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Welcome back from Spring Break! We hope you enjoyed your time away and are excited to be back for our final term. This is typically a busy time of year, so we ask that you keep an eye on your email for important information and updates.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

We have come back to some familiar routines but are still being mindful of good practices such as hand washing and distancing. Mask wearing is now optional, and we would like to thank our community for being respectful of the choices that others make! It has been a good first week back at school and we would like to ensure that our school remains a safe and accepting place.



In the coming weeks, we have two performances scheduled for our students. In keeping the safety of our community in mind, we have decided that the **Dufflebag Theatre** performance of Snow White will be for primary students and the musical group **Axe Capoeira** will be for intermediate students. This way we will keep the gym at half the capacity to allow for more spacing between students. Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate guests at these performances.

RAPID TEST PICK-UP

If you haven't already picked up your rapid tests, please come to the office between 9:00 and 11:30am or from 1:00 to 4:00pm. An adult must pick up the tests. If you are not able to come, you can ask another adult to pick up the tests for you.

GR. 7 FAREWELL PARENT COMMITTEE



A notice will be emailed to parents of Gr. 7 students next week inviting you to participate in planning for the Gr. 7 Farewell. The first meeting will be held virtually on Monday, May 16th at 3:30pm. Don't worry if you are unable to attend! You can email the school and let us know what you would like to help with, and we can connect you with the other parents. Also, if you have an area of expertise that may be helpful, please let us know.

WALK OR ROLL TO SCHOOL

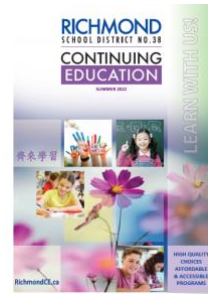
As mentioned before the break, we encourage our students to walk or roll to school, at least part-way. It has been a busy week in the drop-off lane, and we hope that



in the weeks ahead, we can shift to reducing the amount of vehicle traffic around the school. If it is not possible to walk or roll all the way to school, plan to park further from the school if you need to bring the car and walk or roll the rest of the way.

CONTINUING EDUCATION SUMMER CATALOGUE

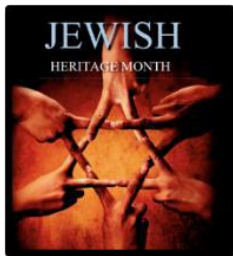
Attached to this newsletter is the Continuing Education Summer Catalogue. If you wish to register your child(ren) for programs, keep in mind that students are in session at Spul'u'kwuks during the month of July, so you cannot register for any day classes that month. Please keep your choices to after school in July, and August courses.



CULTURAL OBSERVANCES

There are several cultural observances this week we would like to acknowledge: Eid-al-Fitr (the last day of Ramadan), Vesak (Day of the Full Moon, Buddha Day), and Hanamatsuri (Buddha's birthday, Flower Festival).

The month of May is also Jewish Heritage Month and Asian Heritage month.



Jewish Heritage Month was officially recognized in 2018 by the Government of Canada. We aim to learn about Jewish history within the Canadian context, highlight important contributions members of the Jewish community have made to Canadian Society, and to foster a greater understanding and acceptance in pursuit of respectful, inclusive communities.

The theme of Asian Heritage Month is *Recognition, Resilience, and Resolve*. It embodies pan-Asian diversity and the invaluable achievements of communities of Asian descent in all parts of Canadian society. It also acknowledges their resilience and perseverance in continuing to overcome adversity through Canada's history. During Asian Heritage Month, we honor the significant contributions that Canadians of Asian descent have made, and continue to make, in shaping our society from coast to coast to coast. This month also provides a unique opportunity to learn more about the vast diversity of Asian cultures, languages, cuisine, arts, and more.



Don't forget that Friday, May 20th is a Professional Day (no school for students) and Monday, May 23rd is Victoria Day (school is closed).