

SPUL'U'KWUKS NEWS

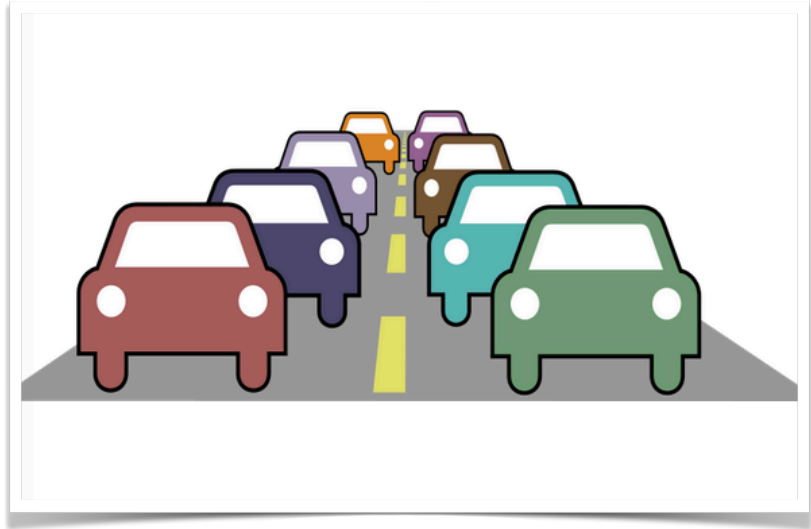
We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the **hən̓ q̓ əm̓iŋ əm̓** (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

New Families...

If this is your first time having a child enrolled in Richmond, you should have received an email from the District asking you to opt-in to School Messenger. This is a way that you can be sent important notifications or emergency information. We hope that all parents will opt-in. If parents opted in last year, you do not have to do it again.

City of Richmond

There is an Active Recreation & Sport Fund for residents 18 and under. Funding is provided for children and youth to participate in active recreation programs and sports where financial barriers impact inclusion. See: richmond.ca/subsidy



Drop-off Traffic

We were lucky the first couple of weeks when drop-off traffic seemed light! Add another week and some rain, and we are beginning to see the congestion that happens on Westminster Highway, Blanshard Drive, and in our drop-off lanes.

Please remember that schools were not built to handle great numbers of students being driven to school and if you choose to drive, expect to wait in traffic. We will do our best to keep traffic moving along in the drop-off lane and need drivers to do their part.

If you wish to take your child to their classroom or to speak with your child's classroom teacher, do not use the drop-off lane. It is for immediate unloading only. Please do not get out of your car.

A better choice is to walk to school, either all the way, or part-way. You have a chance for your child to be settled and ready for the day and you can avoid the frustration of waiting in traffic.



Terry Fox Run and Donations

Thank you to our family volunteers who helped along the route of our Terry Fox Run! With your help, we were able to leave the school grounds and have a safe run through the neighbourhood!

We also appreciate your donations to cancer research. We raised \$547.06! It's short of our goal, however we are still pleased that our school can make a contribution.

Mid-Autumn/Moon Festival

Many of our families celebrated the Mid-Autumn/Moon Festival this week with special dinners and time together.

If you are looking for an event this weekend, the Chinatown Storytelling Centre is hosting a book launch (see attached flyer) with Evelyn Sue Wong on Sunday from 11am-1pm.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation honours the children who never returned home and survivors of residential school, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

At Spul'u'kwuks, we have committed to learning the truth about the past and to taking steps toward reconciliation (our mural is one example). Leading up to our assembly on Friday, September 27th, classes have been talking about what makes a good school, which is something residential school students did not have. On the day of our assembly, classes will also take a reconciliation walk and take time to think about provocations they find along the way.

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer with links to learning opportunities and events taking place in Richmond.

Let's *wear orange* to show our respect, our support, and our commitment to *reconciliation*.





Dates for Your Calendar

- 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)

PAC Hot Lunch Fundraiser 2024-2025

PAC Hot Lunch is one of our school fundraisers organized by our PAC (Parent Advisory Councils) and operated by parent-volunteers. All profits benefit our students and school. For example, PAC sponsors student's field trips or special events, purchases additional materials and library books as well as updating or replacing student's computers and iPads. Your support in our program is greatly appreciated.

PAC Hot Lunch is different from private sector vendors (e.g. Libby's Kitchen). We appointed various trusted vendors to provide our food and it has been very successful for years in our school. On PAC Hot Lunch Days (Mondays), Libby's Kitchen will not be available for orders.

See the attachments for exciting new vendors this year and ordering information (in both English and Chinese).

