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LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

As content becomes more accessible online, libraries are becoming less about housing resources and more about connecting learners and constructing knowledge. Library Learning Commons are future-oriented hubs of learning, innovation, and knowledge creation; they are flexible, collaborative spaces; they support collaboration, shared learning, and a participatory culture. Library Learning Commons build communities through literacy and technology by providing access to digital and print resources: they support digital literacy, innovative technologies, inquiry, challenge-based learning, and love of reading. Our library renovation has created a space that can be used in different ways. See big and little buddies from Divisions 2 and 14 collaborate on a maker project...

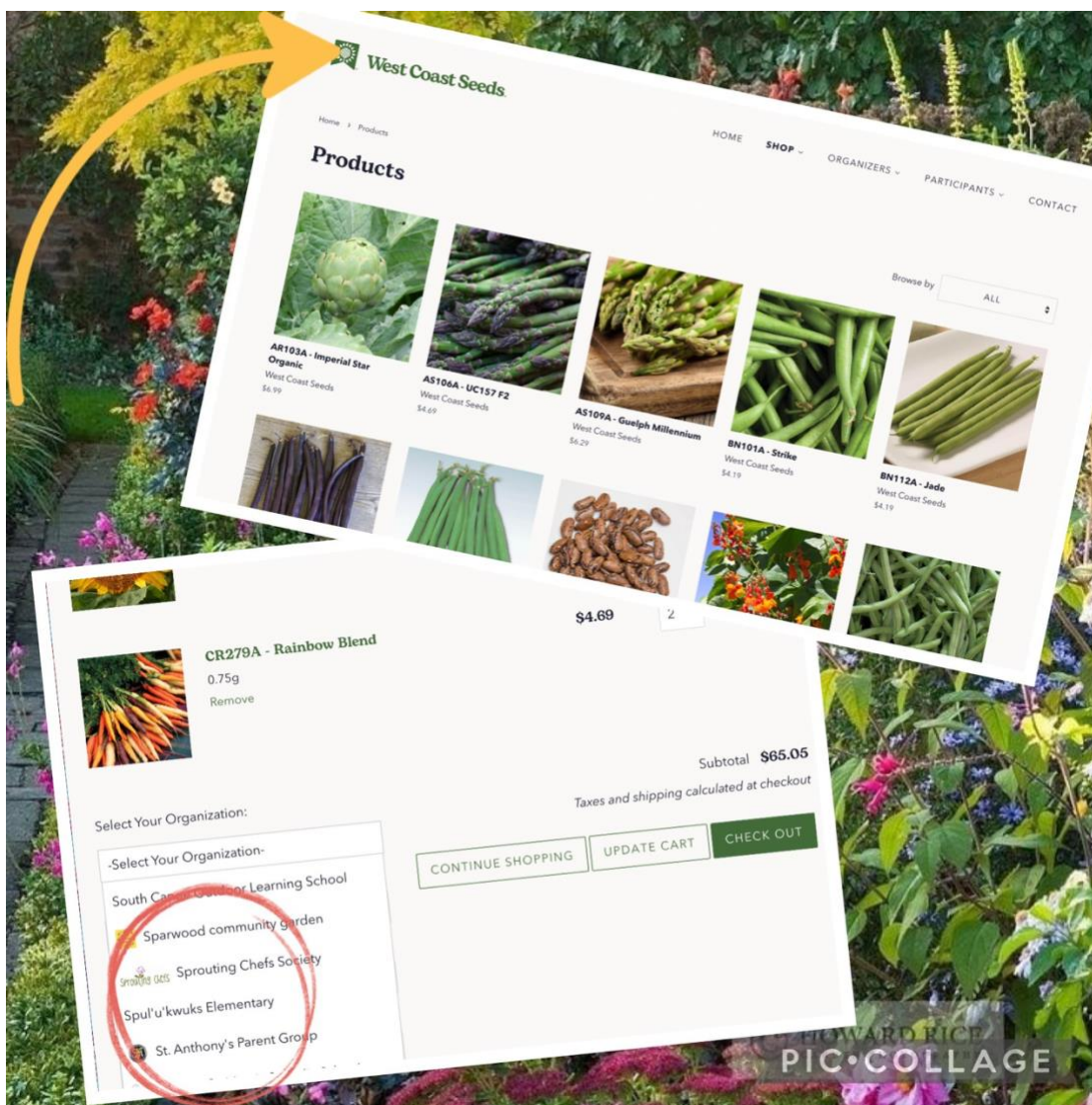


MURAL FUNDRAISER

We are working to beautify our outdoor space, and you can beautify yours too! We are partnering with Westcoast Seeds to further our outdoor learning fundraising efforts. Prepare for the growing season by purchasing your seeds now—every package sold will help our school “grow”! Our fundraiser will run from **Jan 26th to Feb. 15th**.

How to order:




- Go to fundraising.westcoastseeds.com
- Choose your seeds!
- Go to “Check Out” or click on the shopping cart icon
- Under the “Select Your Organization” drop-down menu select “Spul’u’kwuks Elementary”
- Orders will be shipped to our school and we will contact you when your seeds are ready to be picked up!



FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Are you a Gr. 7 student going into high school next year? Would you rather learn outside than in the classroom? Do want to learn how to ski, snowboard, camp, or paddle board? Come learn about the District Incentive Outdoor Program at **A.R. MacNeill Open House** on **February 7th**! Starts at **6pm**!
www.incentiveoutdoorprogram.wordpress.com

JANUARY 2024 MULTIFAITH CALENDAR

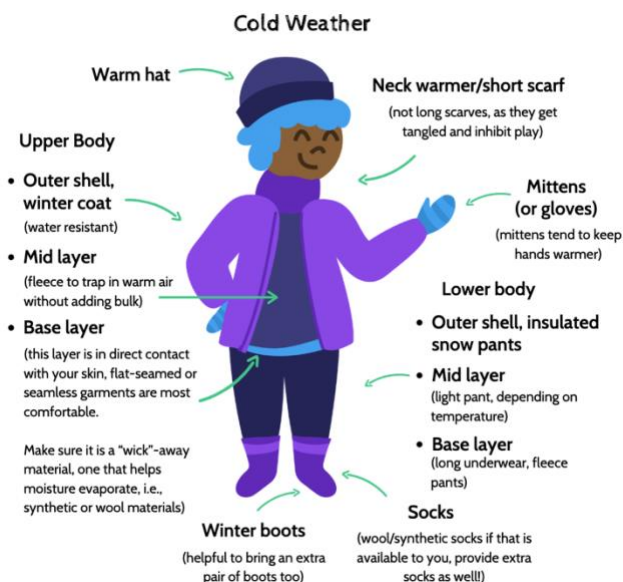
 Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Days	 Buddhism	 Christianity	 Hinduism	 Islam	 Judaism	 Sikhism
• Tamil Heritage Month 1 New Year's Day 17 Raoul Wallenberg Day 21 Lincoln Alexander Day 24 World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day 29 National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia	22 Lunar New Year		26 Vasant Panchami			5 Guru Gobind Singh Birthday 14 Maghi

DON'T FORGET...

- **HOT CHOCOLATE** sales on Wednesdays at lunch until the end of February.
- Make sure your child is dressed for **COLD WEATHER**. The local dollar store has many of the items shown in the graphic.
- Pack **CUTLERY** in your child's lunch.
- **MUNCH A LUNCH** is open for Term 2 and 3 PAC Hot Lunch orders.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

January 18	PAC Meeting 7:30pm* * Rescheduled – Jan. 25
January 23	Gr. 7 Band at Burnett 6:00-8:00pm
January 25	PAC Meeting 9:30am
January 29	Professional Day (no school for students)
February 1	Outdoor Education meeting for Gr. 6/7 parents 6pm (in person @ Spul'ukwuks)
February 6	Hip Hop 101 Performance for students 1pm





January 21-28, 2024

Family Literacy Week Let's have a family party!

"Family literacy refers to the way parents, children, and extended family members use literacy at home and in the community. Family literacy occurs naturally during the routines of daily living and helps children and adults get things done."
- Hayden, R. & Sanders, M. (2007)



Focusing on Family Literacy has some sweet results

- Helps in language development
- Aids in brain development
- Strengthens family relationships
- Improves imagination and creativity
- Leads to academic success
- Aids in understanding a world outside our own!



Literacy Lifts Us Up!

"Literacy is the ability to understand, critically analyze, and create a variety of forms of communication, including oral, written, visual, digital, and multimedia, in order to accomplish one's goals."
BC Ministry of Education



"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift."
-Kate DiCamillo

Check out more resources at:

- Your School or Public Library
- Decoda Literacy Solutions



Develop Literacy by planning a party together!

- Make a list of people to invite
- Plan, write, decorate and deliver invitations to family and friends
- Read, select and make recipes together. This is a great way to practice literacy and numeracy!
- Plan, prepare and play games at the party. Giving and listening to instructions is a great way to practice oral language skills.

"Children can learn about decision-making and organizational skills when they help plan a family party. It encourages creativity when they design activities and decorations. They will also practice communication and teamwork through coordinating with other family members."
- Decoda



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.

