

November 4th, 2016

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,



It is hard to believe that we are already two months into the school year. Next week we have an opportunity to pay respect to the brave men and women who have sacrificed their lives for freedom and peace. It also gives us a chance to think about how we can promote peace in our lives, our community and the world. We encourage you to stop what you are doing on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am and observe a moment of silence.

We also send out an invitation to our school community to join us on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the gym for our Remembrance Day assembly. "Lest we forget."

Mr. Derek Cherry  
Principal

## Upcoming Events/Announcements

### Report Card Date Change

In August the Ministry of Education made changes to the reporting process, which are part of re-aligning communicating student learning with the re-designed curriculum. Staff at Thompson have just recently received training on how to write reports on MyEd BC. As a result, we have had to move our Report Card date to December 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Photo Re- Takes

Retakes will occur on  
Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at  
9:00 am.



### Grade 5 DARE Celebration

On Wednesday twenty-six Grade 5 students from Thompson completed DARE. Through lessons and conversation, students were taught a problem solving model that will help them to make the right choices about their health. A big thank you to **Mr. Badyal, Mrs. McCaskill** and **Constable Kandola** for facilitating the program and organizing the DARE celebration.

Also thank you  
**Thompson PAC**

for your generous donation to DARE.



### Scholastic Book Fair

Mrs. Fong will be hosting a Scholastic book fair in Room 2 this year. Please come and do some early Christmas shopping while raising funds for you school library. The times are as follows:

**Wednesday, November 30:** 12:00 -12:45, 2:45-4:00  
**Thursday, December 1:** 8:30-8:45, 12:00-12:45, 2:45-4:00  
**Friday, December 2:** 8:30-8:45, 12:00-12:45

**THERE WILL BE A DRAW FOR A DOOR PRIZE!!!**

### Halloween Pumpkin Carving and Spooky Haunted House

On Halloween, students carved pumpkins in their family teams. Some amazing creations were made. School spirit was high as many students wore costumes or dressed in orange and black.



The Grade 7 Leadership Team did a great job planning, designing and running a spooky haunted house on the stage. The students loved it! Grade 7's thank you for all of your leadership and time.

### City Center Volleyball Tournament

Thompson will be participating in the City Center Volleyball tournament. This is a fun, inclusive tournament. Teams will play three games against other schools. For the fourth game teams will be mixed with players from other schools. Please come out and cheer on all teams. The tournament will occur at **MacNeil on November 16<sup>th</sup>**. Mr. Badyal will be sending out more information soon.



## Thompson Says Thanks to...

- **Mr. Badyal** for coaching our Grade 6/7 Volleyball team this year and to the **parent volunteer drivers** who are getting players to and from games. Also thank you **Mr. Dimmick** for helping out with the games.



- Our **Thompson students and their families** for donating eight boxes of non-perishable food items to the food bank.

- **Elly Chung** for coordinating the Fruit and Vegetable program at Thompson for the past three years.

- **Mrs. Ng-Tam and Mrs. Yan**, Noon Hour Supervisors, for all that they do for our staff and students.



### SNOW DAYS – What to expect?

Closing schools is a difficult decision for the school district – trying to weigh the safety of all with the repercussions for working families. To help assist families, we would like to outline what you can expect from us on a snow day. The following things will happen:

Schools will be OPEN unless conditions reach civic emergency proportions. Radio announcements will only announce those schools that are CLOSED. Most of these will be private schools. Listen to radio CKNW 980AM, NEWS 1130AM, CBC 690AM, QM 103.5FM or watch on television CBC, GlobalTV, City TV and CTV.

As well, you can get information other ways:

- the district's website
- all elementary schools' websites have a scrolling message along the top as necessary (i.e. on days which are questionable due to weather). The message will include a link back to the district's website containing detailed information.
- the snow closure hotline, (604) 295-4304, which will provide a recorded message indicating if schools are open or closed
- Twitter at RichmondSD38

**Please do not phone the school. The administration will be too busy planning the day and will not be able to answer the phone.**

It may not be a regular school day as many students and teachers may be absent. If children do come to school, we will ensure that the children are cared for and are safe. Many alternate activities may be planned so that students who are absent will not miss any work. School will remain open until 3:00 pm and in the event that we have to close early, students will not be sent home without contacting parents first.

You have some choices:

1. Students are not required to attend school on a snow day if you feel that their safety or your own safety may be at risk (you may keep them home).
2. Make plans in advance for what you and your family will do on a snow day.
3. Children who come to school may be taking part in alternate activities.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the school before a snow day.

## Reminders

### Kindergarten Registration Information

School registration for Kindergarten students born in 2012, begins on November 1, 2016. Kindergarten children and parents with Canadian citizenship register at the catchment school from November 1st to 30<sup>th</sup>.

Kindergarten children and/or parents who are not Canadian citizens but with valid Permanent

**K**indergarten  
Registration

Resident Card or Letter of Acceptance register at Central Registration office at Richmond School Board.

Registration forms and a list of required documents are available at the school office.

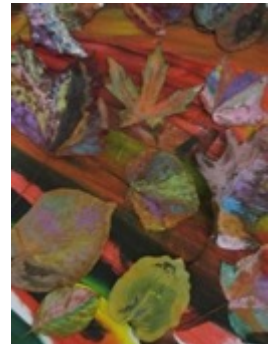
## P.A.C. NEWS

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for **November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am** in the library.

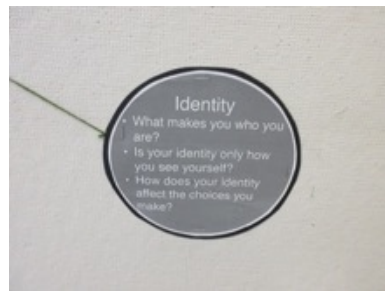
Hot lunch date change. To make up for the hot lunch that was missed last week it will be delivered on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> not the 24<sup>th</sup> as stated in the letter that was sent home.

## Thompson Tiger Learning

Division 8 students have been learning about making group plans: sharing thoughts, ideas and feelings so that they have a shared, common goal of what they are working towards. The picture shows the end result of their collaborative efforts.



In Division 2 students have been learning about how their identity impacts on the choices they make and how identity tells about who they are.



After getting inspiration from the song “What a Wonderful World” Division 6 used a variety of materials to create illustrations about what they were thankful for.

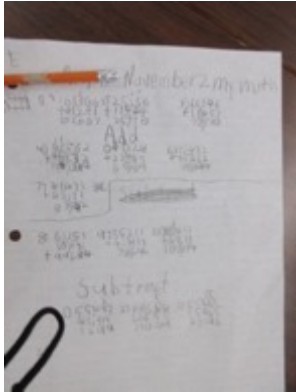




Divisions 3 and 7 did self portraits using found materials. Core competencies used were being kind to others, working cooperatively and

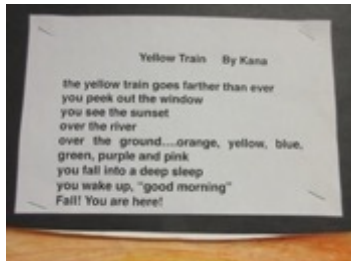
building relationships.

In Division 4 students have been learning about numeracy by building numbers up to 10,000 and finding sums and differences using a variety of strategies



Div. 5 was inspired to create fall art after going on outdoor walks to observe changes

around them. To complement their art they used “found poems” and read Daniel Finds a poem by Micha Archer.



Div. 1 spent last week dabbling in the creative competency and taking inspiration from the ideas shared in class or seen on other masks.



## Calendar of Events

### November

- 8 Photo re-takes**
- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly**
- 11 *Remembrance Day – No school***
- 15 Code Yellow drill**
- 15 PAC Meeting – 9:00 am**
- 16 City Center Volleyball Tournament at MacNeil**
- 17 Tim Sars Trio Performance – 10:45 -11:45 am**
- 17 Hot lunch**
- 17 Outdoor Ed Meeting at 6:00pm**
- 18 *Curriculum Implementation Day – No school***
- 23 Late French Immersion Presentation to Grade 5's**
- 25 Friday Morning Drop In**
- 25 Grade 6 Immunizations**
- 25 Hot lunch make up day**
- 25 Thompson Community Center After School Program**
- 29 Pizza Day**
- Friday morning drop in**
- 30 – Dec.2 – Book Fair**