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INTENT TO ATTEND FORMS

If you have not already returned your form, please complete the "Intent to Attend" form asap! We are already planning spaces for next school year and need to know the number of students who will attend and how many new students we can accept.



mud kitchen tools needed!



We are getting a mud kitchen to enhance our outdoor learning area! Please look around your house for any of the following used kitchen items you might want to donate:

- old pots and pans
- spatulas, ladles, whisks, sieves and wooden spoons
- Cake pans, baking sheets, muffin tins
- Funnels
- Stainless steel bowls and dishes

Please drop off your donations in the bins by the office!

MUD KITCHEN REQUESTS FOR OUTDOOR LEARNING

A group of teachers is busy planning a new outdoor learning space! The group is participating in a District Inquiry Grant, which provides support to create a new space that will include a mud kitchen! We have also been fortunate to receive a donation from a Spul'ukwuks family to put towards the cost of creating this space 😊. To help us prepare, we are asking for families to donate kitchen supplies. Items do not need to be new!

Thank you in advance for your donations!

OUTDOOR EDUCATION PARENT MEETING



On Thursday, Feb. 1st at 6:00pm, there is an in-person meeting in the gym for parents and students about Outdoor Education. Staff from Camp Jubilee are coming to give you a presentation of what your child can expect at camp (June 26-28th) and to answer any questions you may have. You will also be receiving an information package from the school by email, so please watch your inbox.

GET REDI! (RECONCILIATION, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION)



A webinar series on Zoom for parents and caregivers to understand and support SD38 initiatives around inclusion and belonging. This initial 60-minute session is designed to help you understand the district's commitment to reconciliation, equity, diversity and inclusion, and the values and language that inform our practices in schools. The facilitator, Destine Lord, will draw on the district's strategic plan to drive the conversation and make connections between the plan, the district's vision, and introductory concepts of anti-oppression. By building the language, you can help support your learner as they move between home and school and back again. There will be opportunities with future sessions to further explore REDI concepts. See the attached flyer for registration information.

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY – PARENT SURVEY

Every year, students, parents, teachers, and administrators are invited to complete the Student Learning Survey (for Grades 4, 7, and 12). The student survey is administered by teachers at school. Parents/Guardians of students in Grades 4 and 7 will receive an email with directions and a link for completing the survey. You will be asked to enter the School District (Richmond SD38), the school's name (Spul'u'kwuks), and your language of preference (there are 18 languages choose from). If you have children in both Grades 4 and 7, you may complete two surveys.

FAMILY PEER SUPPORT WORKERS AND FAMILYSMART MONTHLY ONLINE EVENTS

The Richmond ICY team and Foundry have five family peer support workers (employed by FamilySmart) ready and available to serve parents and caregivers in Richmond. The family peer support workers can meet with families supporting a child or youth with a mental health and/or substance abuse challenge in person, by video chat, phone, or email. Peer support services are available in Cantonese, English, Mandarin, and Punjabi. Families can reach out directly for peer support by email richmond@familysmart.ca or phone 604-607-9570.



FamilySmart
Together-Centred

This month, the family peer support workers will begin to reach out to all Richmond PACs to introduce themselves and ask to connect.

On a monthly basis, FamilySmart also has [free, online events](#) accessible to parents/caregivers. Please see the winter series poster attached.

FAMILY SESSIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS FEBRUARY 7TH OR 28TH



SAFER
SCHOOLS
TOGETHER

Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community (60-minute session). This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sexortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

Families will learn:

- Digital media habits, oversharing, and digital addiction
- The permanence of online posts/activity
- The significance of your digital tattoo in how others perceive you (e.g., sports teams, college admissions, and potential employers)
- The importance of caring for peers both online and offline
- Geo-locational settings and the dangers of social media and cell phone misuse
- The social and legal consequences of cyberbullying behaviour as well as possession and distribution of intimate images (sexting and sextortion)
- An anonymous student reporting tool that can help you and your friends stay safe both online and offline.

Registration at this link: <https://pages.saferchoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>

CITY OF RICHMOND

The City of Richmond is piloting a new way for people with lower incomes to connect with community services in Richmond. Community Service Connectors have experience navigating social service and government systems and can help families find information about social service benefits, affordable housing supports, affordable family services, free and low-cost food, employment resources, transportation, as well as other community programs and assistance. See the attached flyer.



MURAL FUNDRAISING LETTER



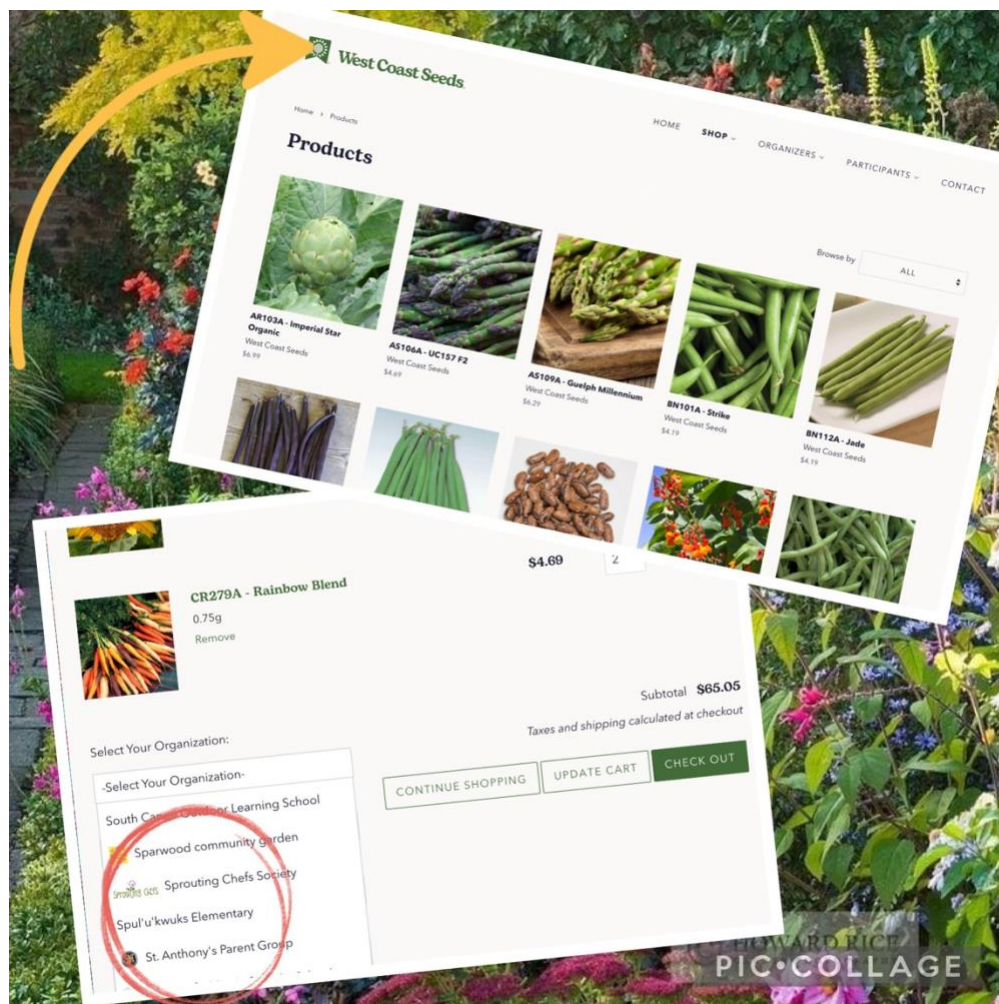
Thank you for your support of our mural fundraising! In the next few days, you will receive a letter asking for financial donations for our mural. We have recently met with renowned Musqueam artist, Debra Sparrow, to discuss the plan for the mural, which will be painted in April! You are welcome to share the letter with friends, family, and business owners you know who may be interested in making a financial donation. The letter will also be on our website, for easy access and links for online donations. The deadline for donations is Monday, March 25th. Thank you for your support of this amazing project!

MURAL FUNDRAISER: WEST COAST SEEDS

We are working to beautify our outdoor space, and you can beautify yours too! We are partnering with West Coast 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!



DON'T FORGET...

- **HOT CHOCOLATE** sales on Wednesdays at lunch until the end of February.
- Make sure your child is dressed for **COLD AND WET WEATHER**. The local dollar store has many inexpensive options to help keep warm and dry.
- 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 29	Professional Day – No School for students
February 1	Outdoor Education meeting for Gr. 6/7 parents 6pm (in person @ Spul'u'kwuks)
February 6	Hip Hop 101 Performance for students 1pm
February 16	Professional Day – No School for students
February 19	Family Day Holiday – School Closed
February 21	Pink Shirt Day
February 22	PAC Meeting 7:30pm (Virtual meeting)
February 23	Spirit Day
February 27	Early Dismissal for all students (Conferences) 1:45pm
February 29	Early Dismissal for all students (Conferences) 1:45pm

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.

