

Mrs. Elaine Stapleton Principal

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## VIRTUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION



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Thank you to all our families who were able to join us for the holiday celebration on Zoom Wednesday evening! It is always a pleasure to see our Spul'u'kwuks families, even virtually, and we hope that you had as much fun as we did. We enjoyed seeing all the smiling and laughing, and your extended family joining you for the evening. It was a great way to get together and celebrate during our last week of school!

## HOLIDAYS AND RETURN TO SCHOOL

Today is the last day of classes before our Winter Break. We wish you a safe and happy vacation and look forward to seeing you on <u>Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup></u>. We hope that families celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or any other holiday enjoy their events with family and friends.



If you are travelling over the break, please ensure that you follow all directions provided to you upon your return as they relate to health testing and when your child can return to school. Requirements are changing on a frequent basis, and you will need to be prepared for last-minute changes.

## COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING: REPORT CARDS

Hopefully, parents and guardians have been able to access their child's Term 1 report card. There is always some confusion when moving to a new system, and we appreciate your patience. If you are still having issues, please email the school the week we return from break and we can help.

## SHOE DRIVE



When we return from Winter Break, the school will be participating in a shoe drive in collaboration with Soles 4 Souls, an organization that distributes used footwear. We are looking for footwear for both adults and children that is still in good condition and could be donated to people in need. Over the break, we are hoping that you might have time to look around your house and see if you have any footwear to donate. What you may have that you no longer need could make a world of difference to someone who doesn't have enough. Thank you in advance for your participation!

#### **RED CROSS FUNDRAISING**

Mrs. Shackles' class has been busy again, this time fundraising for the Red Cross to help fellow British Columbians cope with the devastating flooding that has happened in our province. The students raised money within their own class and donated \$176 to the cause. What a community-minded group! Thank you for always looking out for those around you!



### DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION (D.A.R.E.)



The DARE program has traditionally been delivered to Gr. 5 students in every school in our District. This year, the program has extended to include students who are in a class with Gr. 5 students (Gr. 4/5 and Gr. 5/6). The purpose of the program is to teach students decision-making skills that they can apply to any situation in their lives to help them resist

peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives. Over the course of their intermediate schooling, students may have the program more than once. This is a benefit, as students can hear, practice, and internalize the messages of the program over time. The content will be taught by either Cst. Kandola of the RCMP or your child's classroom teacher, beginning in January.

#### VOLUNTEER INTERPRETERS NEEDED

The Cultural Interpreter Team for our District is looking to add volunteer interpreters to its team to help support parentteacher conferences and information sessions after receiving training. Please refer to the flyer for contact information.

Have a wonderful holiday! See you on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>!

# VOLUNTEERING opportunity JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER POOL The Cultural Interpreter Team of Richmond School District is looking for passionate individuals fluent in English and another language to join our Volunteer Interpreter Pool. ANGUAGES NEEDED Japanese, Turkish, Korean, Somali, Vietnamese, Khmer Swahili, Mongolian, etc. TRAINING PRO\ Volunteer interpreters will support parentteacher conferences and info sessions after receiving training. Contact Sarah Zhao: szhao@sd38.bc.ca 604-358-4921