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BE PREPARED FOR THE WEATHER

We have had a relatively cool spring, but we need to be prepared for all kinds of weather. A waterproof jacket, umbrella, and boots are still good to have at school, but Monday reminded us that we also need to have a hat, cooler clothing, sunscreen, a water bottle, and maybe sunglasses for those warm days that are sure to come.



WALK AND WHEEL TO SCHOOL



Congratulations to Division 3 (Intermediate) and Division 9 (Primary) for being the winners of our first of two Walk and Wheel to School Challenges! These divisions had the greatest number of students walking or wheeling instead of driving all the way and enjoyed their freezies today. We will begin our second and final two weeks of the contest on Monday, so let's improve on our numbers. We are averaging approximately 100 vehicles per day using the drop off lane. Everyone has the ability to adjust their routine and participate!

LIBRARY GRANT

We have some exciting news from our library! Spul'ukwuks is receiving a \$30 000 Learning Environments/Spaces Grant to help transform our library and computer lab spaces into a Library Learning Commons, where we can expand the ways we teach and learn in the space. Both primary and intermediate students provided their thoughts on how we can make our library space better. Renovations are expected to begin some time next year, and we will keep you updated on the progress.

KIDS SUMMER READING CLUB

Registration has opened for participation in the Kids Summer Reading Club (begins July 4th) through the Richmond Public Library:

<https://www.yourlibrary.ca/src>

There are programs for kids, teens and adults!



Ways to help your child succeed at reading:

- Get your child a library card at your local public library. It's free!
- Sign your child up for the library's free summer reading club.
- Encourage your child to read every day. When children read during the summer, they do better in school in the fall.
- Ask questions about the books your children are reading. Describing books in their own words helps them understand the stories better.
- Let your children choose books that they like. When children enjoy reading, they read more and their skills improve.
- Read to your child or listen to audio books together. Talking about the stories you share will help your child learn new words and ideas.
- Show you enjoy reading too. Read on your own in the language of your choice.

KIDS CAN SWIM, SKATE, AND GOLF FOR \$29 ALL SUMMER

See the attached brochure and link for more information!

This affordable, unlimited pass offers 5 to 16 year olds access to any drop-in public session at:

- Minoru Centre for Active Living
 - Watermania
 - South Arm Outdoor Pool
 - Steveston Outdoor Pool
 - Richmond Ice Centre (public skating only)*
 - West Richmond Pitch and Putt (Mon–Thu excluding holidays)*
- *Skate and golf rentals extra



DON'T FORGET!

- **Happy Canada Day!** The school is closed tomorrow. Enjoy the extra family time!
- **Class placement letters** are due on Monday. Please contact the office for a form.
- **Sports Day is next Friday.** Check your email for the information sent last week.

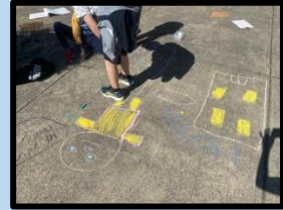
FROM THE LIBRARY...

During our collaboration time in the library, we have been working on storytelling in Division 8/9. Recently, the students have been exploring charcoal, a new art material to inspire creativity and story ideas. And...Yes, it was messy! 😊

During our last sessions, students were inspired by the book, "The Promise," by Nicola Davies and asked to create stories using the question "How can we do something to make the world more beautiful?"

Picture #1:

Two students worked together to create a story about a man who had too much money and bought hotel for homeless people. *How does it make the world more beautiful?* "Everyone has a place a to sleep" – Ted and Mason



Picture # 2

Story # 2- A group of 3 students told a story about bullying. *How does your story make the world more beautiful?* "There is less bullying in the world" - Frazer, Arshya, Manvir

