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GREAT SHAKE OUT EARTHQUAKE DRILL

Along with many organizations across the province, Spul'ukwuks staff and students participated in the Great Shake Out Earthquake Drill this morning. While potential earthquake hazards depend on your location, everywhere in British Columbia is considered at high risk in relation to the rest of Canada, which is why we practice Drop! Cover! and Hold On! at school. Our school district has ensured that all schools are well prepared with supplies in case of an earthquake. Each school has a special container outside that holds what we need in case of an extended stay outside after an earthquake. We also perform monthly inspections to ensure safety within the building. Do you have a plan at home? Do you practice Drop! Cover! and Hold On! at home as well as exiting your home? Is there an agreed upon meeting place outside for your family? Do you have earthquake supplies, including food, organized and in an accessible place? Attached to the newsletter is a document that outlines key aspects of earthquake safety you can use at home.



COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING

You may have read that students in K-Grade 9 will not be receiving letter grades and instead will receive a **Proficiency Scale**. You may already be familiar with the scale if your child's teacher participated in the Reporting Pilot over the last number of years.

What is important to note is that the descriptors used in the Proficiency Scales (**Emerging, Developing, Proficient, Extending**) DO NOT relate to letter grades. Letter grades and Performance Scales are not the same, so they cannot be compared.

	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
Proficiency Scale	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

Students come into every learning situation with their own experiences and background knowledge. A student does not necessarily begin at Emerging or Developing at the beginning of each school year. Similarly, students do not only reach Proficient at the end of the school year. Reaching proficiency is not the end of learning; if a student enters

a learning experience with Proficient understanding or achieves proficiency during the school year, the goal becomes to further enhance their learning.

If you want to learn more and/or have questions, please see below for a webinar opportunity.

Benefits of the provincial proficiency scale and descriptive feedback

- Views learning as ongoing, rather than signaling learning is done
- Provides feedback, to both families and students, on where the student is at and how to help them move forward in their learning
- Supports lifelong learning by shifting the focus to developing competencies rather than the achievement of marks
- Maintains high provincial standards by focusing on helping all students attain proficiency in their learning

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION



Reporting is changing across the province. Please join District staff for an information session on K-12 reporting and what to expect in Richmond. This session is open to caregivers and staffs and will be recorded for future use. This session is a webinar on zoom and will include an opportunity for questions.

When: Oct 25, 2022, 06:00 PM Vancouver

Topic: K-12 Reporting Information for Parents

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://sd38.zoom.us/j/63271614481>

Webinar ID: 632 7161 4481

Passcode: 6000

HALLOWEEN DONATIONS

The leadership program at McMath Secondary School gathers donations on behalf of the Good Shepherd Ministry (GSM) to hand out on the Downtown East Side (DTES). We will have a box inside the main doors where students can drop off **extra Halloween candy and NEW mittens and/or socks** from November 1st for approximately a week. This is the message from the GSM:

The GSM street teams continue our work on the downtown eastside of Vancouver through collaboration with other outreach programs and facilities including the Door Is Open. Last year we delivered more than 15,000 candy bags and several hundred pairs of socks and other amenities to residents of this desperate neighbourhood. Our need for candy and donations remains. The candy bags help us to deliver a note of inspiration to those in need.



We are hopeful you will consider asking your students to donate any extra candy they have, and to parents whose children are not going door to door, we are hopeful they will consider purchasing bags or boxes of treats, NEW mittens or warm socks, so that we can continue our mission.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Oct. 21	Pro-D Day – No School for Students
Oct. 31	Halloween
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day – School Closed
Nov. 21	Pro-D Day – No School for Students
Nov. 23	Gr. 6/7 Catch up Immunizations
Nov. 24	TCO2 Presentations for Gr. 4/5 and 6/7 Students
Nov. 25	Spirit Day
Nov. 28	Written Learning Updates (Reports) Home
Nov. 30	Virtual Holiday Event (Evening)
Dec. 02	Last Day of School
Jan. 02	First Day back after Winter Break - Tuesday

