



Spul'ukwuks Elementary School

5999 Blanshard Drive, Richmond, BC V7C 5V4

Website: <http://spulukwuks.sd38.bc.ca/>

Twitter: @spuleagles



Tel: (604) 303-5100

Fax: (604) 303-5106

Mrs. Elaine Stapleton
Principal

Mr. Kristi Narbett
Vice Principal

September 24, 2020

REMINDER: There is no school for students tomorrow (at-school or transitional), as it is a Professional Development Day.

TERRY FOX

Thank you to the transitional learners who were able to join us for our first assembly this morning. We met to say, "Welcome back," to share the legacy of Terry Fox and to introduce the staff to you. While we have had to postpone our Terry Fox run to next week because the field is soggy after our recent rainfall, we are hopeful to have the opportunity to run in support of Terry and cancer research sometime next week. Transitional learners can organize a run for their own family...If you do, we'd love to see some pictures! To make donating safer this year, we have chosen to use [CashOnline](#) for all donations. It's easy to donate! Thank you for your contributions toward cancer research and for supporting Terry's dream!

MEET THE TEACHER/STAFF

Our event was originally planned for this evening, however, we are not able to hold it at this time. To introduce our staff to you, we prepared a "Meet the Staff" video, which we showed to students this morning. Here is a link to the video: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_4oXYIvu9oJLTJEimwGlf-OdC-jVTUit/view

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Next Wednesday, September 30th, is Orange Shirt Day. With current world events highlighting the injustices faced by different groups, this is a good time to recognize how the First Nations, Aboriginal and Inuit people in Canada have and continue to be treated in this country.

Indian Residential Schools had a profound effect on the culture and language of Aboriginal people across Canada, and forever changed the lives of thousands of Aboriginal children. As the terrible legacy of these schools has become public, the Canadian government offered an apology to Aboriginal people for the forced cultural assimilation embodied in the Residential School system that existed from 1884 to 1996. The government then instituted a Truth and Reconciliation Commission to document much of the suffering on the public record, and to offer recommendations for a new relationship.

There is much more work to do, but together, we can help to bring awareness and positive change! Wear an orange shirt next Wednesday to show your support!

RETIREMENT

We would like to wish Mrs. Tajiri a very happy retirement! Her last day is on Sept. 30th, and on behalf of all the students she has supported over her career, we give her many thanks. Ms. Margaret Hwu will be joining the staff in her place. Thank you, Mrs. Tajiri!

REUSABLE STUDENT MASKS

Some of the reusable masks ordered by the School District have arrived and are available for student use. At this time, we can offer one mask per student who is currently attending school. If you would like your child to receive a mask, we have them available at the office upon request.

DISPOSABLE MASK DONATION BY T&T

Thank you to T&T Supermarket Inc. for the very generous donation of 10 000 disposable masks to our school! There are masks for both children and adults, so you never need to be concerned if your children forget their masks at home or if something happens to their mask at school and it can no longer be worn. Please let your children know to come to the office to get a mask if they need one. Thank you again, T&T, and to the Spul'ukwuks parents who connected us with T&T so that we were able to receive this donation!

RESPONSIBLE TECHNOLOGY USE

With more and more of us using technology, it is important that we review what responsible use of technology looks like. English and Chinese versions of the document can be found on our website. Please take some time to review this information with your children...It also serves as a good reminder for adults, as well!

<https://spulukwuks.sd38.bc.ca/news/2020/09/22/responsible-technology-use>

TRANSITIONAL LEARNING

Thank you for your patience while the District and school get the program up and running. It looks different than it did last year, so there have certainly been some glitches to be worked out with the initial challenge being getting everyone online for the District lessons at the same time. We know that it has been frustrating for some of you, and hopefully, the issues will be resolved soon. There is also a difference in the level of access to staff this year. Please note that the teachers who are helping with transitional learning at the school are not available at other times of the day, as they have other teaching responsibilities. They also cannot respond to you when they are online with students. If your child has a question about work, please save those for the check-in times during the day.

NEXT IN-TAKE FOR TRANSITIONAL LEARNERS

We have already had parents contact us to inquire about their children returning to school. All you have to do is send an email to spulukwuks@sd38.bc.ca and let us know that your child will return on October 13th. Please include your child's first and last name and grade. **The deadline to let us know is October 6th**. If you do not contact us by October 6th, you will need to wait for the next intake day in November. Anyone who has been in touch with the office has been noted on a list, so you do not need to let us know again. We would love to see our transitional learners begin to come back to school...It's just not the same without you!