



Spul'ukwuks Elementary School  
5999 Blanshard Drive, Richmond, BC V7C 5V4

**RICHMOND**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

Website: <http://spulukwuks.sd38.bc.ca/>

Tel: (604) 303-5100

Mrs. Elaine Stapleton  
Principal

Mrs. Jenny Slinn  
Vice Principal

December 1, 2023



We'd like to send out a **HUGE** thank you to the staff, students, and families who supported the Rummage Sale and other mural fundraising efforts this term!

For those who participated in the Purdy's order, pick up will be at the staffroom window at the front of the school from 2:45 to 4:00 on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are not able to pick up at that time, please contact the office and we can make other arrangements for you.

Don't forget that our account at the Return-It Depot is always open and available for you to donate your refund. Just enter the school's phone number (604-303-5100) at the kiosk and put the label on your clear bag. That's it!

Keep an eye out in January for the announcement of Term 2 Fundraisers!

### COMMUNITY EVENT

Thank you to those families who can attend for registering for our event next Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to having you visit your children's classrooms for a snack and game then head to the gym to see our performances.



### PAC HOT LUNCH

Ordering for Monday deliveries of Hot Lunch for Terms 2 and 3 will open next Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to order for your child, you can access the link on our school website, register, and enjoy not having to make a lunch on Mondays! Please mark the following dates on your calendar:

Jan 8, 15, 22  
Feb 5, 12, 26  
Mar 4, 11, 18, 25  
Apr 29  
May 6, 13, 27  
Jun 3, 10, 17, 24  
Jul 8, 15, 22



### VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



This Wednesday, the Spul'ukwuks volleyball team went to Richmond Secondary to participate in the Colts Volleyball Tournament with 12 other elementary schools. Our students got to show off their skills and represented our school well. Fun was had by all! Thank you to our staff coaches, Mrs. Shackles and Mr. West, and our former student coaches, Isabelle and Javier. We would also like to thank our Spul'ukwuks parents for driving to games and cheering on our team!

**TCO2 PRESENTATIONS**

On Monday, we had separate presentations for our Gr. 4/5 and Gr. 6/7 students. We need to teach our students how to stay safe online and to be aware of tricks that are used to groom and lure children into unsafe situations. Attached to this newsletter are three attachments: 10 Tips for Staying Safe Online, Red Flags for Online Exploitation, and a Resource Card to access help. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, parents should be monitoring their children’s activities online (websites visited, gaming chats, social media use, etc.) and be looking out for what their kids are doing and as well as checking for red flags. **Even parents of primary-aged students need to do this! It’s hard to imagine, but children as young as 8 years old have been targeted.**

**Taking Care of Ourselves,  
Taking Care of Others**

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**



It’s that time again when we need to be thinking about winter weather and the possibility of snowfall! Below is information from the School District regarding closures due to weather.

The district will try to determine school **closures** due to inclement weather by 6:30 a.m. Updates will be delivered using social media and school and district websites.

No radio or television announcement will be made saying that schools are open. Only school **closures** will be announced by the media. To reach as many people as possible — as quickly as possible — we work closely with our local media to share information. Listen to local radio stations and follow local news outlets online to also get information about the impact of severe weather or emergencies in our schools.

If snowfall begins while school is in session, in most circumstances, schools will remain OPEN until the end of the school day.

If schools are open, and you wish to keep your child home due to weather conditions, you may do so. Please let the school know by leaving a message on the Safe Arrival line: 604-303-5108.

Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's safe travel to school. If possible, we encourage parents to walk their children to school in poor weather conditions.

**DON'T FORGET...**

- **PAC POSTER CONTEST DEADLINE IS TODAY!** Email your child’s entry to [spulpac@gmail.com](mailto:spulpac@gmail.com)
- **SCHOOL-AGED CHILD CARE DEMAND PARENT SURVEY:** You received an email with logon information. The survey is available until December 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **TERM 1 LEARNING UPDATE (REPORT CARDS):** You will receive an email on Monday when Term 1 Reports are available to access online. They will be available to view and download for two weeks. If you need a paper copy but cannot print one, please speak to your child’s teacher.

**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

- December 1 PAC Poster Contest Deadline
- December 4 Report Cards Home
- December 6 Purdy’s Chocolate order pickup
- December 8 Community Event
- December 8 Last Day of School before Winter Break
- January 8 School Reopens



December						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
2	International Day for Abolition of Slavery					
3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities					
6	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women					
9	International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime					
10	Human Rights Day					
7-15	Hannukah 🕯️					
8	Bodhi Day 🌸					
21	Winter Solstice (Northern Hemisphere)					
24	Christmas Eve †					
24	Quviasukvik Begins					
25	Christmas †					
26	Kwanzaa Begins					