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**DEAR PARENTS/GUARDIANS,**

I wanted to take a moment to say how much I have enjoyed my first two weeks as Principal of Spul'u'kwuks. I have been visiting the classrooms to share a book with students and to answer questions they may have about me as we get to know each other. I appreciate the warm welcome I have received from students, staff and parents. Over time, I hope to have the opportunity to meet more of you...You are welcome to stop by and say hello!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Elaine Stapleton

**KINDNESS MATTERS** is the message I have shared during my classroom visits. It is important that all of us in our community choose kind and peaceful ways of interacting with others. We all want to be treated kindly, but we also have the responsibility to treat others the same way. Staff are reinforcing this message at school, and we would appreciate you doing the same at home. Students are taught peaceful strategies to help them deal with challenging situations, but can sometimes forget to use them in the moment. Perhaps ask your child what strategies he or she can use and ask for examples of kindness he or she has shown others at school, at home and in the community.

**NEWSLETTERS** will now be sent by email on a weekly basis so we can share information with you in a timely manner. You can expect to receive an email almost every week. Please check your inbox every Friday (occasionally on a Thursday or Monday) for the Spul'u'kwuks Newsletter. If you add us as a contact, our newsletters won't be lost in your junk mail!

If your child is going to be late or absent, please phone the **EARLY WARNING LINE** at **604-303-5108** to leave a message. If your current practice is to email your child's teacher, you may continue to do so, but you also need to leave a message for the office. For a variety of reasons it is possible that your child's absence may not be communicated to everyone who needs to know. Thank you for your understanding!

Grade 7 students who are interested may register for the **RICHMOND ACADEMY OF INNOVATIVE LEARNING**. **RAIL** is a blended, interdisciplinary high school program where students complete grades 8 - 12 through inquiry and project-based learning using a variety of digital tools. The mission behind RAIL is to help students find their passions and connect them with the community around their interests. RAIL will focus on personalized learning and give students the option to complete their 5-year high school program in 4 years. Early Registration is by Feb. 24th. Gr. 7 teachers have been forwarded this information and can provide forms upon request.

Use this link : [Richmond Academy of Innovative Learning](http://richmondacademyofinnovativelearning.ca) to visit the RAIL webpage: <http://rvs.sd38.bc.ca/rail>

#### **UPCOMING DATES**

Feb. 18-21 Scholastic Book Fair

Feb. 19 **Early Dismissal** - ALL STUDENTS DISMISSED AT **1:45PM**

Feb. 20 Skating for Div. 2, 4, 10, 12, 15, 17

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Feb. 21 Oval Day Div. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7

Feb. 21 Children's Arts Festival Div. 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15