

SPUL'U'KWUKS NEWS

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



We are excited to welcome our families back to school next week! We hope that you enjoyed the break and had some extra family time together. We look forward to hearing about your adventures!

This newsletter provides families with important information to get the year started.

Newsletters are usually sent out every Friday. It is important that parents/guardians read the newsletters each week. You will receive them by email and they are also posted on the school website.

First Day Plans:

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

All students are assigned attendance times:

Gr. 1 – 7 students attend 8:45 – 9:45 and should go to last year's classroom

New students, please come to the office for a temporary room assignment.

All new Kindergarten students attend 1:00 – 2:00pm. You will have received an email near the end of July with the outside door number.

First Week Plans:

Wednesday, September 3 to Friday, September 5

Gr. 1 – 7 students attend 8:45 – 2:45 every day

Please send a snack, lunch, and water bottle with your child in the morning.

Students will remain in last year's class until attendance is finalized. New students will stay in their temporary room assignment.

We hope to move to our new classes some time on Friday. On Friday at 2:45, all **Gr. 1-3 students** will gather near the Intermediate playground with their new teacher to wait for you to pick them up. **Gr. 4-7 students** are to make a plan with their families for a meet-up location before they leave home on Friday morning so there is no confusion in the afternoon.

Kindergarten students attend according to the Gradual Entry (A/B) schedule sent to you in July. The schedule tells you what days to send a snack and lunch. Please send a water bottle every day.

Spul'u'kwuks...Place of the Bubbling Water

Students in Gr. 1-7 need to bring a snack, lunch, and water bottle every day, beginning on Wednesday, September 3rd.

By being a parent/guardian of a student at Spul'u'kwuks, you are part of our Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Watch for emails inviting you to PAC meetings. Get involved and meet other parents! We look forward to seeing you!

If your child will be absent or late, you must call the Early Warning Line at 604-303-5108. If the line is busy, call back in a few minutes.

All students enter and exit the school through their outside classroom door.

School Timetable

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

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 to 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.

Reminders and Important Information

Drop-off, Pick-up, and Parking

We encourage our families to walk to school if at all possible. It is a great time to get some fresh air, exercise, and connect with your children! Even if you can't walk the whole way, we recommend parking further from the school and walking in, to avoid the traffic and long waits.

If you must drive, please note that traffic in the area is extremely busy at drop-off and pick-up times and it can take a **lot** of extra time to get to school. Please plan accordingly so that your child arrives at school on time.

For student safety, there is no access to the parking lot after school. All families with vehicles must find a legal place to park on the street. There is a crosswalk at the south end of the school for students to cross Blanshard Drive. No jaywalking or u-turns!

There is no parent/guardian parking in the staff parking lot. Only drivers with a handicapped tag may come in to use the handicapped spots.

We must be able to rely on each other to keep all students safe. Thank you for your help!

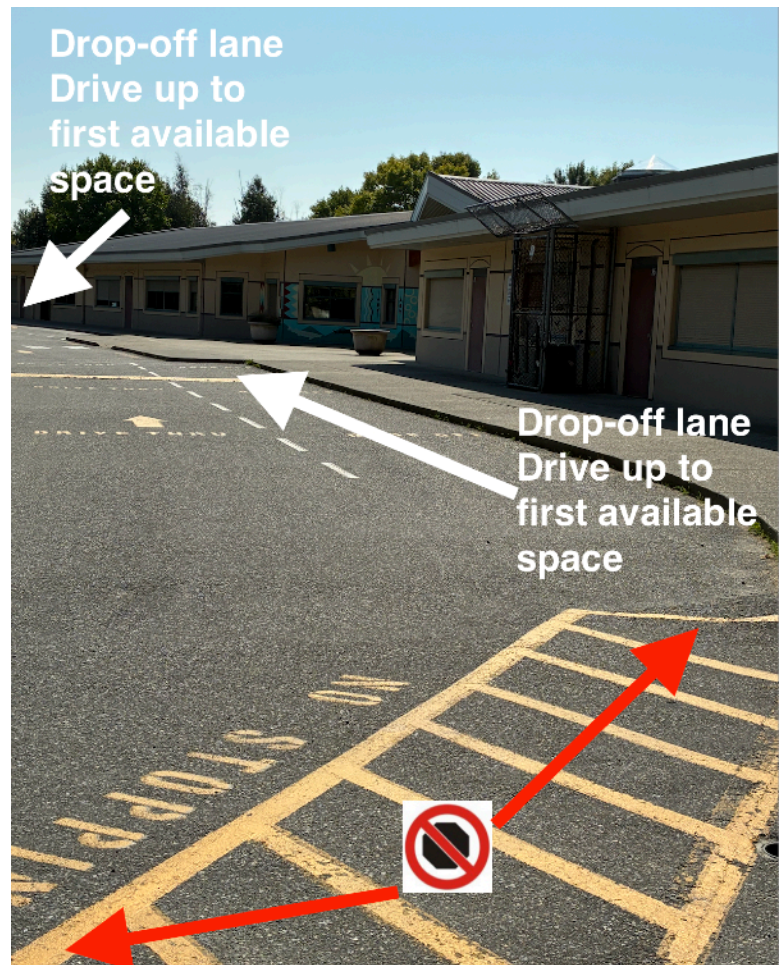
Use the Drop-off lane if:

- You are able to remain in your vehicle
- Your child can get out of the car independently
- Your child can remember their belongings and say goodbye quickly

Walk to school or park on the street if:

- You need to get out of your vehicle
- Your child is not yet able to get themselves and/or their belongings out of the car quickly or independently
- You want to walk your child to class or speak to your child's teacher

There are two places to drop off students, one as you pull up to the school and the other after the office. Please drive ahead to the first space to make room for others to drop off behind you.



This new parking area on the North side of the school is for Connections Childcare. Please do not enter this parking area for Spul'u'kwuks student drop-off in the morning from 8:30-8:45. If you are dropping at Connections **before 8:30**, you are welcome to use this parking.



Student Lunches

There are three options to provide a lunch for your child:

Make at home and bring to school, either in the morning or drop off before lunch (see note below)

Order PAC Hot Lunch on Mondays

Order from Libby's Kitchen (Tuesdays to Fridays) and have the lunch delivered to the school.

It will take time for the hot lunch programs (PAC and Libby's Kitchen) to get up and running, so please send a lunch with your child for the first week.

Libby's Kitchen will begin delivery on Monday, September 8th. Once PAC Hot Lunch is running, Libby's Kitchen will provide lunches only from Tuesdays to Fridays.

We do not have agreements with any other food delivery services. PAC and Libby's Kitchen are the only delivery services permitted at the school.

All students should also bring a snack every day to eat for recess. We encourage healthy lunches/snacks and water as the drink of choice. There are bottle filling stations in each wing of the school.

We are unable to heat lunches for students, so you may pack a hot lunch in a thermos and deliver it to the outside classroom door and leave it on the ledge outside by 11:50am. Please **do not use paper bags** if leaving lunches outside, as they attract birds.

For new Kindergarten students and new K/1 classes (Divisions 15, 16, and 17), there is a cart inside the front door of the school where you can drop off your child's lunch. It will be delivered to the classroom for them. K and K/1 students begin eating earlier, so check with your child's teacher for lunch drop-off time.

If you wish to take your child home/out for lunch, please tell your child's classroom teacher. Otherwise, students do not leave the school grounds during the school day.



Dates for your Calendar

- Sept. 2: First Day of School. Students attend for one hour
- Sept. 3: Full days begin for Gr. 1-7 students
- Sept. 3-4: Gr. 6/7 Leadership Conference
- Sept. 5: Welcome Assembly
- Sept. 12: Terry Fox Assembly and Run 1pm
- Sept. 15: Individual Photo Day
- Sept. 17: Meet the Staff
- Sept. 22: Professional Day (no school for students)
- Sept. 23: PAC Meeting 9:30am (Virtual)
- Sept. 29: Truth and Reconciliation Assembly
- Sept. 30: Holiday: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (school closed)

Personal Digital Devices

The Ministry of Education has a policy limiting the use of personal digital devices by students 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 or any time students are at school. This includes during sports games, at movie nights, or during the Summer Carnival, for example, in addition to class time, recess, and lunch.



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 until they leave the school.



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.

Please note that students who have learning needs that require them to access a device as part of their individual education plan will be able to use a device for that purpose.