

Spul'u'kwuks News

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Spul'u'kwuks Elementary School

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From the Office

Our second term is well underway. So much is going on throughout the school. Basketball season has begun for grades 6 and 7. Thanks to coaches Mr. Mullings, Mr. Singh, Mr. Bollo, Mrs. Magnan and Ms. Zarazun. We've had Mr. Campbell visit to model science lessons using an inquiry approach. Gr. 7 transition meetings have begun with a counsellor from Burnett. Our grade 5 ski trips to Mt. Seymour have been very successful. Thanks to Mr. Tang and Ms. Zarazun. A group of middle school teachers from Shenzhen, China visited us on January 25th. They were split up into three groups and each group saw three different classes. Our grade 4's and 7's took part in a survey from UBC called the Middle Years Development Instrument. Their anonymous and confidential responses will help shape social policy. And inside every class there is lots of deep learning developing kindness, curiosity and thinking.

Tips for a Successful Second Term of Learning

Make sure you understand what your teacher is teaching you so you don't fall behind. Ask questions.

-Bernice, Div. 2

Try your best for everything you do.

-Jocelyn, Div. 2

Finish your homework first before you do what you want to do.

-Sasha, Div. 2

What I like about e-portfolios: Student Reflections:

"I like to see videos of my work. My mom is proud of me and my work. I am proud of my work. I've been working really hard. I have to get ready for grade 2 and 3 but if I work hard I know I can do it"
Sierra, Div. 14

"My mom can know what we are learning." Liz,
Div. 15

"I like it better than a paper report card. I can see pictures that I made." Leanna,
Div. 15

Planning for September is already underway. An important part of the planning process is knowing how many students will be attending Spul'u'kwuks in the new school year. The number of students who enrol at a school determines the number of teachers required based on the district staffing formula. Please ensure that you return the orange **Notice of Intent to Attend Form** to the office as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. If your situation changes, please notify the office right away. Thank you for your attention to this.

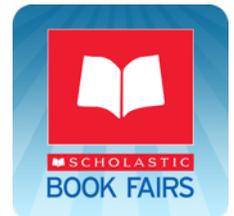


Library News

Did you know that our library is named after our first vice-principal, Ms. Nancy Everett? Ms. Everett was a wonderful educator and person. She was known for her dedication to our students and for her kindness.

Our librarians Ms. Nishi and Ms. Buhr have outlined their policy on borrowing and fines. Students in K-7 may borrow books for two weeks. If your child loses or damages a book, payment must be made even if the damage is accidental. If you find your lost book and return it within three months of payment, you will receive reimbursement of funds. Replacement cost for damaged or lost books are the following (subject to change): \$25 for hardcover books; \$15 for paperbacks and \$7.50 for magazines.

Our next Scholastic Book Fair will be held February 19-22, 2019. If you can help out, please see Ms. Nishi or Ms. Buhr.



Camp Jubilee 2019

Gr. 6 and 7 students will be heading to Outdoor Education at Camp Jubilee from June 26th-28th. We would like to invite all gr. 6 and 7 parents to attend our parent information night on Tuesday, February 26th from 6-7pm in our library. Our grade 7 teachers will explain camp and go over payment details, timelines and hand out your registration package. Please plan to attend.





PAC Corner

Looking for volunteers for upcoming events! We welcome parents to volunteer for our Chinese New Year craft morning in the library and our upcoming Book Fair. Please email spulpac@gmail.com if you can help.

We also appreciate anyone who can volunteer their time in the morning to help with our traffic safety in the parking lot. There is a sign up at the office or you can email our Traffic Coordinator at jasmama15@gmail.com. Thank you in advance!

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 5 Chinese New Year: Activities in the Library for Primary Students
Sponsored by PAC
- Feb. 7 Axe Capoeira, Brazilian dance performance (1:30pm) in the gym
- Feb. 12 Last Day of Gr. 5 Ski Field Trip at Mt. Seymour
- Feb. 13 Ready, Set, Learn concert for pre-schoolers (1:00-2:30pm in the gym)
- Feb. 14 Div. 3 Bake Sale
- Feb. 15 Pro-D – No School
- Feb. 18 Family Day – No School
- Feb. 19-22 Book Fair in Library
- Feb. 20 Early Dismissal at 1:43 for parent teacher conferencing
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PAC Meeting 6:30pm. Ms. Walker, Burnett Principal will answer any Questions for gr. 7 parents from 6:30-7pm
- Feb. 26 Camp Jubilee Parent Evening 6-7pm
- Feb. 27 Pink Shirt Day
Assembly at 1:15pm
Class and Panarama Photos

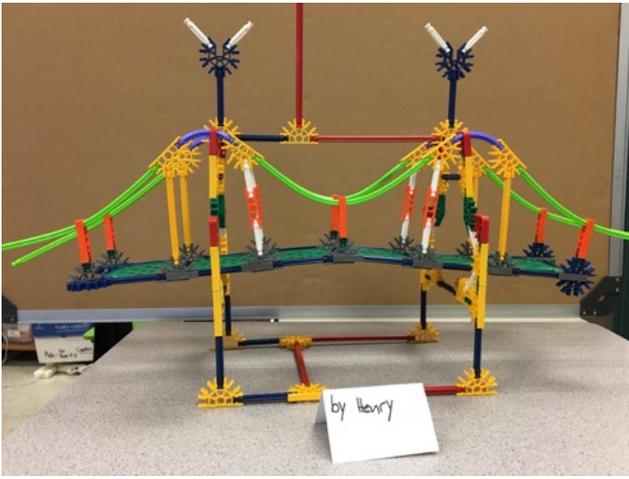


School Photos

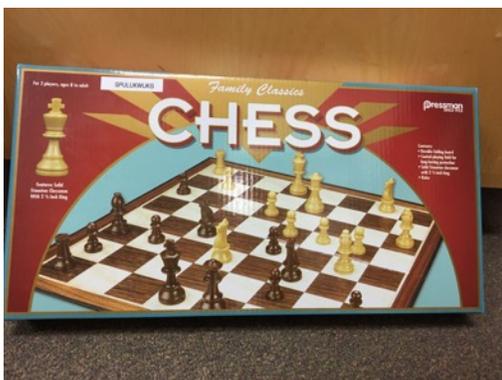
Gr. 6/7 Girls Basketball team shaking hands after their game. Learning sportsmanship, teamwork and respect.



K'nex Construction by Henry in Div. 9. Many classes use K'nex and Lego to learn about design, construction and engineering.



Div. 14 and 15 Family of Hands. Many classes collaborate together through co-teaching and coming together to form a larger learning group. Teachers plan together, teach together and students benefit. Students learn about flexibility, inclusivity and develop emotional connection to peers from another class. By connecting with others, deeper learning is fostered.



We have a Chess Club on Tuesdays in the library run by Ms. Buhr. Students learn strategy, higher order thinking skills, as well as self-regulation and social responsibility.

Mathematics in the Richmond School District January 2019

There are many questions that arise for educators and parents around the use of technology and the learning of mathematics. In classrooms, there is a professional judgement made as to the suitable use of technology and whether it is enhancing the learning experience in some way. In mathematics, there are many applications that allow for students to visualize and experience mathematics in ways they would not otherwise be able to (one example is the use of Desmos). Another aspect of using technology in mathematics is as a tool to represent and share students' learning. There are many accessibility features available on devices for students who may need different tools to support their communication or recording of ideas. Technology can be a powerful tool to support inclusive practices, choice and differentiation.

Calculators are not intended to be used to replace the foundational knowledge and understanding developed through calculations and practice with the operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Calculators are often used to explore mathematical ideas, investigate patterns and relationships, and support reasoning and justification and may be used when the focus of the task is on problem-solving or thinking about a numeracy task.

When we look at BC's redesigned curriculum for information on the role of technology within a learning environment, the following is shared:

Students need opportunities to develop the competencies required to use current and emerging technologies effectively in all aspects of their learning and life. Technology can facilitate collaboration between students, educators, parents, and classrooms while also providing schools with rich online resources. Today's technology enables classrooms, communities, and experts around the world to share digitally in a learning experience, wherever they may be.

For more information about BC's mathematics curriculum, talk to your child's teacher, school administration or contact Janice Novakowski, K-12 District Teacher Consultant for Mathematics & Numeracy at jnovakowski@sd38.bc.ca.



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Continuing Education

District Pro-D Day Camp

Group: Ages 5-11



The fun doesn't stop on Pro-D Days! We offer all day programs for children **ages 5 - 11** on District Professional Development Days. We offer fun activities both indoors & outdoors, foodmaking, arts/crafts, and a movie



歡迎小朋友來參加 **District Pro-D Day** 日營!
適合 **5-11** 歲學生

節目包括: 室內及室外活動
食物製作, 美術, 手工
及電影等等



Date: Friday, Feb 15th or May 17th, 2019

2月15日或5月17日 (星期五)

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Fee: \$40 per child (1 Full Day)

Location: Rideau Park Adult Learning Ctr. Campus
(8560 Demorest Drive)

Inquiries: 604.668.6532 or 604.668.6049



Participants should bring a lunch and wear running shoes.

請必須帶午餐和穿著運動鞋

