

SPUL'U'KWUKS NEWS

Newsletter #1

September 9th, 2016

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**Welcome back to a new school year at Spul'ukwuks Elementary.
We are so happy to be back at school together!
We are looking forward to a great year.**

We are happy to welcome the following new staff members:

Ms. Sandip Rakhra – Primary - Division 14
Mr. Jonathan Tang – Intermediate – Division 6
Ms. Sarah Sperling – TTOC Librarian

School Organization

We have just completed our classroom organization. We have 416 students in our school. All of our students have been placed in their permanent classrooms for the year. The staff has spent many hours to ensure that the students were placed in classrooms that would be most beneficial for their unique learning needs.

Teaching Staff 2016-17

Mrs. D. Shandola	Principal
Mr. J. Kibblewhite	Vice Principal
Mr. J. Parhar	Div. 1 Intermediate Teacher
Mrs. T. Pali	Div. 2 Intermediate Teacher
Mrs. S. Shackles	Div. 3 Intermediate Teacher
Mrs. P. Dean	Div. 4 Intermediate Teacher
Mrs. G. Casasempere	Div. 4 Intermediate Teacher
Mrs. S. Garrett	Div. 5 Intermediate Teacher
Mr. J. Tang	Div. 6 Intermediate Teacher
Mrs. R. Hyrman	Div. 7 Intermediate Teacher
Mrs. P. Luick	Div. 8 Primary/Intermediate Teacher
Mrs. S. Long	Div. 9 Primary Teacher
Mrs. L. Stephenson	Div. 10 Primary Teacher
Mrs. K. Myers	Div. 11 Primary Teacher
Mrs. B. Greczmiel	Div. 12 Primary Teacher
Mrs. T. Govett	Div. 13 Primary Teacher
Ms. S. Rakhra	Div. 14 Primary Teacher
Mrs. Toy	Div. 15 Primary Teacher
Ms. S. Birch	Div. 16 Primary Teacher
Mrs. G. Lock	Learning Resource Teacher
Mrs. L. Saragoca	Learning Resource Teacher
Mrs. D. Tajiri	Learning Resource Teacher
Mrs. A. Magnan	Learning Resource Teacher
Mrs. T. Wood	Learning Resource Teacher
Mrs. S. Nishi	Teacher-Librarian and Relief Teacher until December
Mr. R. Naso	Band Teacher
Mrs. S. Haylett	Counsellor
Mrs. K. Turner	Elementary Counselling Support Worker
Ms. P. Ho	Speech and Language Pathologist
Ms. L. Zhou	SWIS Settlement Workers in School
Ms. S. Shewchuk	Public Health Nurse
Ms S. Betts	Teacher for the Hearing Impaired



Educational Assistants

Mrs. S. Tallarico
Mrs. L. Baert
Mrs. N. Johnson

Secretaries

Mrs. S. Tilton
Ms. C. McCarthy

Custodians

Mr. R. Prasad
Mr. H. Hoeckh
Ms. J. Gross

Noon Hour Supervisors

Mrs. Y. Khatoon
Mrs. D. Leung
TBA

STUDENT SAFETY



Safe Arrival

If your child is going to be absent from class at any time please phone the **Safe Arrival Voice Mail (604-303-5108)** to record your message. Please leave your child's name, division or teacher's name and the reason for absence. Parents of children who are unaccounted for will be contacted to determine their whereabouts. **PLEASE KEEP YOUR CONTACT NUMBERS UPDATED at the office.**

Volunteers are always needed. If you can help out with Safe Arrival please leave a message for Leanne Chan at the office.

Parking Lot

In the morning,

1. Please use the DROP OFF areas to let your children out of the cars. **THESE ARE THE TWO AREAS DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.** Please do not stop at the entrance or the curve. Keep the traffic flowing by moving to the far end of each area.
2. Also, please do not go into or park in the staff parking lot. This is for STAFF, VISITORS or PARENTS helping in the school. It is not for the morning drop off.

In the afternoon,

1. The parking lot is closed to parents at 2:15 p.m. You will need to walk from home or park in the neighbourhood and then walk to the school to pick up your children.
2. **PLEASE DO NOT COME INTO THE PARKING LOT OR USE THE NEIGHBOURING TOWNHOUSE'S PARKING AREA!**
3. If you want to drive into the school pick-up area, you will need to wait until 3:15 p.m. when the gates open.
4. Parents with meetings or PAC business can let our student monitors at the gate know and they can let you in to the parking lot.
5. **Please remember to drive slowly when near the school and watch for children walking and crossing the street.**

Early Dismissal From Class

Parents wishing to take their child from a class before the end of the regular school day are requested to send a note to the office. When a parent arrives at the school to take their child out of class we ask that he/she report to the school office first.



Lunch Times

Lunch starts at 12:05. Students eat in their classrooms from 12:05 to 12:20, then go outside until the 12:50 bell. Classes start at 12:55 p.m.

All students are to remain on the school grounds during lunchtime unless they go home for lunch on a regular basis. Lunches for students may be left on the trolley in the front hall.

PLEASE HAVE LUNCHES AT SCHOOL BY 12:00 p.m. You can leave them on the white trolley across from the office.

Please do not disturb classes by delivering lunches to the classrooms.

Thank you.

We ask that students DO NOT go to the Mall for lunch unless they go with a parent for the full lunch hour. We can not have students going and then bringing food back into the school after 12:20 p.m. as this is when all students are heading outside. WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH STAFF TO SUPERVISE STUDENTS BOTH INSIDE AND OUT AFTER 12:20 P.M. Thank you for your help with this.

For more information about our school, click on the header

“Parent Handbook” on our school’s website. (spulukwuks.sd38.bc.ca)



Student Cell Phones and Electronic Musical Devices

We acknowledge that many of our older students have personal cell phones. However, in order to respect the learning environment within the school and its classrooms, all phones are to be turned off from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm and collected by teachers. If there is an emergency situation or a student needs to call parents during the school day the office staff will gladly assist them.

With regards to iPods/iPads, we again expect our students to respect the fact that the school is a quiet and serious learning environment. Therefore, students are asked to leave these items at home and not to bring them to school.



With regards to all of the above items, we would ask you to note that if they are reported lost, mislaid or stolen (as has happened unfortunately) the school cannot be held responsible. We thank you for your support in this area.

PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILDREN ARRIVE AT SCHOOL ON TIME!

School Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:58 p.m.

Note: The first bell rings at 8:55 a.m. Students are expected to be at their desks for attendance at 9:00 a.m. bell. **Part of being Socially Responsible is caring for others. When students are late, they disturb the teacher and students who have started on time.**

Recess 10:10 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.

Lunch 12:05 p.m. - 12:55 p.m.

Dismissal at 2:58 p.m.

STUDENT SUPPLIES

FYI Basic School Supplies for Elementary Students – DO NOT PAY YET

The Board of School Trustees has approved the Schools Supplies Service Program for 2016-17. The cost to each student is \$30.00. The School Board continues to offer this service as a cost saving support to families and also as a way of standardizing basic supplies for classroom use. Exercise books, duotangs, papers, pencils, pens, crayons, rulers, erasers, glue etc. are supplied in quantities appropriate to each grade level. Individual teachers may ask for other items.



As part of the personal planning curriculum students from Grade 1 to 7 are expected to use a daily planner. In order to provide uniformity for all classes the school provides planners at a cost of \$8.00. We hope that you take advantage of this excellent organizational tool. Kindergarten students do not purchase a planner, but are asked to pay \$15 towards their Kindergarten Cooking & Craft supplies.

The cost for the planners may be added to the payment for the basic school supplies for Grades 1 to 7 for a total of \$38.00 and the Kindergarten fees combine for a total of \$45.00.

A SPECIAL NOTICE WILL BE SENT AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER FOR THESE FUNDS. An online payment option will be offered as well. Click on the “School Cash Online” icon at the bottom right of the school’s website page to sign up. You will need your child(ren)’s pupil number. You can ask at the school office, or email the school at spulukwuks@sd38.bc.ca to get pupil numbers. Thank you!

SCHOOL NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.)

The Parent Advisory Council’s mandate is to facilitate and promote effective communication between home and school and to foster parent participation in educational activities and decision-making. Every parent or guardian of a student at Spul’u’kwuks is a member of the Spul’u’kwuks PAC and is encouraged to become involved.

The **first P.A.C. meeting** for this school year will be held in the library on **Wednesday, September 21st 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

PAC Hot Lunch Ordering

The PAC organizes a hot lunch day once a month. This is a fundraiser they do for our school to help support the school with extra funding for teachers, technology for the school and other projects. You can order through the Munch-A-Lunch website starting next week. To set up an account, go to www.tinyurl.com/SpulLunchReg .

PLEASE NOTE: INDIVIDUAL PHOTO DAY is TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th. More details to come.

“Meet the Staff/Meet the Parents” Evening

Please mark your calendars! On **Thursday, September 22nd at 6:30-7:30 p.m.** parents are invited to come with their children to meet their teachers and visit the school. Here is the format: Families are asked to go to their children’s classrooms between 6:30 and 7:15 p.m. At 7:15 p.m., students can play in the playground OR accompany their parents when they are asked to gather in the gym to meet with the principal, vice-principal, and the staff. All teachers will be introduced and a brief overview of our school will occur.

Band Instrument Rental Night

Wednesday, September 21st, from 3-5ish p.m. in the Spul’u’kwuks Gym. More details to come.

PRO-D DAY

Friday, September 23rd, a Professional-Development Day for teachers. Students do not come to school on this day.

The TERRY FOX RUN at Spul’u’kwuks will take place on Thursday, September 22nd at 2:00 p.m. Parents can join us! Please remember to send a small donation with your child so that Spul’u’kwuks can do its part to help find a cure for cancer. Students can begin donating on MONDAY. Last year we raised over \$1500. Way to go, Spul’u’kwuks!

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will be written for the last Friday of every month and, when needed, the middle Friday of the month. As well as sending them to family email addresses, we will be putting them on our website along with other school information. Check it out!

Website address: spulukwuks.sd38.bc.ca

PLEASE NOTE: A few years ago, we implemented electronic newsletters. If you choose to not receive electronic newsletters, please remember to watch for the latest newsletters on our website.

****Please return the Email Consent form that is attached to this newsletter. If we don’t hear from you, then you will not receive the school emails. You will have to view them on the school website (spulukwuks.sd38.bc.ca).**

**** Please make sure to add spulukwuks@sd38.bc.ca to your contacts list, so that emails go to your inbox and not your junk mail!**

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL NOT BE SENDING OUT PAPER NEWSLETTERS AFTER THIS ONE. If you do not have access to a computer, please let Mrs. Shandola know and arrangements can be made. Thank you for your help in this matter.