

SPUL'U'KWUKS NEWS

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the **hən̓ q̓ əm̓iṇ̓ əm̓** (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.



Dates for Your Calendar

- Dec. 1: ProD Day (no school for students)
- Dec. 2: Report Cards available online after school
- **Dec. 4: Winter Concert for Parents 9am/ Winter Concert for Students 1pm**
- Dec. 5: Last day before Winter Break
- Jan. 5: Return to school

Upcoming Important and Commorative Days of Recognition in RSD 38:

November 20
National Child Day
Transgender Day of Remembrance

November 20 – 26 Canada History Week

Fourth Saturday of November
Holodomor Memorial Day



Remembrance Day

We had a special assembly to learn about the history behind Remembrance Day, pay our respects to those who served, and think of ways we can commit to making our world a better place.

We are grateful to all who helped make this assembly a success: All divisions (wreaths), Mr. Milks (Band and Choir), Ms. Tilton (Land Acknowledgement), Ms. Alison Gorman (The Last Post, Rouse), students in uniform, our MCs, Gr. 6 and 7 teachers and students (Gr. 6 readers and Gr. 7 candle-lighting) and our families for your generous donations. We raised \$713.10 for the Poppy fund to support Canadian veterans. Thank you!

Why is it important to be on time for school?

Over the last few weeks, we have noticed that more students are arriving late at school in the morning. This week, we are sharing some long term benefits of being on time and what you can do at home to make it happen! Next week, we will share some tips on overcoming common challenges.

Long-Term Benefits

Future Work Habits

Punctuality is a valuable life skill that translates into the workplace. Developing the habit of being on time during school years helps students build a strong work ethic and reliability, which are crucial for future career success.

Time Management Skills

Being punctual teaches students the importance of time management. They learn to plan and prioritise their activities, ensuring that they can meet deadlines and manage their responsibilities effectively.

Responsibility and Independence

Punctuality encourages students to take responsibility for their actions. It fosters a sense of independence as they learn to manage their time and prepare for school without constant reminders.

Practical Tips for Ensuring Punctuality

Establish a Routine

Create a consistent morning routine that allows sufficient time for all necessary tasks. This includes waking up at the same time every day, having a set breakfast time, and preparing school materials the night before.

Prepare the Night Before

Encourage children to pack their school bags, lay out their clothes, and ensure all homework and assignments are completed before going to bed. This reduces morning rush and ensures a smoother start to the day.

Set a Realistic Bedtime

Adequate sleep is crucial for punctuality. Ensure that children go to bed early enough to get the recommended amount of sleep for their age group. This helps them wake up feeling refreshed and ready for the day.

Use Timers and Alarms

Set multiple alarms or timers to keep the morning on track. This can help remind children of the time and keep them focused on getting ready without unnecessary delays.

Lead by Example

Parents and carers should model punctuality in their daily lives. Demonstrating the importance of being on time for appointments, work, and other commitments reinforces the value of punctuality for children.



Reminder about Kindergarten Registration

We are excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2021, turning 5 in 2026. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2026. [Online registration](#) begins November 1, 2025.

Families are encouraged to register any time during the priority 1 registration period (November – January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications completed any time during the priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions via emails from the school by February 6, 2026.

As per district policy, a student will normally attend the school located in their catchment area in which their parents or legal guardians reside unless there is no physical, resource or program space available. This provision may need to be applied more frequently, potentially resulting in more students needing placement outside their catchment school.

Parent Education Session: Late French Immersion Webinar

The Richmond School District offers the Late French Immersion program beginning in Grade 6 at James Whiteside and John Diefenbaker Elementary Schools. We invite families of current Grade 5 students to join us for a virtual meeting about this program. We will be hosting this Webinar on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025 at 6pm.

This information session will include the following topics:

- Program Overview
- Student Experiences
- Registration Process
- Frequently Asked Questions

Parent Education Session: Kindergarten District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori)

The Richmond School District provides two district program options for students entering Kindergarten. We invite families with children registering for the 2026-2027 school year to join district staff to learn more about Early French Immersion and Montessori programs. This virtual session will take place on Tuesday, November 25th, 2025 at 6pm.

Topics will include:

- Early French Immersion (EFI) Program
- Montessori Program
- Registration Information
- Important Dates to Note
- Frequently Asked Questions

Spul'u'kwuks PAC 25th Anniversary T-Shirt Design Contest

We're excited to announce the Spul'u'kwuks 25th Anniversary T-Shirt Design Contest! This special project will replace our usual Winter Poster Contest this year, giving students a chance to celebrate an important school milestone in a creative and meaningful way.

All students are invited to design artwork that represents what it means to be a Spul'u'kwuks eagle, reflecting the meaning of our school name and the values of community.

Submission deadline: November 21

Submit to: spulpac@gmail.com (digital art or a clear scan/photo of a drawing in JPEG or SVG format)

Make sure to include the student's name and division!

The PAC Executive Team will review all entries and select three primary and three intermediate finalists. The school will then vote to choose the final winners.

- **The primary winner's design will be printed on staff T-shirts.**
- **The intermediate winner's design will be printed on student T-shirts.**

We can't wait to see all the amazing designs our students create to celebrate 25 wonderful years of learning and community at Spul'u'kwuks.

Warmly, Spul'u'kwuks PAC

Email digital art or scan of paper drawing in JPEG or SVG format by **November 21** to spulpac@gmail.com

Staff will receive t-shirts with the design from the primary winner, and all students will receive t-shirts with the design from the intermediate winner. Designs will be honoured as part of the school's legacy.

Spul'u'kwuks 25th Anniversary T-Shirt Design Contest

What does it mean to be a Spul'u'kwuks eagle? Include the significance of our school name and the values of community.

Submission Requirements

- Black and white only on 8.5x11 paper
- Use thick lines
- Must include the text "Spul'u'kwuks 25th Anniversary"

请在 11月21日 前将电子版作品或纸质画作的扫描件以 JPEG 或 SVG 格式发送至：spulpac@gmail.com

教职工工将会收到印有低年级组获奖设计的T恤，所有学生将收到印有高年级组获奖设计的T恤。这些设计将作为学校的纪念与传承被永久保留。

Spul'u'kwuks 25周年 T-Shirt 设计大赛

成为一名 Spul'u'kwuks 鹰意味着什么？成为一名 Spul'u'kwuks 鹰，意味着以善良、勇气与社区精神展翅高飞。

作品提交要求

- 仅限黑白设计，使用 8.5x11 英寸纸张。
- 必须使用粗线条。
- 作品中必须包含文字 "Spul'u'kwuks 25th Anniversary"。