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SPUL'U'KWUKS MURAL FUNDRAISING

As you may be aware, our school name, *Spul'ukwuks*, is a Musqueam word meaning "the place of the bubbling water". The water being referred to is the Fraser River, just steps from our school. In fact, this area where we work, play, and live, and as we know as "**Terra Nova**" was once the site of a Musqueam fishing village before the land was taken.

Our school story highlights the connection to this land and as we have learned more about our local indigenous community, we recognize that we must take steps, both individually and as a community, to make the future better and to work towards correcting the wrongs of the past.

A highly recognized Musqueam artist, [Debra Sparrow](#), has agreed to work with the school to create a mural at the front of the building that highlights the meaning of our school name. To raise funds to cover the cost of the mural (approximately \$6000), the school is creating several fundraising opportunities in the coming months. We will highlight the fundraisers in our school newsletters, so you are aware of what we are doing.



Here are our first two mural fundraisers...



You can help us by using **Return-It Express** and our school phone number to donate the cost of your recyclable items at the depot. You don't even have to sort your items!!! All you have to do is...

1. Bring your unsorted containers in sealed, clear or transparent bags of under 90-litre capacity to an Express site. Tip: put only a maximum of 12 glass bottles in each bag to prevent breakage. [Find an Express site near you.](#)
2. Use our school phone number, **604-303-5100**, to log in at an Express Kiosk.
3. Print your tags, tag your bags, and leave them at the depot.
4. They will sort and count the containers and our Express Account will be credited with your deposit refund.



You may have noticed the weather is much colder this week! Starting on Monday (October 30th), there will be weekly sales of **hot chocolate** with a marshmallow for **\$2.00!** Mark the dates on your calendar: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, and Nov. 27. At 12:20 on these days, Odd numbered divisions can line up outside Mrs. Myers' room (Outside Door #9) and Even numbered divisions can line up outside Ms. Rakhra's room (Door #22) to purchase their hot chocolate.

Thank you for your support of our mural fundraising!

HALLOWEEN AT SPUL'U'KWUKS

Students are welcome to wear costumes to school next Tuesday, October 31st. We will begin our day with a Halloween assembly and then move into our first Family Teams Activity of the year. Family Teams are groups of students of all ages who work together to complete activities throughout the year. These teams then become our Sports Day Teams, so by the end of the year, all the students on the team know each other.



Please remember that costumes need to be respectful of all cultures, races, religions, and genders, and trauma-free. Costume/fake weapons need to be left at home. Costumes should be appropriate for all ages, from Kindergarten to Gr. 7.

We will also be collecting extra Halloween candy again this year! It will be distributed to The Good Shepherd society through McMath's leadership students.

We look forward to a fun day!

HALLOWEEN IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND



Over 20 spook-tacular Halloween-inspired events and activities are now on through Tuesday, October 31 with the fang-tastic Halloween Fireworks Festival in Minoru Park on Halloween night. All the details about this year's 20+ events can be found at richmond.ca/halloween.

CITY OF RICHMOND 2023/24 GRADE 5 ACTIVE PASS IS HERE!

Grade 5 Active Pass is now available to all Richmond students registered in Grade 5. Each Pass includes free admission until June 30, 2024 to various drop-in programs at local community centres. Details about how to register are [available at this link](#).



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome Kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2019, turning 5 in 2024. These children will begin Kindergarten in September 2024. Online registration opens on November 1, 2023. Please visit our district website www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

We encourage families to complete their registration within the Priority 1 registration window, which spans from November to January, in order to maximize their chances of securing a spot at their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 2, 2024.



Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available on our District website, providing new parents with guidance on the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori). These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please

view the videos at www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten.

Finally, there will be a Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of students with disabilities and diverse abilities on Zoom held on November 8th from 6:30 – 7:30pm. A link to the Zoom is available on our District website www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten.

Thank you and please share this information with your friends and family who have Kindergarten aged children!

FAMILY ERASE SESSIONS FOR SAFE, CARING, AND RESPECTFUL DIGITAL COMMUNITIES

Three free virtual *erase* learning sessions for families will be held on November 8, 28, and 30, focusing on establishing safe, caring, and respectful digital communities. These sessions are best suited for families and youth aged 10 and above.

The session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sexortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

Families may register at this link: [erase family sessions november 2023.pdf](#). Please contact erase@gov.bc.ca with any questions or for more information.

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

October 27	Movie Night
October 31	Halloween
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 13	School Closed (Remembrance Day)
November 16	Gr. 6/7 Immunizations
November 20	Pro-D Day (No school for students)
November 24	School Spirit Day
November 27	TCO2 Presentations Gr. 4/5 & Gr. 6/7
November 29	Hip Hop 101 Presentation
December 4	Report Cards Home
December 8	Last Day of School before Winter Break
January 8	School Reopens