

Spul'u'kwuks News

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From the Office

Conferences are over and we hope you found them insightful and positive. They are a time where we can share with you the progress your child is making and areas for further growth. There shouldn't be any surprises. Research has shown that parental involvement is the most important factor in a student's success in school. Remember that beyond conferencing, you can communicate with your child's teacher at any mutually convenient time. And, my door is always open to you, too.

Book Fair

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair ran last week and was a big success. Thanks to Mrs. Nishi, Mrs. Buhr and all the many parent volunteers who helped out. We couldn't do it without you. Students loved it too (see sidebar comments). The winner of the draw for \$25 worth of books was Ella Wang from Div. 9. Her class also receives \$25 towards books.



Lock Down

On Friday, we will have a Hold and Secure lockdown drill. We lock the doors, roll down window shutters and students stay in their class. We would use this type of procedure if there was a danger outside the school like a coyote or police incident in the area. Training our staff and students to know what to do leads to a calm response and safety for all. Call the school if you have any questions.

What did you like about the Book Fair?

Student Reflections:

"I like it because there are good books and they are cheaper than in stores." – Shyon, Div. 6

"I like it this year because there are more mature books for older kids." – Aslaan, Div. 3

"There are a lot of good books and cool things like pens with invisible ink." – Abby, Div. 5

"I like the new rules that you have to buy a book before you can buy the school tools." – Rafay, Div. 6

"I love the Book Fair, it's one of my favorite things." – Sherry, Div. 3

PAC Corner

Thanks to those who came out on February 15 to our last PAC meeting. The recent snack bag fundraiser raised close to \$200. Thanks to everyone who purchased one. Thank you to Viann for organizing. Also, a big thank you to all those who helped in the library with our Book Fair. We greatly appreciate your support. It was a huge success again this year.

The first meeting for the Grade 7 Grad Planning Committee is on Friday, March 9 at 2 pm in Room 117 (Resource Room). Please email Suzanne (judgesuzanne@hotmail.com) or Lanie (laniecman@yahoo.ca) if you plan to come, or if you'd like to help but can't make it to this meeting.

Ms. Smith Interview

One of our newest staff members is Ms. Smith. She works Tuesdays and Thursdays in Division 5 while Ms. Garratt teaches band and music.

Jacky Xue, from division 5, recently sat down with Ms. Smith and asked her some questions.

Where are you from?

I am from North Vancouver but I have lived in a few other cities too.

How do you like Spul'u'kwuks?

I love Spul'u'kwuks! The staff, students and parents are all friendly and the kids are all fun.

What are your hobbies?

I love hockey, yoga, hiking, camping and crafts.

Why did you become a teacher?

Because I love being a part of a kid's learning and making it fun.

What is your favourite food?

I love sushi, hummus and artichokes.

Where would you like to travel next?

I want to go to Croatia.



Pink Day

On Wednesday, February 28, at 2 pm, we will have an assembly to acknowledge PINK Day. Pink Day started in 2007 in Nova Scotia, when a grade 9 student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt on the first day of school. Two grade 12 students heard what had happened to the victim and decided to take action. They purchased 50 pink shirts to wear the next day in support of this boy. The story spread and now we have a national day called ERASE (Expect Respect and a Safe Education) Bullying Day or Pink Day.



Satisfaction Survey

The Satisfaction Survey is an annual province-wide census of Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 students, their parents and staff in public schools. The questions were developed with input from partner groups, teachers and experts in educational measurement and special education.

It usually takes about 10 minutes to complete the required survey questions – it may take longer depending on the number of questions added by schools and districts. **If you have a student in Grade 4 or Grade 7, click on the link below.** Once you click the link, go to the PARENTS section, then to the DIRECT ACCESS in the bottom right corner, choose SD38 RICHMOND for District and SPUL'U'KWUKS ELEMENTARY for school, choose your language (English is the default language) and answer the questions. The survey is open until April 27, 2018.

<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/accessParentAuto.asp>

Upcoming Events

February 28	Pink Day: Wear Something Pink and Sharing Assembly 2:10pm Class Photos
March 2	Hold and Secure 9:50am: Staff will practice a perimeter lockdown.
March 5	Burnett Breaker Grade 7 Basketball Tournament: 1-6pm
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March 9	Gr. 7 Grad Planning Meeting, 2pm.
March 12	DARE Grad, Gr. 5s, 9:10-10 in the gym
March 19	Start of Week of Circus Arts with Sand Northrup
March 23-28	Reports Home
March 29	Last Day of School This Term
March 30	Good Friday – No School
April 30	School Re-Opens for 3 rd Term

We are still looking for two noon hour supervisors to work at the school between 11:30-1:00. If you are interested, please apply through the district website:

<https://www.sd38.bc.ca/district/employment/Pages/default.aspx>

School Photos



Having fun in the snow.



Book Fair



The Vancouver Knights Basketball Team Visit



Magician Performing for Lunar New Year



Div. 2 Art : "Shapes" in the morning sea by Raymond & "Sunset Days" by Skye

