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Eid Mubarak, to those families who are celebrating Eid al-Fitr this week!

K AND NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

If you or someone you know has a child born in 2016 and you have not yet registered for Kindergarten, today is the last day of Priority 2 registration. Also, if you know of someone who has recently moved to the neighbourhood, please encourage them to register their children for school as soon as possible.



HAVE YOU MOVED?



If you have moved, please be sure to let the school know your new address. **Moving does not affect your child's registration at Spul'ukwuks**, but it is important for us to know your current address in case we need to mail information to you.

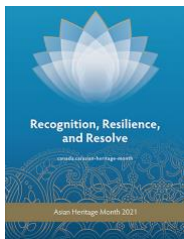
SCHOOL CALENDAR

Attached to this newsletter is the school calendar for next school year. It contains opening and closing dates, holidays, Professional Days and Early Dismissal days. Please keep this somewhere handy for your reference. The calendar is also posted on our school website in the middle column of the home page as a "News Post". If you don't see it on the main page, click the "View older news posts" button at the bottom of the page. You can also find it under the "Newsletters" top tab.



MAY IS ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

This month, across Canada, we recognize Asian Heritage Month. People of Asian heritage come from different countries and cultures.



Although Canada has welcomed people of Asian heritage, we must also recognize that there are also examples of discrimination and racism that have happened over a long period of time. Rachna Singh, Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives, says that, "while recognizing past injustices and the current racism is important, I know the Asian community is not solely defined by the racism they face. We must also celebrate Asian excellence." A very good point!

Can you name a leader in the Asian community who is influential on a national level and who has helped to lead Canadians through the Covid pandemic?

Did you know that Canada admitted 60,000 refugees from Southeast Asia between 1979 and 1980? This is a link to a "Heritage Minute" that tells the story of a Vietnamese family who escaped persecution and found a new home in Montreal:

<https://www.historicacanada.ca/content/heritage-minutes/boat-people-refugees>

GR. 7 FAREWELL PARENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Yesterday we sent an email to all Gr. 7 parents inviting them to a virtual meeting on Tuesday, May 18th from 3:30 - 4:30 to be part of the planning committee for this year's Farewell. Please check your email for the Zoom meeting invitation. At the meeting we will share information about what the Farewell will look like and ask for parent volunteers to help with preparations.



DON'T FORGET that next Friday, May 21st is a Professional Day (no school for students), and Monday, May 24th is Victoria Day (school closed).