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### HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR!

Our Spul'ukwuks PAC generously brought a Lion Dance to our school today to help us celebrate Lunar New Year! We had two lions dance outside the front of the school, in the hallways at each classroom and in the gym for a whole-school performance as a traditional way to bring good luck and happiness. Many of our students and staff wore red and traditional dress today to recognize the importance of Lunar New Year. We wish all our families happiness and good fortune in the Year of the Dragon! Are you looking for Lunar New Year events in Richmond? See the Richmond "Insider's Guide" for a variety of local opportunities:



<https://www.visitrichmondbc.com/blogs/activities-attractions/lunar-new-year-the-insiders-guide/>

If your child enjoyed this afternoon's presentation and would like to learn more, please contact Anton Chan at [LN.dragonlion@gmail.com](mailto:LN.dragonlion@gmail.com) or 778-892-9818.



## HIPHOP 101 PERFORMANCE

February is Black History Month! On Tuesday, we had a performance from the group, Metaphor. Their show combines poetry, rap, freestyle, turntablism, beatboxing, dance, and interactive music. Elements come together to form a greater whole. As the artists perform their individual talents, the show begins to synthesize skills and catalyze the power that is inherent when we all connect and unite. Metaphor artists use music, dance, and participatory games to explore themes of anti-racism, anti-bullying, self-empowerment, acceptance, and celebration. Our students were engaged and eagerly participated in the performance...Even the staff got involved! Thank you, PAC for this performance!



## DON'T FORGET...

- **FAMILY SESSIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> OR 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
Registration at this link: <https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>
- **STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY FOR GR. 4 AND 7 PARENTS.** Check your email.
- **HOT CHOCOLATE** sales on Wednesdays at lunch until the end of February.
- Make sure your child is dressed for **COLD AND WET WEATHER.**
- Pack **CUTLERY** in your child's lunch.
- **MUNCH A LUNCH** is open for Term 2 and 3 PAC Hot Lunch orders.

## MAKERS' MARKET!

On our Early Dismissal Days for Conferences (Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>), we are hosting a Makers' Market from 2-5pm in the library. **Students are welcome to visit the Market with an adult** on these two days and can purchase our student-made creations! If there are any items left after Thursday, there will be an opportunity for students to make purchases during the school day on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. All money raised will go towards mural fundraising.

Through our Makers' Market, we hope to:

- develop more opportunities for parents to come into the school
- showcase our newly renovated library to our families
- make learning and curricular connections visible while fundraising meaningfully
- promote student work in Applied Design, Skills, and Technology – ADST)



These are just a few examples...

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

February 16	Professional Day (no school for students)
February 19	Family Day Holiday (school closed)
February 22	PAC Meeting 7:30pm (Virtual meeting)
February 23	Spirit Day
February 27	Early Dismissal for all students (Conferences) 1:45pm
February 28	Pink Shirt Day
February 29	Early Dismissal for all students (Conferences) 1:45pm



## 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 26<sup>th</sup> to Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>**.

### How to order:

- Go to [fundraising.westcoastseeds.com](https://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!



## 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.

