

SPUL'U'KWUKS NEWS

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



Dates for Your Calendar

- Dec. 1: Pro-D Day (no school for students)
- Dec. 2: Report Cards available online after school
- **Dec. 4: Winter Concert for Parents 9am**
- Dec. 5: Last day before Winter Break
- Jan. 5: Return to school

Upcoming Important and Commorative Days of Recognition in RSD 38:

November 20 – 26 Canada History Week

Fourth Saturday of November
Holodomor Memorial Day

**Winter
Concert
and Open House!**

Thursday, December 4th
Classrooms from 8:30-8:50
Concert from 9:00-10:00



Why is it important to be on time for school?

Over the last few weeks, we have noticed that more students are arriving late at school in the morning. This week, we are sharing some long term benefits of being on time and what you can do at home to make it happen! Next week, we will share some tips on overcoming common challenges.

Overcoming Common Challenges

Addressing Sleep Issues

If a child has difficulty sleeping or waking up, identify and address the underlying issues. This could involve creating a relaxing bedtime routine, reducing screen time before bed, or consulting a healthcare professional if sleep problems persist.

Managing Morning Distractions

Limit distractions in the morning by creating a calm and organised environment. This might include turning off the TV, limiting access to devices, and setting clear expectations for morning behaviour.

Providing Support and Encouragement

Positive reinforcement can motivate children to be punctual. Praise and rewards for consistent on-time arrivals can help build the habit and make the effort more enjoyable.



Reminder about Kindergarten Registration

We are excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2021, turning 5 in 2026. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2026.

Online registration begins November 1, 2025.

Families are encouraged to register any time during the priority 1 registration period (November - January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications completed any time during the priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions via emails from the school by February 6, 2026.

As per district policy, a student will normally attend the school located in their catchment area in which their parents or legal guardians reside unless there is no physical, resource or program space available. This provision may need to be applied more frequently, potentially resulting in more students needing placement outside their catchment school.

Parent Education Session: Late French Immersion Webinar

The Richmond School District offers the Late French Immersion program beginning in Grade 6 at James Whiteside and John Diefenbaker Elementary Schools. We invite families of current Grade 5 students to join us for a virtual meeting about this program. We will be hosting this Webinar on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025 at 6pm.

This information session will include the following topics:

- Program Overview
- Student Experiences
- Registration Process
- Frequently Asked Questions

Parent Education Session: Kindergarten District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori)

The Richmond School District provides two district program options for students entering Kindergarten. We invite families with children registering for the 2026-2027 school year to join district staff to learn more about Early French Immersion and Montessori programs. This virtual session will take place on Tuesday, November 25th, 2025 at 6pm.

Topics will include:

- Early French Immersion (EFI) Program
- Montessori Program
- Registration Information
- Important Dates to Note
- Frequently Asked Questions