

SPUL'U'KWUKS NEWS

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

The Lights that Dance in the Night



Artwork by Trevor, Div. 9

Thank you to those families that were able to join us yesterday, not only to celebrate music and the arts, but also to embrace the magic of the season. Our theme, inspired by the Northern Lights, reminds us of nature's most breathtaking display—a dance of colours across the night sky that has fascinated people for centuries.

The Aurora Borealis is a symbol of wonder, hope, and connection. Just as the lights weave together in harmony, our performances also created something beautiful. During winter's chill, these lights—and our music—warm our hearts and remind us that beauty shines brightest in the darkest nights.

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, other days of recognition, or just being together, we wish you all the best this holiday season. As we look ahead, we also hope that the new year brings you peace, joy, and happiness.

See you on January 5th!



Dates for Your Calendar

- Jan. 5: Return to school
- Jan. 5: K-Pop Lessons begin for all classes
- Jan. 12: **K-Pop Parent Performance in the afternoon (likely @ 1:30, but we will confirm in Jan.)**
- Jan. 16: Welcome Back Assembly for students
- Jan. 21: PAC Meeting 6:30pm
- Jan. 26: Professional Day

Gather these items over the break and have them ready for the first day back at school!

If you have winter items that your children have outgrown, you can send them to school and we can give them to students who need them.

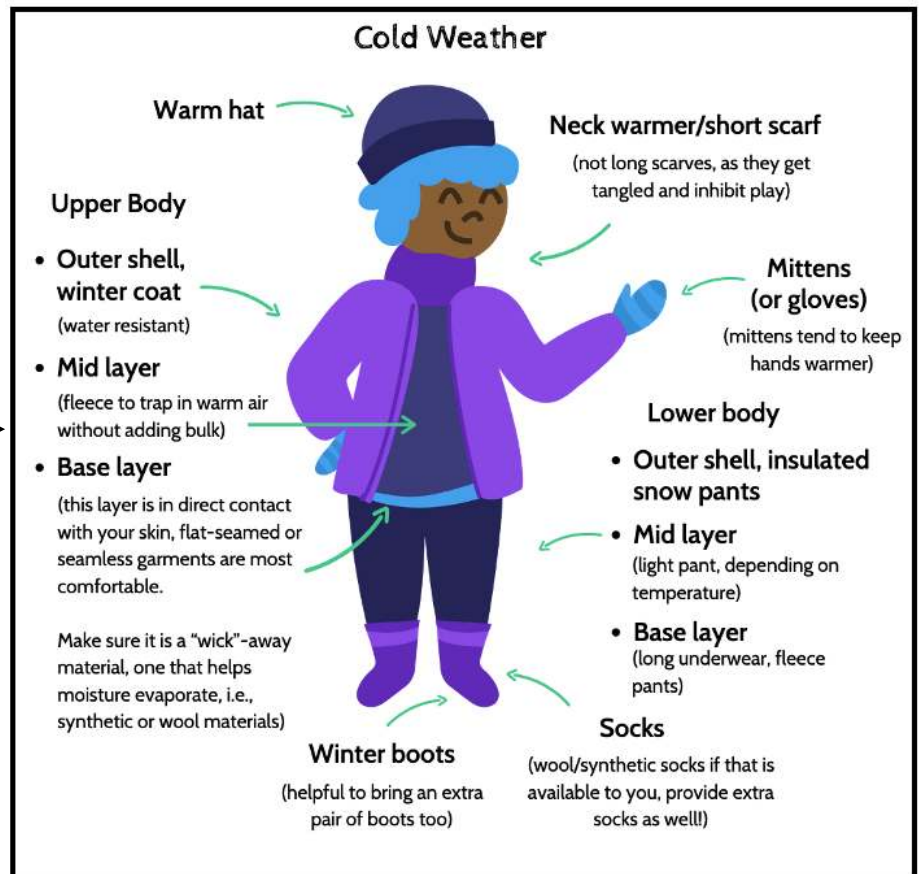
Reduce! Reuse! Recycle!

Winter is Coming

When we return in January, we can expect cold winter weather. Remember that we do go outside in all kinds of weather, so children need to have appropriate clothing...a hoodie isn't enough for cold weather, even if your kids say it is!

Dressing warmly does not have to cost a lot of money. Wearing layers of clothing that you already own is a good strategy, as well as bringing extra clothes like pants, socks, and gloves. The dollar store sells gloves and scarves at a very reasonable price. This graphic gives you an idea of how to dress for cold weather. With the right clothing, being outside in the winter can be great fun!

With the recent wet weather, we have spent a lot of time phoning home for dry clothes. **Please send a full set of dry clothes to school with your child so that they can change and get back to class as soon as possible.** It's not just the younger students who get wet! Thank you!



PAC 25th Anniversary T-Shirt Contest

The entries for the t-shirt contest were amazing! Thank you to all the students who shared their talent and their entries. It was difficult to choose from so many incredible designs!

When the school celebrates our 25th Anniversary in May, we will display all the entries!

Congratulations to Elson in Div. 11 (Primary) and Renee in Div. 1 (Intermediate)!



Spul'u'kwuks Gives

Thank you to our Spul'u'kwuks families for your generosity and support of our students' fundraising efforts!

Div. 1 students, under the guidance of Ms. Rakhra, collected donations for the Richmond Food Bank, the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre, and Vancouver Region Educational Services.

We are so thankful for your donations of items and through CashOnline. We had overflowing boxes in the foyer that the organizations were happy to pick up, and we were able to divide the \$450 collected in monetary donations between the three organizations.

PAC Hot Lunch!

PAC Hot Lunch for Term 2 and Term 3 is open to accept orders in [Munch-a-Lunch](https://munchalunch.com)!



Important Information:

- Cut off is 7 days prior to the lunch day.
- Last date to order for the PAC Hot lunch is 22-JUN-2026. PAC is unable to accept orders or amendments/cancellations after this date.
- Please prepare utensils for your child; PAC does NOT provide utensils.
- NO PAC Hot Lunch will be available in July 2026.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS WITH YOUR ORDER!

Inclement Weather: School Closure Notifications

We want to be prepared for winter weather conditions, should we encounter snowy conditions upon our return to school in January.

The Richmond School District is committed to ensuring the safety of students and staff during severe weather conditions.

The district will assess weather conditions early in the morning and will aim to determine any school closures or delayed openings by 6:30 a.m. The decision will be based on factors such as road conditions, snowfall accumulation, and overall safety risks.

Updates will be delivered using social media and school and district websites:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RichmondSD38>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RichmondSD38>

Please note that only school closures or delayed openings will be announced. If schools are open, no announcement will typically be made. However, in extreme circumstances or if additional clarity is needed, the district will confirm that schools are open.

Student Safety and Transportation

Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring their child's safe travel to and from school. If schools are open, and you wish to keep your child home due to weather conditions, you may do so. Please let your school know of this decision.

School buses may experience delays or route adjustments due to road conditions. If bus service is affected, updates will be provided by 6:30 a.m. on the district website and social media.

During the School Day

If snowfall begins while school is in session, schools will remain OPEN until the regular dismissal time. However, in extreme circumstances, early dismissal may be necessary. If this occurs, parents will be notified by their school.

