

SPUL'U'KWUKS NEWS

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the **hən'q'əmiŋ'əŋ** (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

Welcome Back to School!

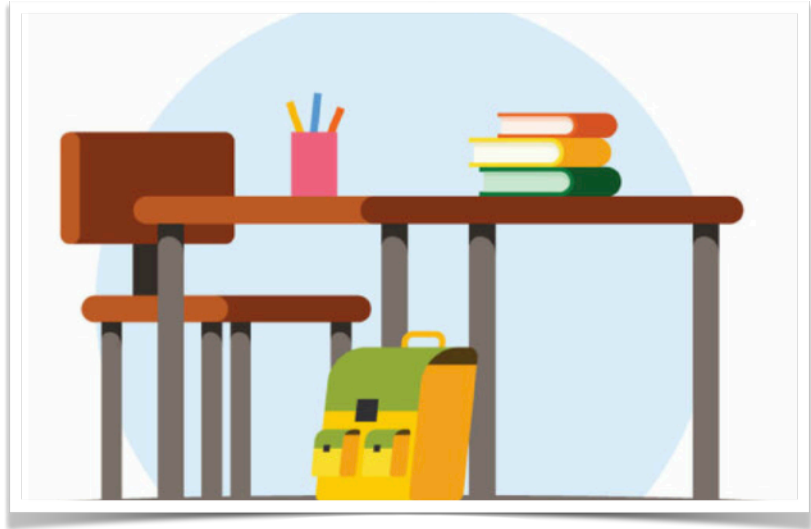
It's wonderful to welcome our returning families back to school and to meet our new ones! We hope you all are looking forward to a terrific year with us!

Visitors to the School

For the safety of our staff and students, all visitors are asked to check in at the office immediately upon arrival. Office staff will provide directions to our guests. If you wish to speak with your child's teacher, please go to their outside classroom door. We recommend making an appointment in advance with staff members to ensure their availability to speak with you.

School Timetable

School begins 8:45
Recess 10:15-10:30
Lunch 11:50-12:42
School ends 2:45



New Classes for Gr. 1-7 Students!

Students met their new classroom teachers today! For some students, the idea of moving to a new class is exciting, for others it's a little scary, and for some it's a combination of exciting and a little scary. Not everyone adapts to change at the same rate, and some students may still feel unsure about the changes when they go home this weekend. If this is your child, encourage them to think about things that are exciting and possible in a new class/grade/school year. Every student was placed with purpose, with their academic, social, and emotional development in mind. We care about all our students! We are unable to make changes to our classes.

Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Wow!!! Thank you parents for making drop-off in the morning go so smoothly! Thank you for using the drop-off lane for drop-offs only. It's been so helpful!

For those who walking to the school with their children, please model safe crossing by staying on the sidewalk and using the crosswalk.

Forms!

You are going to receive a package of forms for each child. We appreciate you completing the forms and returning them as soon as possible.

September Calendar

Sept. 12 Fire Drill
 Sept. 13 Welcome Assembly/
 Terry Fox Run
 Sept. 18 Individual Photo Day
 Sept. 18 Meet the Staff
 Sept. 20 Professional Day
 Sept. 24 PAC Meeting 9:30am
 Sept. 27 Truth and
 Reconciliation
 Assembly
 Sept. 30 Holiday: National
 Day for Truth and
 Reconciliation
 (School Closed)

Student Lunches

We encourage parents to send lunches to school with their children in the morning, as it avoids confusion at lunchtime.

If you must drop off your child's lunch later in the morning, please make sure that the lunch is here before 11:50am (see note below about Div. 15-17). Primary classes often begin eating early, and students need to have their lunches here when the class is ready to eat. Drop off of student lunches for Divisions 1-14 will be directly to the classroom outside door. Each room has a ledge where you can leave the lunch. Drop off for Divisions 15, 16, and 17 will be on the black cart inside the front doors of the school. The teachers of these three classes request that student lunches be delivered by 11:20am.

Libby's Kitchen is available to resume delivery of student lunches Monday to Friday, except on PAC Hot Lunch days. Ordering can only be done [online](#), and the website is open to accept orders. The first delivery day is Monday, September 9th. Ordering instructions are attached to this newsletter. If you used Libby's Kitchen last year, please make sure to go in and update your child's division so that their lunch is delivered to the right place! **PAC Hot Lunch** will be every Monday, beginning in October. More information will be available soon.

Cross Country Run Club begins Tuesday, September 10th!

Students in grades 1-7 are invited to join Cross Country Run Club. We will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00 AM in the tennis courts. As always, parent volunteers are greatly appreciated.

This year's district race will take place Tuesday, October 22nd at 3:30 PM at Garry Point Park. Permission forms will be available in early October for active participants. Parents are responsible for transportation and supervision of their child(ren) for this event.

Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Calendar

Every month we will feature significant events from the district's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Calendar.

We recognize that our school community is broad and represents a wide range of interests and beliefs.

In all Richmond schools, we welcome and show respect for all members of our community.

September 2024						
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Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month

- 2 Labour Day
- 7 Ganesh Chaturthi 🍌
- 8 International Literacy Day
- 8-14 Mennonite Heritage Week
- 15-16 Mawlid-al-Nabi 🕌
- 22-28 Gender Equality Week
- 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day

Don't forget to send a toonie for Terry next week!



Terry Fox Run 2024

Our school-wide Terry Fox Run will happen on Friday, September 13. We are hoping to be able to go for a good run through the community and will need your help to supervise road crossings and encourage students. We anticipate needing 10-15 volunteers for next Friday from 2 to 2:45pm. If you can help, please use this [link](#) to sign up. We will provide more detailed instructions on volunteering to those who sign up. Thank you in advance!

Last year we raised \$781 for cancer research. If every student brings a Toonie to school next week to support this cause, we will have raised more than we did last year! To donate online, please use this [link](#).

Personal Digital Devices

You may have heard that the Ministry of Education has introduced a new policy limiting the use of personal digital devices in schools.

Any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or to access the internet, such as a cell phone, a tablet, smart watch, gaming device, and electronic toy is not permitted during the school day (from the beginning to the end of day), nor during break times.

In elementary school, it is recommended that students do not bring personal digital devices to school. If a student brings a device, it must be powered off and stored in their backpack or a secure location.

The district values the collaborative partnership among students, parents and staff. To maintain a focused learning environment, parents/caregivers are kindly asked not to contact their child on their personal digital devices during the school day. In cases of an emergency, parent(s)/caregiver(s) should contact the school office where staff will facilitate the communication as appropriate.