

# Spul'u'kwuks News

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## From the Office

### June and July Events

We have many exciting and fun events planned for the last few weeks of school. Check out the calendar of events at the end of this newsletter and see our website for any updates or changes.

### Planning for September

July is fast approaching and once again the staff at Spul'u'kwuks will be gathering and sharing information in preparation for student placement in September. As professionals, the staff devotes much time, care and effort in determining September placement for each child. Please respect and trust the process and know that we have the best interest of all of our students in mind when making these decisions. Sometimes, parents feel there is new and unique information about their child that we don't already know. Should you wish to provide the school with this information, please submit a letter to **Mr. Kibblewhite** by Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

**This input should not include a request for a specific teacher. It should be noted that classes are created to be as balanced as possible so that the learning environment can be maximized.**

### Enrolment

As we are now a full school, with a waiting list, it is very important for us to know if you are moving. We already asked for your letter of intent to enroll in September. If your plans have changed, and you are moving, please let us know as soon as you can.



**What did you like about the Ultimate Tournament? Student Reflections:**

*"I liked how we worked together."*  
– Alvin, Div. 2

*"I liked how everyone was so kind to each other."*  
– Terence, Div. 2

*"The sportsmanship that everyone showed."*  
– Scott, Div. 2

*"I liked how we got to play as a team, came together and finally got to do what we've always dreamed about."*  
– Henry, Div. 2

*"I liked playing together with my friends outside of school."*  
– Andrew, Div. 2

## PAC Corner



Thanks to everyone who attended the AGM last night. We have a strong team leading us into the next school year. The executive includes: Nicole Zhou and Monica Zhou continuing as Co-chairs, Vivian Sun as Secretary, and Jasmine Zhang as Treasurer.

### Mr. Mah and Mr. Tam Interview

Mr. Mah and Mr. Tam are new teachers this term. The Spul'u'kwuks News, cub reporters, Jacky, interviewed Mr. Mah and Rachel, interviewed Mr. Tam.

Jacky: What do you like to do in your spare time?

Mr. Mah: I like to play ball hockey and cycling. I go cycling around the sea wall.

Jacky: Do you enjoy being at Spul'u'kwuks?

Mr. Mah: Of course! My class, div. 5, is very friendly and helpful. I always look forward to teaching them every day. And the staff have been very kind and supportive.

Jacky: What's your favorite part of Spul'u'kwuks?

Mr. Mah: I like the balanced calendar and the community.

Rachel: What's your favorite animal?

Mr. Tam: I like the panda. They are lazy and very cute.

Rachel: What's your favorite colour?

Mr. Tam: Navy blue. I don't like orange.

Rachel: What's your favourite sport?

Mr. Tam: Basketball. My favourite team is the Raptors.

Rachel: What's your favourite music?

Mr. Tam: I like K-pop and Hip Hop funk (Korean, but not BTS)



Jacky with Mr. Mah



Mr. Tam and Rachel



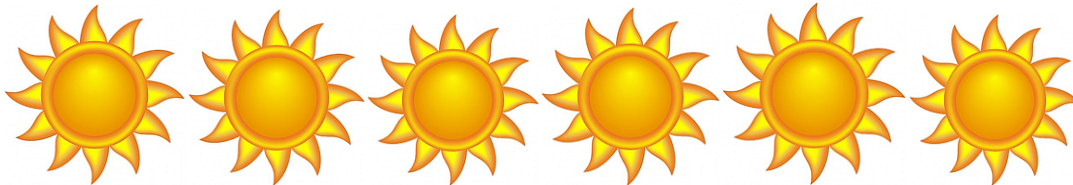
## **National Aboriginal Day / Summer Solstice/ Family Teams**

In recognition of National Aboriginal Day, we held Family Teams activities. Students from K-7 are placed into teams and work together on a common task. This helps build teamwork and friendships. It also provides leadership for our older students. Today's activity had a First Nations art theme.



## **Upcoming Events**

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| June 26, 27 & 28 | Outdoor Education for gr. 6 & 7 at Camp Jubilee |
| June 28          | Canada Day Fun Run                              |
| July 1           | Canada Day Holiday – No School                  |
| July 2           | Talent Show Auditions for K-2                   |
| July 3           | Talent Show Auditions for 3-5                   |
| July 4           | Talent Show Auditions for 6 & 7                 |
| July 12          | Sports Day                                      |
| July 16          | Talent Show                                     |
| July 18          | Band Concert                                    |
| July 23          | Farewell Assembly                               |
| July 24          | Gr. 7 Farewell Assembly and Last Day of School  |
| July 25          | Admin Day for Staff                             |



# WHERE DOES MATH LIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

**When you are out and about this summer,  
where might you find math?**

**Notice, wonder and share ideas together!**

## **Notice patterns:**

Where do you see patterns? How could you describe the patterns?  
How do the patterns repeat or have regularity? Where do you notice tessellations?

## **Estimate:**

About how many gulls are on the logs? About how many grains of sand do you think are in this pail? About how many trees are in this park? About how many children are playing on the playground? About how steps until we get to the entrance of that building?

## **Count:**

Count the number of pinecones collected at the park, the number of flowers in your neighbour's rosebush, the number of ducks in the pond. For older children, practice counting quantities of things in groups, such as by 2s, 5s or 10s.

## **Take a number walk:**

Where do you notice numbers in our community?  
How are numbers used to order, compare or communicate information?

## **Think about size/scale, shapes, spirals and symmetry:**

When observing living things such as leaves, trees and flowers, what shapes do you notice? What types of symmetry can you find? How do living things inspire your thinking about measurement, size and scale? Where can you find spirals in living things?

ideas to support mathematical thinking  
with children over the summer holidays

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