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Thank you to the parent volunteers who signed up to help at next week's Maker's Market! If the spots were full when others tried to sign up, we will have more opportunities for volunteering in the future!

PINK SHIRT DAY

Next Wednesday, February 28th is Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day is a day to raise awareness about the importance of standing up against bullying in all forms. **It is a day to promote kindness, respect, and inclusion among students, staff, and the wider community.** We will be having an assembly to share the importance of being kind and acts that support kindness to ourselves, to others, and to our place.

On this day, we wear pink to show our support for those who have been bullied and to take a stand against bullying. Pink Shirt Day began in 2007 when two Canadian high school students saw a fellow student being bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In response, they bought and gave pink shirts to other kids as a symbol of support. Since then, Pink Shirt Day has become an annual event celebrated around the world.



In the Richmond School District, every student has the right to feel safe and supported at school. We encourage all students, staff, and families to join us in celebrating Pink Shirt Day and standing up against bullying. Let's work together to create a safe and inclusive environment where everyone can thrive.

LOST AND FOUND

Have you noticed some items missing from your home and laundry? We have a large selection of items that have been "lost at school". Tables will be set up for you to look at when you are here for conferences. We would like to get the items back to their owners!



BAND CONCERT FOR PARENTS

Parents of students in band will have received an email from Mr. Milks inviting you to a concert on Wednesday, March 6th at 1:45 in the gym. We hope you can come!

MAKER'S MARKET FOR FAMILIES

In addition to helping our fundraising efforts, families can participate in making a bubble to help represent the story of our school name. "Spul'ukwuks," means "place of the bubbling water". During conference times, come to the foyer and see our display, which includes directions for making your bubble. Once completed, we will add your bubble to the bulletin board!





STUDENT ILLNESS

We have noticed an increase in seasonal illness, as is common at this time of year. This is a reminder to please keep children home if they are sick and reinforce proper hygiene practices including coughing and sneezing into the elbow rather than into the hand, how to properly clean the nose, and handwashing. Thank you!

MURAL ARTIST DEBRA SPARROW

Would you like to learn more about the Musqueam artist who will be painting the mural at the front of our school? Here are three opportunities...

Debra Sparrow's work, *Blanketing the City: Lighting the Way*, will be featured on BC Place as part of the Winter Arts Festival from February 23 to 27 for the Rugby 7s Tournament. Debra's daughter, Aleen, designed the gold medal for the tournament!

<https://rugby.ca/en/news/2024/02/musqueam-artists-debra-and-aleen-sparrow-collaborate-with-hsbc-svns-vancouver>

<https://winterartsfest.com/blanketing-the-city-lighting-the-way>

Debra's woven textile work is at the Vancouver Art Gallery until March.



There is a one-of-a-kind musical performance at the Arts Umbrella, inspired by renowned Musqueam artist Debra Sparrow and composed by Jack Campbell. Three accomplished musicians will perform the work:

Violin – played by [Jasper Wood](#)

Harp – played by Dr. [Joy Yeh](#)

Double Bass – played by [Meaghan Williams](#)

Learn more here: <https://www.createastir.ca/articles/arts-umbrella-strings-of-the-universe-jack-campbell-debra-sparrow-sc>

MAKERS' MARKET!

On our Early Dismissal Days for Conferences (**Tuesday, February 27th** and **Thursday, February 29th**), 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 on Friday, March 1st. 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...

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

JUST B4 PRESCHOOL: REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 INTAKE OPENS SOON

Children born in 2020 are eligible for the September 2024 intake of our district operated Just B4 Preschool program. Registration opens the first week of March. See flyer.

GENERATION HEALTH (FOR FAMILIES WITH KIDS AGES 8-12)

There is a free program for families who want to be on a healthy lifestyle path, offered in-person at the Cambie Community Centre. See flyer.

TRY SOFTBALL (FOR FAMILIES WITH KIDS AGES 6-13)

Session aligns with the BC Physical and Health Education (PHE) curriculum by fostering physical literacy and encouraging personal and social responsibility. This one-day event (Monday, March 4) provides a direct application of PHE skills, promoting lifelong physical activity and teamwork, which are vital for a healthy lifestyle. See flyer.

LAST CHANCE! FINAL PARENT SESSION ON YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with adolescent clinical psychologist Dr. Hayley Watson, will be hosting the final free virtual session on February 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on youth substance use for parents/guardians, caregivers and caring adults. Dr. Watson will provide valuable insights, practical tips, and resources to equip participants with the tools needed to guide their children and youth toward making positive choices when it comes to substance use. Use this QR code to learn more.



DON'T FORGET...

- **EARLY LEARNING FOR FAMILIES (ELFF)** on April 8th and 9th. See the Feb. 15th newsletter.
- **MAKERS' MARKET** on February 27th and 29th...Early Dismissal at 1:45 on those days!
- **FAMILY SESSIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS FEBRUARY 28TH**

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.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

February 23	Spirit Day (Postponed)
February 27	Early Dismissal for all students (Conferences) 1:45pm Maker's Market
February 28	Pink Shirt Day
February 29	Early Dismissal for all students (Conferences) 1:45pm Maker's Market



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.

