

SPUL'U'KWUKS NEWS

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

Morning Traffic

When the rain comes, traffic gets much slower in the morning, as you have noticed. We're only at the beginning of the rainy season! Please help us avoid long waits by being prepared. Have backpacks and lunches in the backseat ready for the kids to "grab and go". At school age, make sure your child can put on their own backpack so you can move out of the drop-off zone quickly. We appreciate your help!

Halloween Parade

Weather permitting, we are planning to have a costume parade at 8:45am at the back of the school on the 31st. Please make sure to have your child at school on time so they don't miss out! Parents and guardians are welcome to watch the parade. Plan to come early to find street parking!



Halloween at Spul'u'kwuks!

We are sensitive that Halloween must be fun for everyone, and for that reason, the district has guidelines around costumes to ensure that groups are not marginalized by others' costumes. If you follow these guidelines, it will help us all have fun!

It's good to keep in mind that the following are NOT costumes:

- RACE (*black face/brown face*)
- CULTURE (*Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks*)
- RELIGIOUS FAITH (*religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/bijab*)
- GENDER (*gender switching for humour or to mock*)
- TRAUMA (*hangman's noose/weapons*)

After Halloween, we will be collecting extra pre-packaged candy at the office until November 4th. The candy will be sorted and packaged by the McMath Leadership students and then given to the Good Shepherd Ministry to distribute to people on the downtown east side.



Dates for your Calendar

- Oct. 19: Provincial Election
 - Oct. 25: Pro-D Day: No School
 - **Oct. 29: Early Dismissal at 1:45pm for Conferences***
 - **Oct. 30: Early Dismissal at 1:45pm for Conferences***
 - Oct. 31: Halloween
 - Nov. 8: Remembrance Day Assembly
 - Nov 11: School Closed for Remembrance Day
 - Nov. 14 and 15: PAC Family Photo Night
 - Nov. 18: Immunizations Gr. 6/7
 - Nov. 19: PAC Meeting at 9:30am (Virtual)
 - Nov. 22: Spirit Day
 - Nov. 25: Professional Day. No school for students
 - Dec. 4: Report Cards available at the end of the day ONLINE
 - Dec. 5: Winter Concert Time TBA
 - Dec. 6: Last day of school
 - Jan. 6: Back to school
- *Please note that all students are dismissed at 1:45 on **BOTH** Tues., Oct. 29th and Wed., Oct. 30th. Ensure that your care providers*

Cardboard Challenge

Students in Division 1,4, 5, and 8 participated in the Global Cardboard Challenge. Inspired by the short film, 'Caine's Arcade', the Global Cardboard Challenge is a celebration of child creativity and the role communities can play in fostering it. Kids of all ages are challenged to create and build anything they can dream up using cardboard, recycled materials and imagination. Then communities come together to play! This afternoon, students brought their prototypes to the gym and invited other classes to come and try out their creations!

The Cardboard challenge lets children explore their interests and passions, teaches valuable "21st century" skills like critical thinking, resourcefulness, perseverance and teamwork, and brings communities together to foster and celebrate child creativity. It also fits within our Applied Design, Skills, and Technology (ADST) and Career Education curriculum.





Family Photo Night

On November 14th and 15th, PAC is hosting a Family Photo Night Fundraiser in the library!

Your family can sign up for a portrait and the sitting fee will go towards supporting the school.

Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 photo!

[Spul'u'kwuks Elementary Family Sitings](#)

If you have any questions after reviewing the sign up page, please contact the Mountain West service team.

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email:

help@mountainwest.ca

Please see the attachments to this newsletter for additional information.

Outside Play

We go outside to play in all kinds of weather, and we are entering the wet, rainy season. It is important that students arrive at school with the proper clothing to ensure comfort and protection from the weather.

The dollar store provides many options at affordable prices, like waterproof ponchos to put over other clothing, mitts and gloves for the cold, scarves, etc.

At home, it's also important to review how to play outside in different types of weather and encourage independence in making good choices, such as putting up your hood when it's raining and wearing boots to go in puddles.

We also recommend a full change of clothes be left at school for the various accidents that happen outside!



Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year

Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome Kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2020, turning 5 in 2025. These children will begin Kindergarten in September 2025. **Online registration opens on November 1, 2024.** Please visit the district website <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

We encourage families to complete their registration within the **Priority 1 registration** window, which spans from **November 1, 2024, to January 17, 2024**, to maximize their chances of securing a spot at their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 7, 2025.

Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available on our District website, providing new parents with guidance on the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori). These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration>.

Finally, there will be a Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of students with disabilities and diverse abilities on Zoom held on November 6th from 6:30 – 7:30pm. A link to the Zoom is available on our District website <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration>.

Thank you and please share this information with your friends and family who have Kindergarten aged children!

