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#### SPUL'U'KWUKS RUN CLUB



A new team will be starting May 19<sup>th</sup>! Students in Grades 1-7 who are interested in joining Run Club should ask their classroom teacher or Ms. Swain for a participation form. Practices will take place Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00 AM. Parent volunteers would be greatly appreciated. With enough volunteers, students will have the opportunity to run on the scenic dyke.

#### MINI ASSEMBLIES AND PRESENTATIONS

Today we held two mini-assemblies to help students understand expected behaviour in the gym during presentations. Half the school attended at a time to allow us to have greater distance between classes. We have two upcoming presentations: Dufflebag Theatre's "Snow White," for primary students next Tuesday, and Axe Capoeira, a Brazilian dance and martial arts performance for intermediates on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> (date has changed). We look forward to hosting performances once again!

#### NOTICE OF LATE RETURN

The first day of school in September is Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, and students are expected to be in attendance by on September 7<sup>th</sup>. If there are extenuating circumstances that will prevent your child from being at school on September 7<sup>th</sup> (please, no holiday extensions), you are required to complete a Notice of Late Return (attached). Please note that your child **MUST** return by **September 14<sup>th</sup>** or their spot will be given to another student.

#### SALEEMA NOON SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATORS

Each year, throughout BC, students in elementary grades receive instruction in sexual health education. **Instruction is mandated for all BC students by the Ministry of Education**, and it is included in the Physical and Health Education program. On occasion, schools bring in experts in the field to address the topic with the school community. We are pleased to inform you that this year, Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators, will work with parents and students in Kindergarten to Grade 7.

Parents can have strong reactions when it comes to sexual health. Please know that presentations are done in grade groups (K/1, 2/3, 4/5 and 6/7) and combined classes are divided so that each grade goes to the proper presentation. Material presented is appropriate for the age level and development of the children...What is discussed with Gr. 6/7 children is not the same as the K/1 presentation. Our goal is to help our students live happy, safe, and healthy lives and understand their bodies through the approach of "body science". Presentations teach only facts; teaching about values is left to families to discuss at home.



There are two opportunities for parents to attend meetings to hear more. On Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, the topic is on the PAC meeting agenda (meeting begins at 9:30am). Also, on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, a presenter from the Saleema Noon Group will host a parent information session virtually at 10am. We encourage all parents to attend one or both meetings to hear more about the presentation to students. Student presentations take place on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### SETTLEMENT WORKERS IN SCHOOLS (SWIS) "HOW-TO" VIDEO UPDATE

The next video of our "How to" Video Series is out and covers how to find and register for sports and activities in community centres. These videos are targeted to newcomers but can be helpful for anyone: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HpioLkDtSbw>

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