

# 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, our door is always open to you, too.

### Book Fair

Our Book Fair was held during parent teacher conference week and was another successful one. Ms. Nishi reports that the school sold over \$6 000 worth of books. Our library will receive \$1500 in rewards from Scholastic. Thank you for your support. A big thank you to our PAC & parent volunteers for helping and to Ms. Nishi and Ms. Buhr for their leadership.

### INTERNET SAFETY

As you may have heard in the news recently, there is a "Momo" internet challenge that has resurfaced that includes some harmful behaviour. It is a good reminder to always monitor what your child is watching on YouTube and other places on the internet. As you know, there are many websites and YouTube videos that are inappropriate for children and kids should be monitored when they go online.

*What did you learn about yourself from playing on the basketball team?*

*Student Reflections:*

*"I learned that when I take a risk it may have good consequences." – Jesse, Div. 1*

*"I learned it's also about having good sportsmanship." – Melinda, Div. 1*

*"I feel like I learned about how to handle a loss and regain my confidence in myself and keep trying." – Tayla, Div. 1*

*"I think being with others is better than being by yourself, and teamwork is essential." – Boone, Div. 1*

We are hearing about some internet challenges that kids are being exposed to. In an age of YouTube challenges, some risky behavior may occur. The best prevention is to know what your children are doing online. Check out: <https://www.common sense media.org/blog/viral-youtube-challenges-internet-stunts-popular-with-kids> for more information. The article outlines online challenges in general but more importantly, the last page provides a list of suggestions concerning what parents can do.



PAC Corner

Nova Foods will be shut down from March 18 – 29 as their staff takes their holidays. Luckily, Libby's Kitchen will still be operating Tuesday through Friday, and our PAC Hot Lunch coordinator will also be offering additional menu options. Paper order forms will be going home today. Ordering is now open at: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/spul/>

If you have any questions, please email [spullyhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:spullyhotlunch@gmail.com)

The next PAC movie night is on Friday, March 22.

If you are available to help out, please sign up at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094ca5a722a4ff2-movie>

Ticket orders for movie night should be handed in to the office by March 20.



## Pink Day



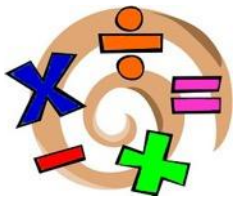
On Wednesday, February 28, at 2 pm, we had an assembly to acknowledge PINK Day. Our school choir performed songs that promote kindness and understanding like, Lean on Me and Count on Me.

## Did You Know?

The Canadian Government has released a new Canada Food Guide. It takes a modern approach to healthy eating. You can check it out here: <https://food-guide.canada.ca/en/>



## MATH NEWS



Janice Novakowski will be facilitating a math workshop for parents at the Brighthouse Library on April 4 from 4 - 5 pm. She will be sharing information about the BC curriculum, sharing examples of how math is experienced from Richmond classrooms and have math materials and games for parents to engage with.

Seating is limited, so please register here if you are interested:

[https://yourlibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=program:\(5b9ade0a85e5d925007cfee7\)](https://yourlibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=program:(5b9ade0a85e5d925007cfee7))

## Satisfaction Survey

The Learning Survey, formerly known as 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.

**The survey will be open from March 18 – April 15.** It usually takes about 10 – 15 minutes to complete the required survey questions. **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 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.

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

## Green Initiative

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, the office will no longer be handing out plastic cutlery to students. Please make sure that you send reusable spoons or forks with your children on Hot Lunch days, and any other days they may need them. You can send an additional set with them to keep in their desk for if they do forget. We all need to make an effort to reduce the amount of plastic being thrown out on a daily basis. More initiatives to keep our school green are coming!!



## Upcoming Events

March 7-15	School-Wide Badminton
March 11	DARE Grad, Gr. 5s, 9:10 - 10:00am in the gym
March 14	Photo Day: class, teams, and panorama
March 22	Spirit Day: Pajama Day Movie Night @ 6pm
March 22-26	Reports Home
March 28	Band & Choir Evening Concert @ 6pm
March 29	School-Wide Run, Last Day of School This Term
April 29	School Re-Opens for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Term

## School Photos



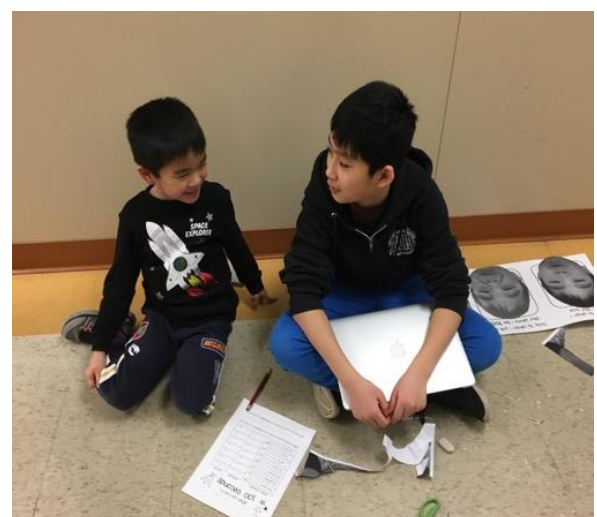
Burnett Breaker Basketball Tournament



Last Ski Day for Gr. 5s



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Buddies Working together