

Spul'u'kwuks News

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From the Office

As we head into the last week of school, it is time to reflect on the whole year and all the deep learning that has taken place since September. Just think about how much growth you have seen in your own children. I have witnessed it as well and together, the educational partnership between home and school has co-created this development. Staff too have made huge steps forward in their professional learning. We are seeing more technology throughout the school especially in the area of coding. Teachers are creating flexible learning spaces in their classrooms to help students self-regulate, and increase stamina and engagement. The outdoor learning spaces are being used more and more. Our gardens have taught students about plants, watering, and the cycles of growth. As we head into the August break, it is time for rest and renewal. Best wishes for a safe and healthy summer break.

September 2018/2019:

We welcome Ms. Wiltse as a Gr.6/7 teacher and Ms. McPherson, as a gr. 1/2 teacher. We also have hired two new educational assistants: Ms. Colby and Ms. Kaied. Mr. Singh will also be continuing with us. We still have new staff to hire for September.

Farewell and Best Wishes:

Sadly, we must say goodbye to some staff. Ms. Pali, Ms. Dean and Ms. Baert are retiring. Ms. Smith and Ms. MacGregor are leaving us for new teaching experiences at other Richmond schools. Ms. Lock is moving to a full-time position as a district teacher consultant. We thank them all for their dedication to our students and wish them well in their new endeavors.

What was the highlight of the school year?

Student Reflections:

*"I made new friends."
-John, Div. 2*

*"Going snow tubing."
-Bernice, Div. 4*

*"Going to the Vancouver Aquarium"
-Ella, Div. 9*

*"Meeting new people and making friends and going on a field trip with our pen pals."
-Taia, Div. 6*

*"Planning a surprise birthday party for our teacher."
-Devyn, Div. 3*

*"Having outside time and field trips."
-Juliana and Saoirse, Div. 11*

Bell Change Reminder:

Next year, we are shifting our bell schedule to allow four 50 minute periods in the morning. This will allow us to be more efficient in programming our preps and in teaching our students when they are best able to learn. Our school day will also be starting earlier. It looks like this:

8:30	Doors Open
8:40	Warning Bell
8:45	School day begins; Attendance and Morning Announcements
8:50-9:40	1 st Period
9:40-10:30	2 nd Period
10:30-10:45	<i>Recess</i>
10:45-11:35	3 rd Period
11:35-12:25	4 th Period
12:25-1:10	<i>Lunch</i>
1:15-2:05	5 th Period
2:05-2:43	6 th Period

PAC Corner

We thank our outgoing PAC Co-Chairs: Laleh Salehi and Faiza Karimuddin for their leadership as well as Chris Jackson, Leo Pham, Babette Madar, Henry Cheung, Mandeep Aulakh and all the other volunteers who helped make this year special. We welcome Nicole Zhou and Monica Zhou as new Co-Chairs.

Huskies Summer Basketball Camp: 3 - Day Sessions: 11am – 2pm, school gym

August: 14,16,17 / 21,23, 24 / 27, 29,30 / Call Jamal for details: 778-917-5212

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, July 25 1 pm Gr. 7 Leaving Assembly

Thursday, July 26 9:15 am Farewell Assembly

11:30 am Dismissal for Summer Break

Tuesday, September 4 8:45 - 9:45 All returning students will go to the classes that they were in this year for the hour.

All new students report to the library for a short orientation and introduction to the school. They will be placed in grade appropriate classes and return to the library for parents to pick them up.

1 - 2 pm New Kindergarten students attend

Wednesday, September 5 8:45 - 2:43 Students attend all day in their previous year's class.

Thursday, September 6 8:45 - 2:43 Students attend all day in their previous year's class.

Friday, September 7 8:45 - 2:43 Students attend all day in their previous year's class.

School Photos



Parent Appreciation Tea



Ms. Garrett working her magic.