

# Spul'u'kwuks News

SPUL'U'KWUKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter #9

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### From the Office

As we head into the last week of school, it's a good time to reflect on the year gone by and all the deep learning that has taken place since September. Students have grown intellectually, socially and emotionally. It's also a good time to say thanks. We would like to thank all of the staff members at our school for their caring and dedication, and for going above and beyond to make this the best school it can be. Finally, we would like to thank members of the community, the Vancouver Coastal Health public health nurses, the Richmond Public Library, local community and sports groups, that provide us with rich learning connected to this place where we live, learn and play. THANK YOU EVERYONE!

As we head into the August break, it is time for rest and renewal. Best wishes for a safe and healthy summer break.

***If you will be late in returning to Spul'u'kwuks (not at the school on September 4<sup>th</sup>) please fill out the Notice of Late Return form attached to this email. Students must return by September 11<sup>th</sup>.***

### September 2019:

We welcome Ms. Chen, our new primary teacher, Mr. Farrugia, our new music/band teacher and Ms. Lee, our new resource teacher. We welcome back Ms. Toy, Mr. Tang and Ms. Lau from their parental leaves.

### Farewell and Best Wishes:

Sadly, we must say goodbye to some staff. Ms. Garrett and Ms. Govett are retiring. We thank them both for their dedication to our students and wish them well in their new endeavors. Goodbye also to Mr. Tam, Mr. Mah, Ms. Leesui, Ms. Johnson and Ms. Ang, who were all with us for this year in temporary positions. We wish them the best as they move forward.

### ***What was the highlight of the school year?***

*Student Reflections:*

*"Camp Jubilee was fun; challenging myself."*

*-Tayla, Div. 1*

*"Trying wheelchair rugby at the Oval."*

*-Salina, Div. 1*

*"Grade 3 was really fun. It was a great year."*

*-Norah, Div. 9*

*"Sports Day."*

*-Sonam, Div. 10*

*"Filling up people's buckets with kindness."*

*-Isaac, Div. 13*

*"To play with my friends."*

*-Amy, Div. 15*

### **August 15 Garden Day:**

On Thursday, August 15, from 1 – 4pm, Jenna will be doing garden maintenance. Students with their parents are invited to come and help her.

### **Bell Change Reminder:**

Next year, all elementary schools in Richmond will have the same start and finish times: 8:45am - 2:45pm.

Our doors will open at 8:30am. Recess:10:40am - 10:55am and Lunch:12:00pm - 12:52pm. Class blocks will now be 55 minutes long.

### **PAC Corner**

We thank our PAC Co-Chairs: Nicole Zhou and Monica Zhou for their leadership as well as Pardeep Mann, Vivian Sun, Henry Cheung, and all the other volunteers who helped make this year special. Thank you for all your hard work!

### **Upcoming Events**

Tuesday, July 23 9:30am Recognition & Farewell Assembly

Wednesday, July 24 1:00pm Gr. 7 Leaving Assembly

### **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Tuesday, September 3 8:45am - 9:45am All returning students going into grades 1 – 7 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.

1:00pm - 2:00pm New Kindergarten students attend.

September 4, 5 & 6 8:45am - 2:45pm Students attend all day in their previous year's class.

Friday, September 13 Welcome Assembly in the morning

Friday, September 20 Pro-D and Red Cross Babysitting Course



**HAPPY SUMMER EVERYONE**





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### **Red Cross Babysitting Course**

**So you want to be a babysitter? Or, your parents want you to take this course so they feel confident leaving you at home alone? Babysitting with First Aid Hero emphasizes learning through real life scenarios. information covered includes: Exploring the business of babysitting, creating safe environments, safely caring for ages 0-12, and first aid skills.**

### **Red Cross Babysitting Course**

**Spulukwuks, Sept.20th, 2019, 8:30am - 3:30pm**

**Grade 6 & 7**

**\$60 + GST online registration opens at the end of August**

**<http://www.firstaidhero.com/babysitting-vancouver.html>**