

Spul'u'kwuks News

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From the Office

January is almost over and it's been a busy start-up to second term. All terms are full of deep learning but in some ways, staff feel this is the most intense term for teachers and students alike. I've seen students working with light and shadow, simple machines and robotics. Grade 7s are working on gravity in science. Div. 3 students have been interviewing some very interesting people in the community from police officers, to writers and even a mortician. Lots of creative teaching happening around the school.

Staff Updates. We say goodbye to Mr. Raj Prasad, our long-time custodian, who has retired. We welcome Mr. James Villafuerte into the evening shift and Ms. Wee Wee Seah into the early morning shift.

Internet Safety

On Thursday, January 25, Constable Jason Pickering from the Richmond RCMP, came and spoke to our students in grades 5-7 about internet safety. He spoke about internet safety, privacy settings, cyber bullying and harassment. The best way you can help your child be safe on-line is to monitor what they are doing. Have conversations with your child about on-line safety. Useful websites for parents include:

The Canadian Centre
for Child Protection.

cybersmarts.ca

www.cyberbullying.ca

What's the coolest thing I'm learning at school now:

Student Reflections:

"Light and Shadows. When I make a shadow with a prism I see a rainbow." – Anita, Gr.1

"In science we are learning about simple machines. We use our creativity and build whatever we want. I'm going to try and build a toothbrush machine that helps you brush your teeth."-Owen, Gr.5

"Ancient Egypt. The Nile River is the longest river in the whole world."- Luke, Gr.7

Parents, if you have Lego of any vintage, we would love to have it. Please drop it off at the front office in a bag, box or container.

PAC Corner

Thanks to everyone who came out on January 25. We had Ms. Wennie Walker, principal of Burnett Secondary, speak about grade 8 transition and high school life. The next PAC Meeting is Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. If you are a grade 7 parent, we are looking for volunteers for the grade 7 farewell committee. Please leave your name and email with Mrs. Tilton in the office. There is a sign-up sheet on the front counter. Our next fundraiser is the reusable snack bags. You can take an order form from the office.

Interview Project

Students in division 3 are working on an interview project for Career Education. They find someone of interest and ask them questions about their work. Students have interviewed pilots at the airport, a mortician, a police officer and a writer to name a few.

Stanley interviewing
Constable Pickering



Bo Xi interviewing Ambrose Merrell by phone
with assistance from Maya.



Bey Blades

Bey Blades are a popular activity at recess and lunch for some of our younger students. These spinning toys battle it out on Frisbees. Sometimes, it leads to conflict with Bey Blades getting lost or broken. While I don't want to ban them, which is difficult to enforce, I do want parents and children to know that the school cannot be responsible for supervising these games nor help in sorting out the inevitable problems that arise. Please talk with your children if they bring Bey Blades or other games that are used during recess or lunch. Thanks for your support and understanding with this.



Ms. Kusch Interview

One of our newest staff members is our vice-principal, Ms. Kusch. The Spul'u'kwuks News recently sat down with her and asked her some questions.

Where are you from?

I was born in Calgary but I grew up in Tsawwassen. Then my family moved to Edmonton.

How do you like Spul'u'kwuks?

I love it. What a great group of kids, staff and parents.

What are your hobbies?

Playing any sport and travelling.

Why did you become a teacher?

I love working with kids.

If you had one pet what would it be?

I would love to have a pet giraffe but I would have to raise the roof in my house. My second choice would be a dog.

What is your favourite food?

That's a tough one. Probably Thai or Mexican.



Olympic Spirit Day

On Friday, February 9, at 2 pm, we will have a brief assembly to celebrate the Opening of the Winter Olympics taking place in Korea. Ms. Alexa Loo, a former Canadian Olympic Snowboarder, will speak to our school. Following her talk, the entire school will do a fun run around the pathway. Please wear your Team Canada wear. Parents are welcome.

Upcoming Events

February 1	Gr.7 Parent Night at Burnett at 6:15
February 2	Student Council Bake Sale at recess and lunch
February 7	Richmond Sockeyes Junior B Hockey Visit Assembly
February 9	Olympic Day: Wear Your Team Canada Clothing Assembly at 2 pm with Alexa Loo, former Olympian Followed by a Fun Run around the soccer field pathway
February 12	Family Day – No School
February 15	PAC Meeting 6:30
February 23	Pro-D Day – No School
February 28	Pink Day – Stand Up to Bullying
March 5	Burnett Breaker Grade 7 Basketball Tournament
March 6	Burnett Breaker Grade 7 Basketball Tournament

We are 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

Grade 7 Boys in Action at Thompson



Gr. 7 Band Monday Morning Practice



Div. 6 Art Inspired by Picasso's Blue Period – Mixing Art and Emotional Intelligence

