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Dress for the Weather

Don't forget... We go outside at lunch rain or shine, so please make sure that your child comes with appropriate clothing for the weather. Boots, a waterproof jacket and umbrella are great options for students to have on rainy days. Hats and sunscreen are handy for sunny days.

Learning Plans

Your child's teachers and other support staff are available to help with any questions you or your child may have about the learning plans. If you aren't sure what to do, reach out! Remember, completing the "must dos" outlined by the classroom teacher is not optional. All students, whether learning at home or at school must complete these activities.

Intent to Return

Earlier in the year we sent out an "Intent to Return" form to ask about your plans for attendance next year. Please contact the school by phone or email if your situation has changed, so schools can ensure that spots are available for students in the fall.

Gr. 7 Students and Families

We are in the process of planning a socially distanced and/or virtual event to recognize our Gr. 7 students as they move on to high school. Once we have our plans in place, we will let you know the date and what our celebration is going to look like.

National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21st has been chosen as *National Indigenous Peoples Day*. It is an opportunity for everyone to celebrate the cultural richness and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21st, the summer solstice, for National Aboriginal Day, now known as *National Indigenous Peoples Day*. For generations, many Indigenous peoples and communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this day due to the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year.

Activities for *National Indigenous Peoples Day* have been organized across Canada every year. The Government of Canada invites Canadians to celebrate this year's *National Indigenous Peoples Day* at home while keeping yourself, your family and your community safe by following instructions from health officials.

You can learn more about the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples by reading a digital copy of one the books from [the #IndigenousReads reading list \(link is external\)](#) or by exploring a virtual exhibit at your favourite museum. There is a Celebrating Indigenous Peoples in Canada activity guide with trivia, games and crafts for kids posted on our school website.

Red and White Day

On June 30th, in honour of Canada Day on July 1st, we are encouraging staff and students to wear red and white clothing. It doesn't matter if you are learning at home or at school, you can still participate! Let's show our Canadian spirit!

Collection of Personal Items and Report Card Distribution

Families in Attendance*:

For students who are currently in attendance, you will be able to take home your materials and report cards without having to schedule a separate pick-up time in July.

Families not in Attendance*:

We will be organizing days in July for families not currently in attendance to come and pick up belongings that were left in students' desks and classrooms before spring break. At that time, you will also be picking up your child's report card.

***For all Families:** Students whose teachers are involved in the Reporting Pilot (SRPP) for Communicating Student Learning, will not receive a paper copy of the Year-End Summary. It will be posted on your child's portfolio.

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 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 Mrs. Stapleton by Monday, July 6th.

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.

At this time, we do not know what student attendance will look like in September. It is most likely that this will be announced closer to the start of the next school year. We must, however, continue with our usual preparation for September.

Social Emotional Newsletter

The June 15th Social Emotional (SEL) Newsletter is now posted on our website. This edition's timely topic is, "Raising Your Kids to Challenge Racism Through the Lens of Social Emotional Learning." You will find information and resources to help you discuss this topic at home.

Please Return All Library Books

All Spul'u'kwuks families can return library books to the plastic bin outside of the school's front entrance. The bin will be out front between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm. If you are a grade 7 student or you are not returning to Spul'u'kwuks in September, please make sure to return your books as soon as possible. There will be no late fines or charges for books that were taken out before our Spring Break. Thanks so much for helping to return our library collection.

Epic Books

Your child's Epic Book account will be changing in July. Students will be limited to 2 hours of reading per week for the summer months. This would be a great time to get and/or use your Richmond Public Library card to continue to borrow either digital titles or actual books. Please read note below about the Richmond Public Library and their online Summer Reading Club.

Richmond Public Library – Summer Reading Club (SRC)

As usual, The Richmond Public Library we will be hosting two clubs for Summer Reading – one for kids of all ages, and the other for teens ages 12-18. Unlike usual, both clubs will be online this year. Registration for Summer Reading Club starts on Wednesday June 24th.

The BC Kids' Summer Reading Club will be using an online portal, accessible via www.bcsrc.ca, where once kids have registered, they can track their reading progress and earn virtual badges throughout the summer. The Public Library will also be encouraging kids in Richmond to write book reviews for a chance to win a book prize or be published in the Richmond News. In addition, Richmond Public Library will be running a variety of online programs for kids throughout the summer. Information about these programs, as well as general summer reading club information, will be on the library's website, www.yourlibrary.ca.

Richmond Public Library's home-grown Teen Summer Reading Club will be using a blog format where teens can write book reviews of what they are reading to share with other teens. Book reviews act as entries into the prize draw for book prizes. They will also have trivia and digital escape rooms online for teens this summer.

Please see the attached documents for additional information about Richmond Public Library's Summer Reading Club (SRC)

- Info sheet about Kids' Summer Reading Club
- How to register for Kids' Summer Reading Club
- Info sheet about Teen Summer Reading Club

All Richmond students (and parents) can get a free library card online. At www.yourlibrary.ca. Look for the button **Sign up for a free library card** or click on this link that will take you to RPL's registration window. [card_membershipSign up for a free library card today!](#) Follow the online instructions for registering and your library card will be mailed to you!

And are you missing holding a real library book? Curbside Holds Pickup is now available with the RPL. As library staff process and prepare holds, they will contact customers to set up a time for contactless holds pickup. They do have thousands of holds to get to and therefore they appreciate your patience! Branch holds pickup is now in progress!

Starting June 15th, Brighthouse book returns are open Monday to Thursday from 9:00am until they are full each day. Branch book returns at Cambie, Ironwood and Steveston are open every Monday at 10:00am and will close when full or by Thursday at 4:30pm. The RPL want to assure you that no late fines will be charged and all due dates will continue to be extended to July 31.

