

# SPUL'U'KWUKS NEWS

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

## Conferences

Make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher!

**Early Dismissal for Conferences...Plan Ahead and Don't Forget!**

**Students will be dismissed at 1:45 on Wednesday, October 29th AND Thursday, October 30th to give parents/guardians and teachers time to meet.**

You may have a conference scheduled on a different day and time, but early dismissal will still happen for all students on Oct 29th and 30th. **Keep an eye out for a message from your child's teacher to make an appointment.**

Please be sure to inform your caregivers who pick up your child from school that they need to arrive an hour early on those days.

We look forward to meeting with your family to discuss how we can work together to support your child!



## Happy Thanksgiving!

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, it's a wonderful time to pause and reflect on all the things we're grateful for. At Spul'u'kwuks, we are thankful for our amazing students who bring joy and curiosity to our classrooms every day, our dedicated teachers and staff who work tirelessly to create a nurturing learning environment, and our supportive families who partner with us in helping our children grow and thrive.

Thanksgiving reminds us of the importance of kindness, gratitude, and community. Whether you're sharing a meal with loved ones, enjoying a quiet moment of reflection, or lending a helping hand to someone in need, we hope this season brings warmth and happiness to your hearts.

Wishing you and your family a safe, restful, and joyful Thanksgiving!

# HALLOWEEN AT SPUL'U'KWUKS

As we get closer to October 31st, you may be wondering what Halloween looks like at Spul'u'kwuks. Students and staff are welcome to wear costumes appropriate for a school setting. Remember, some of our youngest eagles are still only four years old and we want to make sure that Halloween is a fun day for them.

We will begin the day with a costume parade and a Halloween assembly for staff and students. After recess, we will have our first Family Teams activity of the year. In Family Teams, we assign students and staff to multi-aged groups and we come together for fun activities throughout the year. Students have the opportunity to get to know kids in other grades and work together to show teamwork and leadership. Family Teams will also be our Sports Day Teams at the end of the year.

We can't wait to see what creative and fun costumes arrive at school on Halloween! Parents, why not join in the fun and wear a costume when you drop your child off at school?



## SENSITIVITY AND RESPECT

We must be sensitive that Halloween needs to 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!

Please keep in mind that costumes based on the following are **NOT** appropriate:

- changing RACE
- imitating CULTURES (traditional cultural clothing is not considered a costume)
- wearing clothing from/portraying people of RELIGIOUS FAITH
- switching GENDER for humour or to mock
- TRAUMA related to violence, gore, or weapons. No weapons, no exceptions!

We thank you for your cooperation!





- Oct. 13: Holiday: Thanksgiving (School Closed)
- Oct. 16: Shake Out Earthquake Drill (9am)
- Oct. 21: PAC Meeting 9:30am (Virtual)
- Oct. 24: Professional Day (no school for students)
- Oct. 29: Early Dismissal at 1:45pm for Conferences
- Oct. 30: Early Dismissal at 1:45pm for Conferences
- Oct. 31: Halloween

## Visit the Chinatown Story-Telling Centre!

[https://vcf.zaui.net/booking/web/?\\_ga=2.62756268.189000866.1758749520-412718199.1758651251&\\_gl=1\\*1de5c8c\\*\\_gcl\\_au\\*MTUzM Dk5NjEyNS4xNzU4NjUxMjUx#/default/activity/34?date=2025-10-18](https://vcf.zaui.net/booking/web/?_ga=2.62756268.189000866.1758749520-412718199.1758651251&_gl=1*1de5c8c*_gcl_au*MTUzM Dk5NjEyNS4xNzU4NjUxMjUx#/default/activity/34?date=2025-10-18)