

# SPUL'U'KWUKS NEWS

Newsletter #7

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## From the Office

### Happy New Year

We would like to welcome back all of our students and families! We hope that you had a wonderful break. We wish you health, happiness and prosperity for 2017. New Year's is typically a time to set new goals and a good opportunity to talk to students about what they would like to achieve before the end of July. Sometimes students will say something like, "I want to get an A!" without really knowing what they need to do in order to get one. Specific changes in behavior, like setting aside time each evening to review math concepts, or reading ahead in a novel and talking about what is happening, are good ways to make improvements. Your child can talk to his or her teacher about what new habits would lead to improved achievement.

We have some personnel changes at school. As you know, Mrs. Shandola retired in December and Mr. Kibblewhite is now the principal. After an internal process, Mr. Parhar was selected to be the new vice-principal. He will continue to teach about 70 percent in his classroom. We are also pleased to announce that Ms. Kailey Greczmiel will be joining our staff for the balance of the year. She will be teaching in Div.1 when Mr. Parhar has admin time as well as providing various preps throughout the school. Ms. Kailey Greczmiel is Ms. Brenda Greczmiel's daughter so we have a mother and daughter both teaching at Spul'u'kwuks for terms two and three. How nice for them and for us. And we are pleased that Ms. Sippi Lee will continue with us in the librarian term again.

- Students will be hearing more about our school-wide Social Responsibility focus: Caring for Others this term. We will have a school-wide focus during the month of February. To be caring means that you *acknowledge* others – you can be kind to others by acknowledging what they do for you and how they make you feel.

- During this term, grade 4 and 7 students will be involved in the Foundation Skills Assessment. Parents will receive information home next week. Practice sessions will occur over the next week and the formal assessments will be completed by Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>.

- Basketball season will soon start for grade 6 and 7 boys and girls. Teams are being formed and a practice and game schedule will be drawn up in the next week.

- DARE (Drug and Alcohol Resistance Program) will start for our Grade 5 students on Monday, January 9. There will be 10 weeks of instruction.

- Scholastic Book Fair: February 21, 22 and 23 in the library. Details to follow.

- Parenting in a Digital World: Thursday, January 12, 6:00-8:00pm at Blair Elementary  
**RSVP at the office by Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> if you would like to attend.**

- Planning for next school year has begun. Two events are happening:



Kindergarten registration has already started. Families will need to register at the Board Office.

A list of document requirements is available at the office. There is a Chinese translation available.

Catchment students are guaranteed a spot at Spul'u'kwuks Elementary as long as they are registered by May 27<sup>th</sup> (please note, this is two weeks earlier than in past years).

Transfer requests to our school are accepted between January 11<sup>th</sup> and February 12<sup>th</sup>.  
And....

Grade 7 Transition to Secondary School – the process begins this January. Students who live in Spul'u'kwuks Elementary's catchment area are registered to attend Burnett Secondary. Please mark this important date on your calendars:

### Grade 7 Program Planning Parent Meeting

Burnett Secondary School Thursday, February 2nd @ 7:00 p.m.

If you live in another catchment area, you will be registered at another high school and will need to apply for a transfer if you wish to go to Burnett. Transfer forms are available at the office.

Mrs. Tilton will try to send one home with any grade 7 student who is living outside of Burnett's Catchment. Transfer forms will be accepted from January 9<sup>th</sup> – February 10<sup>th</sup>.



DRESS FOR THE WEATHER: We all survived this cold Arctic Front this week. It was slippery on the playground but the students were safe and enjoyed "skating" and playing in the snow. During these cold days, students need to have proper jackets, footwear, hats and gloves so that they can enjoy playing outside.

If it should snow, schools will most likely stay open so .... students should have boots or have a dry pair of socks and shoes to change into and clothing to play in the snow. Thanks for your help!

## Other Dates to Remember

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| Monday, January 9 <sup>th</sup>     | - DARE for Grade 5 students begins for 10 weekly sessions   |
|                                     | - PAC Hot Lunch   |
| Wednesday, January 11 <sup>th</sup> | - Deadline for applying for EFI, LFI or Montessori for Sept. 2017 (4:00 p.m. at the School Board Office)  |
| Thursday, January 12 <sup>th</sup>  | - Parenting in a Digital World, Blair Elementary, 6-8 pm (RSVP at the office by Monday, Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup> )  |
| Thursday, January 19 <sup>th</sup>  | - PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m. in the library  |
| Thursday, January 26 <sup>th</sup>  | - Sharing Assembly at 2:00 p.m.   |
| Friday, January 27 <sup>th</sup>    | - Spirit Day: Crazy Hair Day  |
| Monday, January 30 <sup>th</sup>    | - Professional Development Day – No school for students   |
| Tuesday, February 7 <sup>th</sup>   | - Dufflebag Theatre Presentation: Rumpelstiltskin, 9 am   |
| Monday, February 13 <sup>th</sup>   | - Family Day – No School  |
| Friday, February 17 <sup>th</sup>   | - Movie Night: Moana, 6-8 pm  |
| Tues., Wed. & Thurs, Feb. 21-23     | - Scholastic Book Fair in the Library – volunteers needed! Please Email <a href="mailto:spulpac@gmail.com">spulpac@gmail.com</a> if you can help out! |
| Friday, February 24 <sup>th</sup>   | - District Professional Development Day-no school for students  |



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# PARENTING IN A DIGITAL WORLD

by Safe Online Society (SOLS)

6:00 - 8:00 pm at BLAIR



Parents and teachers are a critical part of the solutions to online harm. Parenting today is challenging with children and youth involved in online technologies at earlier and earlier ages. While quick adopters of new technologies, youth are still amateur users without guidance of their elders. We can help you effectively keep up with technology and meet the challenges you are facing. SOLS Parenting in a Digital Age workshop will give you practical ideas and the tools to make your children and safer. Topics covered include:

- ▶ Popular Social Media and Apps explained
- ▶ Permanent digital reputations and their implications
- ▶ Gaming positives and negatives
- ▶ Online drama and abuse
- ▶ Sexting and online pornography
- ▶ Future trends in technology
- ▶ Parenting with technology
- ▶ Tips and tricks for staying safer online; establishing home internet use agreements, safer password choices, site privacy management, online scams and suggested online emergency resources
- ▶ A take-away link to SafeOnline exclusive collection of educational sites for parents

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## The Blair PAC would like to invite you to this very important Parent Workshop

Never has it been more important to better understand your child's life online. Thanks to your PAC, you can attend this event at no cost. Let's make our community safer - together! Simply RSVP your attendance by completing and returning this slip by January 6, 2017

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_