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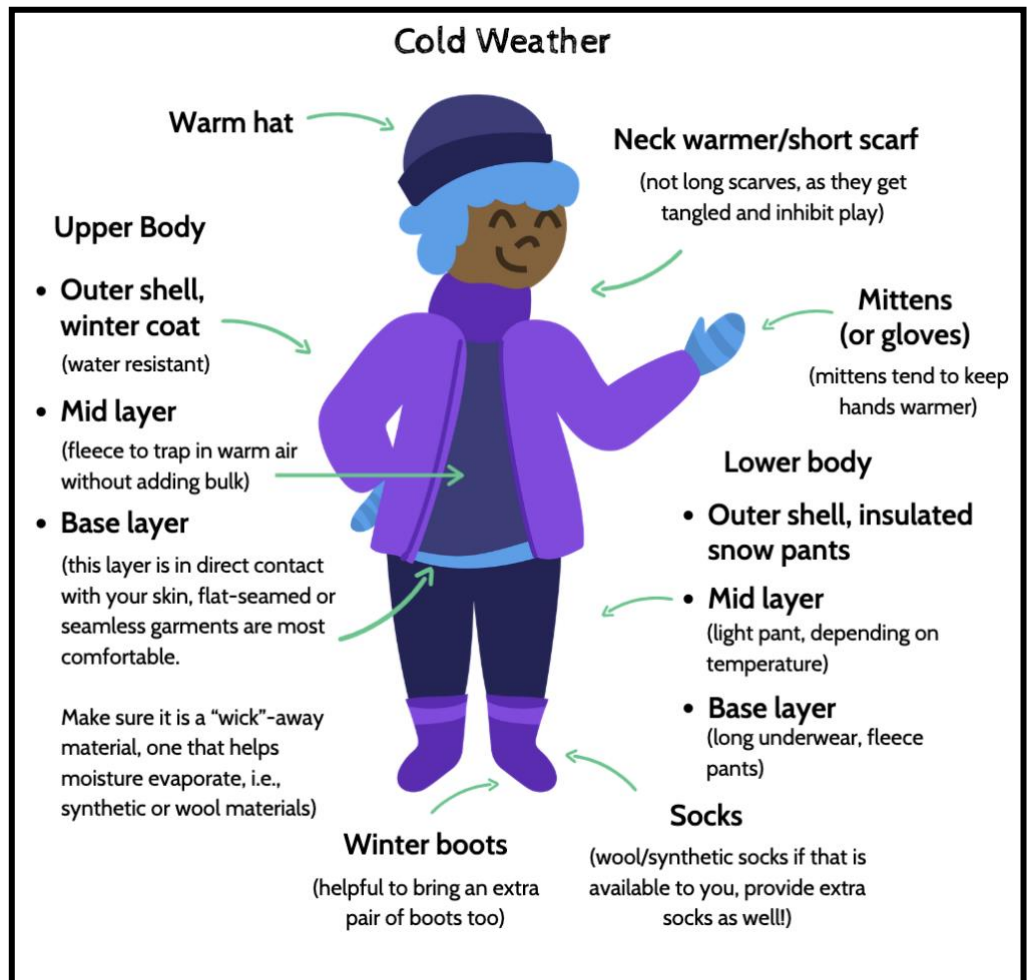
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Welcome back to school, and Happy New Year! We hope that all of you had an enjoyable break in the unseasonably warm weather. The kids seem happy to be back, and it's great to see them again! It's a bit of an adjustment getting up so early, but I'm sure by next week it will be easier for all of us! Winter certainly arrived this week, so you will see some weather-related reminders in this week's newsletter.

WINTER WEATHER

Remember that we do go outside in all kinds of weather, so children need to have appropriate clothing...a hoodie isn't enough for cold weather, even if your kids say it is! Dressing warmly does not have to cost a lot of money. Wearing layers of clothing that you already own is a good strategy, as well as bringing extra clothes like pants, socks, and gloves. The dollar store sells gloves and scarves at a very reasonable price. This graphic gives you an idea of how to dress for cold weather. With the right clothing, being outside in the winter can be great fun!





CUTLERY FOR LUNCHES

Please remember to pack cutlery for your child’s lunch. We continue to have students asking for cutlery every day. A good way to be prepared is to include cutlery in your child’s lunch daily, even if they don’t need it. That way, you can be sure they have what they need, no matter what lunch you pack for them.

HOT CHOCOLATE SALES

Our mural fundraising team will be offering hot chocolate sales on Wednesdays at lunch until the end of February.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GR. 7 PARENTS

From now until the end of the school year, parents of Gr. 7 students need to pay careful attention to emails and newsletter information about the transition to high school. Most of this information will be coming directly from Burnett, as this is our catchment high school. Your children will be bringing home more information after the counsellors visit on the 22nd. Below are important dates to note:

- Jan. 22 Burnett Counsellors to visit Spul’u’kwuks students (1:00pm)
- Jan. 24 Gr. 8 Parent Information Meeting (7 p.m. on TEAMS)
- Feb. 15 Burnett Open House / Meet the Teacher (6:30pm)
- Feb. 28 Math 8/9 screening (3:15pm @Burnett - Math Wing)
- Feb. 29 Incentive Humanities 8 screening (3:15pm @Burnett - Humanities Wing)
- Feb. 29 Transfer Deadline
- March 6, 7 Burnett’s Elementary Basketball Tournament
- May 16 Burnett’s Elementary Volleyball Tournament
- May 24 Gr. 7 Students Orientation Tour Burnett (10:00am – 12:30pm)

Parent Information Sessions for all the secondary schools are as follows:

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Hugh Boyd Secondary	January 25, 2024 @ 6:30pm
JN Burnett Secondary (Open House and School Tour)	February 15, 2024 @ 6:30pm
Cambie Secondary	January 16, 2024 @ 6:00pm
MacNeill Secondary	January 25, 2024 @ 6:00pm
McMath Secondary	February 15, 2024 @ 6:00pm
McRoberts Secondary	January 25, 2024 @ 6:30pm
McNair Secondary	January 25, 2024 @ 6:00pm
Palmer Secondary	January 25, 2024 @ 6:30pm
Richmond Secondary	February 7, 2024 @ 6:00pm
Steveston London Secondary	January 24, 2024 @ 6:00pm
Richmond Virtual School (BL, RAIL)	January 25, 2024 @ 7:00pm at Palmer Secondary School, Room 131

Please contact the secondary schools directly for more information.

DON'T FORGET...

- **Munch a Lunch** is open for Term 2 and 3 PAC Hot lunch orders



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. We appreciate you using these sources of information instead of calling the school, as the office cannot manage calls from all our families!

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 your school know of this decision.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

January 15	LFI presentation for Gr. 5 students (during school hours)
January 18	PAC Meeting 9:30am
January 19	Spirit Day – Crazy Hair Day
January 23	Gr. 7 Band at Burnett 6:00-8:00pm
January 29	Pro-D Day (no school for students)
February 1	Outdoor Education meeting for Gr. 6/7 parents 6pm (in person)

CONNECT WITH SPUL'U'KWUKS PAC

If you would like to get in touch with our Spul'u'kwuks PAC, use this QR Code to send a message and find out more about what PAC does and how you can get involved.

