

**Inside Days at Lunch and Recess**

Usually, when it is raining too hard, the students groan when it is announced that "today will be an inside day." Today however was an exception. The grade 6/7s were in the gym for open gym, the grade 4/5 leadership team, led by Ms. Poon, were hosting rainy day board games for the primary students in the multi-purpose room, and our Card Making Club was a busy hub of activity as well.

**Running Program Update**

Our students have been running hard at least three times per week, and our culture of physical fitness is improving. As a school, our goal is to add up all the KMs our whole school runs, and see how fast we can run across Canada. In just 4 weeks, we have run 2900 kms and are currently in Thunder Bay, Ontario. We run (weather permitting) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and some classes are running on their own every day. Please ensure that your child has proper shoes suitable for running.



**An Amazing Basketball Season**

Congratulations to the Thompson Basketball Teams for a great season. They capped off their season at the Burnett Basketball Tournament. Both teams improved a lot over the season, and Coaches McCaskill, Badyal and Juhasz were very proud of their players' progress, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Finally, thank you parents for supporting the program and driving to the games. Already, we're looking to next year, encouraging the players to enrol in local and community-based basketball development programs such as RYBL and/or Drive.



### **2018 Student Learning Survey**

Every year the Ministry of Education asks parents of students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 to complete an online survey about what they think about their child's learning at school. Parents of Thompson students in Grade 4 and Grade 7 are asked to click on the link below and complete the survey. The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete and is available in 18 languages. Once you log on, go to PARENTS - DIRECT ACCESS in the bottom right corner, choose **38 RICHMOND** for District and **JAMES THOMPSON ELEMENTARY** for school, choose your language (English is the default language) and answer the questions. Electronic surveying is available until **April 27, 2018**.

[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)

### **Important Dates:**

March 2	Hot lunch Day
March 15	Pizza Day
<b>March 16 to April 2</b>	<b>Spring Break and Easter Holidays (no school for students)</b>
April 3	School Re-opens
April 6	Pizza Day
April 10	Class and Panorama Photo Day
April 13	Pizza Day
April 18	PAC meeting at 9:00 a.m.
April 20	Staff Appreciation Lunch
<b>April 23</b>	<b>Professional Development Day – no school for students</b>



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