

Spul'u'kwuks News

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From the Office

First term is over. It's been eventful and full of great teaching and learning. We continue to SOAR forward with our focus on social emotional learning and well-being. We celebrate our diversity and know it makes our Spul'u'kwuks community stronger. We would like to wish you and your family a safe, happy and healthy December break. Thank you for all your support this term.

Staff Updates

Ms. Lin is leaving us and Mr. Tang is back from his paternity leave. We wish Ms. Lin all the best and thank her for all her contributions.

Tips for a Healthy and Happy Winter Break

The Richmond Olympic Oval has special winter break programs for kids of all ages.

Spend time with family and friends. Turn off devices and enjoy some face-to-face time with those nearest to you.

Get outside and spend time in nature.

What I liked about Jingle and Mingle:

Student Reflections:

*"I liked the wrap."
-Kimberly, Div. 5*

*"I like singing."
-Jerome, Div. 14*

*"I liked the hashbrown, the juice and singing."
-Chloe, Div. 9*

*"I liked how it was quiet and cozy."
-Saoirse, Div. 9*

*"I liked singing."
-Siobhan, Div. 13*

*"I liked the songs and there was lots of fun things I could do. I got to wear a special necklace that lit up."
-Frazer, Div. 13*

PAC Corner

Jingle and Mingle, the PAC's biggest fundraiser, took place yesterday. Thanks to Emi Ishikawa, Henry Cheung, Monica Zhou, Nicole Zhou, Julia Zhou, Rosa Qiang, and Vivian Sun for putting together this amazing event. Thank you to Janifa Khan, Lorraine Wong, Grace Zhu, Tina Wong, Lihong Fan and Daniel Wang for helping set everything up, and to Michael Sun for taking the Santa photos! Thanks also to all those who sponsored prizes, bought tickets and attended the Jingle & Mingle breakfast. Your support makes a huge difference! The next PAC Meeting is Thursday, January 25 at 6:30 pm.



Jingle and Mingle Choir

Jingle & Mingle Poster Winners: Maddie & Juliette



Jingle & Mingle Breakfast



Mrs. Long & Mrs. Luick keeping us safe on our Fun Run!



Fun Run



Teachers are bringing the core competencies to life, helping their students talk about and connect their understanding, their experiences, and their learning activities to these competencies. All year round, students are engaged in the process of self-assessment. It cannot just happen at the end of the year as an add on. Beyond informal conversations and discussions of the core competencies, students are engaged carefully planned activities. These activities deepen students' understanding and skill sets, and gives feedback on the students' growing ability to talk about and assess their strengths. Please find more information on the BC Ministry of Education's website: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>.



With our upcoming four-week break, some older students might have a lot of free time on their hands. It's tempting to spend it online gaming, chatting, You Tubing, etc. We recommend that you limit the time they spend online, you know which sites they visit and which social media services they are registered with. We encourage you to create family rules about Internet use and make sure you know what your children are doing online. Talk to your children about how you expect them to behave online. The Richmond School District has a Code of Conduct which includes students and states: "we all behave in a considerate and courteous manner; not threaten, harass in any way, any person within the school community directly or indirectly, through print or electronic media". In January, we will have a presentation to older students on internet safety and appropriate communication. It's something every school does on a regular basis. The internet provides an amazing opportunity to learn and communicate. Like all forms of communication, we need to use it responsibly and ethically.

Dates to Remember

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| Dec. 6 | Last Day of School |
| Jan. 6 | School Opens for Second Term |
| | DARE for Gr. 5s |
| Jan. 7 | FSAs sent home for Gr. 4 & 7 |
| Jan. 8,15,22,24 | Ski Day for Gr. 5s |
| Jan. 15 | Ski Day for Gr. 5s |
| Jan. 16 | PAC meeting 6:30pm |
| Jan. 22 | Ski Day for Gr. 5s |
| Jan. 24 | Snowtubing Gr. 6 & 7s |
| Jan. 27 | Pro-D Day – No School |

Happy
Holidays!