

# Thompson Times

As we near Remembrance Day, please take time to reflect on what is truly important to you and your family. This time of the year makes me remember to not take all the good things we enjoy for granted. It makes me think about my parents who came to Canada to escape war and to maintain their freedom. As well it makes me think about my grandfather, who served in the Second World War, and the sacrifices that he and so many others made to give us the freedoms that we enjoy in Canada today. We want to make sure that our young people, who have not experienced the same hardship that previous generations have, are able to appreciate what has been done for them. As Canadians we have many opportunities, and as a school community we have much to be grateful for: hardworking, caring and dedicated staff, involved and supportive families and amazing students. We hope you can join us at our Remembrance Day assembly.

## Remembrance Day Assembly

We would like to invite all members of our community to our Remembrance Day service on Friday, November 10 at 10:45 am in the gym. There will be seating for parents at the back of the gym.



## Friday Morning Drop In

Our Thompson Breakfast Club is now running every Friday morning from 8:00am – 8:30am in the gym. Thank you to Mrs. McCaskill and our Grade 6/7 Leadership group for organizing this opportunity for our school. Breakfast is served and the gym is open for play. Due to the preparations for the Remembrance Day assembly, there will be **no** Friday morning drop in on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Parking Lot Reminder

Thank you to everyone who is making an effort to follow the parking lot rules at the school. It has really helped to keep our parking lot safe for all of our students. We do need everyone's help in making sure that students are not dropped off right at the front door on rainy days. When this happens, the cross walk is blocked and there is a chance that one of our students can be hit. Also, a reminder that the back parking lot is for staff, and older students do not need to be dropped off in the parking lot.

## “Parents and the Principal” Meeting - Session #2 - “Assessment and Reporting.” - December 5th at 9:00am

We had an amazing turn out and great conversations last week at our “Parents and the Principal” Meeting with Mr. Juhasz. The topic of conversation started with Combined Classes and why we have them, followed by the pros and cons of the Ministry of Education FSA tests. There were excellent questions, observations, and ideas shared. For those that stayed around afterwards and asked specific questions, that too was very valuable for all of us present.

Our next “Parents and the Principal” session will be on the topic of “Assessment and Reporting.” on Tuesday, December 5th at 9:00am in the Library. The topic will be a timely one because report cards will be going home shortly after this meeting. We will talk about how teachers currently assess, and how that has changed from when we ourselves went to elementary school. We will talk



about the current “reporting process” and “report card format”, and what changes we can expect in the near future. The future of “assessment” is actually already here and in progress at Thompson. There will also be demos of some progressive assessment techniques as well as an ePortfolio demonstration. Hope you can make it. Refreshments will be served.

**Thompson Christmas Concert - Save the Date: Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup>**

We are pleased to announce our Christmas Concert date as Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be offering two shows. The first one is our dress rehearsal at 1:15pm, and the second one will be at 6:00pm. For the 1:15pm show, the students will be in the audience and get to enjoy the performance, with parent seating at the back. For the 6:00pm show, the entire gym will be dedicated to parent seating.

This concert will be one of the highlights of our year and one of the best community events we can possibly offer. We’re giving ample notice so you can be sure to attend. This is a school event and part of our Fine Arts program. All students are expected to attend and perform with their classmates. Students with prior ‘extra-curricular’ engagements (like math, music, or language class, hockey practice/game etc.) will be expected to inform their instructors and coaches that they will not be able to attend because they have a ‘curricular’ school performance.

**Student Attendance**

If your child is late for school please ask them to check in at the office. When a child is late, they are marked absent on the morning attendance and the school office phones our Thompson families to make sure they are safe. Checking into the school office when late will save time for the school office and save some worry for our families. EARLY WARNING can be called at any time, day or night. Please call **604 668 6426** and leave a message with your child’s name, grade level, and division number or teacher’s name. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe!

**What to do when your child is not feeling well.**

Our district medical health officer asks your support to maintain the health of all children by keeping your children home when they are sick. A proper sleep and breakfast are essential to ensure children function well at school. Parents will be contacted to take their children home if they become ill with these symptoms during the day. Children should be kept home from school or daycare when they have the following symptoms:

- Fever over 38 degrees Celsius
- diarrhea and/or vomiting in the previous 48 hours
- a rash that has not yet been diagnosed
- blister-like sores that have not yet been diagnosed
- cough, runny nose and sore throat

**Coming dressed for the weather, and watching where you walk.**

Now that the weather is getting cooler and wetter, please make sure that your child is dressed for the elements. There are times that we will go outside at recess and lunch if it is raining lightly. If you know that your child is the one to likely find all of the puddles, having an extra set of clothes on hand at school might be good planning. Also, the snow geese love to stop and visit our field on their way from Russia to warmer climates down south. It is not fake news that we’d like the students wipe their feet before coming into the school. The droppings are not harmful, just messy for our floors.



**Snow Days – weather alerts and school closures**

During school days when there is snow on the ground, Richmond schools will remain open if at all possible. Any district wide closure will be decided by 6:00 a.m. at the latest and announced on our school district website.

<https://www.sd38.bc.ca/Pages/Weather-Alerts-School-Closures.aspx>

While many people (students in particular) love the snow, snow and snow days cause inconvenience for all of us. Closing schools is a difficult decision for the Richmond 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 the Richmond School District 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 closed schools will be private schools. Listen to radio CKNW 980AM, NEWS 1130AM, CBC 690AM, 1470AM, CHQM 103.5FM or watch on television CBC, BCTV, City TV and CTV. **Please do not phone the school.** Staff will be too busy planning the day and ensuring students are safe and will not be able to answer the phone.
- It will not be a regular school day as many students and teachers may be absent. We will ensure that the children are cared for and are safe.
- School will remain open until 3:00pm 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 choose to keep them home.
- 2) Make plans in advance for what you and your family will do on a snow day.
- 3) You may send your child/children to school knowing that they may be participating in alternate activities for the day.

So, **please plan that schools will be open in the event of snow.** If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the school.

# IMPORTANT DATES:

November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly - 10:45 a.m.
<b>November 13</b>	<b>Remembrance Day (no school for students)</b>
November 15	PAC Meeting - 9:00 a.m.
November 17	Hot lunch day
November 23	Vancouver TheatreSports – 1:30 p.m.
November 23	Pizza Day
<b>November 24</b>	<b>Curriculum Implementation Day (no school for students)</b>
December 1	Hot lunch day
December 5	Parents and Principal Session #2 - 9:00a.m. Topic:” Assessment and Reporting
December 6	Kindergarten Vision/Hearing Screening
December 12	Band Concert – 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.
December 15	Pizza Day - Report cards go home
December 20	Winter concert – 1:15 and 6:00 p.m.
<b>December 25 to January 7</b>	<b>Winter Break (no school for students)</b>
January 8	School Re-opens
January 17	PAC Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
January 19	Hot lunch day
January 25	Pizza Day
<b>January 26</b>	<b>Professional Development Day (no school for students)</b>

## PAC Meeting

### Wednesday November 15th - 9:00am

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