

# SPUL'U'KWUKS NEWS

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

## Don't Forget!

Thank you to those families who have already completed and returned the package of forms that were sent home. If you have not yet completed yours, please aim to return them to the school next week.

## Individual Photo Day

The photographer will be at school next Wednesday to take photos of our students. You will receive information to view and purchase the photos if you wish. If your child is absent on Sept. 18th, our retake day is on Thursday, October 24th.

## Emergency Drills

Throughout the year, students and staff practice a variety of emergency drills. We have Evacuation Drills (Fire and Earthquake), Hold and Secure Drills, and Lockdown Drills. We had our first Evacuation Drill (Fire) yesterday. The drill was calm and quiet, just as we expected. Our students and staff were amazing!

## Meet the Staff: Sept. 18



### *Play and Technology: How we Over Protect and Under Protect our Children*

From 5 to 5:40 pm there will be two presentations in the gym for parents with children in Grades K to 3. Primary Teachers will also be in the gym during this time. Parents with students in Grades 4+ are invited to meet the Intermediate Teachers outside for socializing and a BBQ (pre-ordered).

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Of course, you may attend the presentation that best suits your your schedule.

**The Presentations will be translated into Chinese on a screen, and an interpreter will be available to answer questions/clarify in person.**

**We recommend that all families attend.**

届时现场讲解内容将会被翻译成中文，在大屏幕上显示。学校还邀请了一位教育局的翻译，在现场为大家提供普通话口语传译，协助老师们回答大家的问题。学校诚邀所有的家庭来参加这个活动。



## Dates for your Calendar

- Sept. 13: Welcome Assembly/ Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 18: Individual Photo Day
- Sept. 18: Meet the Staff 5-6:30pm
- Sept. 20: Professional Day (no school for students)
- Sept. 24: PAC Meeting 9:30am (Virtual)
- Sept. 27: Truth and Reconciliation Assembly
- Sept. 30: Holiday: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (school closed)
- Oct. 4: Presentation for Students: Candy Bones "Oopsie" 1pm
- Oct. 14: Holiday: Thanksgiving (School Closed)
- Oct. 15: PAC Meeting 9:30am (Virtual)

**Access the multi faith calendar at:**

<https://multifaithcalendar.org/cal/index.php>

## Student Family and Affordability Fund

This past spring, the provincial government announced a renewal of one-time funds for the Student and Family Affordability Fund ([link](#)). This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in the following areas:

- School and course fees
- School supplies and course materials
- Field trips
- School-related extracurricular opportunities
- Clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities

Please reach out to [Mrs. Stapleton](#) if you are in need of assistance. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

## Life-Threatening Allergies

If there is a student or adult in your child's class who has a life-threatening allergy, the teacher will inform parents/guardians and indicate the foods to avoid bringing to school.

All students should wash their hands after eating and before going outside to play after snack and lunch times.

Each year, all staff receive anaphylaxis and EpiPen training, so they can provide assistance in case of an emergency. We depend on our families to help us ensure the safety of our students!

## Spul'u'kwuks PAC

Are you looking to stay connected with what's happening at our school? Want to get involved and make a difference in your child's school experience? We are thrilled to share that we have just launched a **Spul'u'kwuks PAC on Facebook**. It's a great place to meet other parents, share ideas, and stay updated on the latest happenings at Spul'u'kwuks. Whether you're a longtime parent or new to our community, we welcome you to join in the conversation and be part of a supportive community that's all about making our school the best it can be for our children. Come on in and join the fun by simply searching for Spul'u'kwuks PAC or scanning the QR code below! We can't wait to see you in our new group!



### Welcome Assembly and Terry Fox Run

Today we met in the gym to kick off the school year with our first assembly! We welcomed new staff and students, and introduced our staff.

We talked about our school goals of connection and belonging. In our classes this week, our students have been discussing what a school should look like, sound like, and feel like. We will use the information we collect to see how we can continue to improve as a school. Below is an example of work from our students.

Our student MCs, Frazer and Ashley helped us to learn about the life and legacy of Terry Fox. After being inspired by his story, we went on a school run. It's incredible to think that Terry ran a marathon a day with a prosthetic leg. If he can do that, then we can do our best to support cancer research!

We are halfway to our goal of raising \$2 for every student at the school. Donations will continue to be collected next week. Click [here](#) to donate online.

Thank you so much to our parent volunteers, who made the run possible!

