

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: Open House 8:30-8:50 in classrooms; Winter Concert 9am. The winners of the 25th Anniversary T-Shirt Contest will be announced. We hope to see you there!**
- Dec. 5: Last day before Winter Break
- Jan. 5: Return to school



Spul'u'kwuks Gives: Spread Joy This Season!

Our school is coming together to make a difference in our community. We're collecting donations for the:

- **Richmond Food Bank**
- **Downtown Eastside Women's Centre**
- **Vancouver Educational Regional Services.**



Every contribution helps bring warmth, hope, and smiles to those who need it most.

Join us in giving back this season. because together, we can make this season brighter for everyone!

We hope that you can bring a donation for the Richmond Food Bank next Thursday when you come for our Winter Concert!

Thank you to Ms. Rakhra and students in Division 1 for organizing this initiative!

Spul'u'kwuks Gives

Here is more information about each of the organizations we are collecting for. **We have opened CashOnline for those who may choose to make a monetary donation. All donations collected through [CashOnline](#) will be divided between the three organizations. We will collect funds from today until Thursday, December 4th at 3:00pm. Here is the public link if you would like to share with friends and family who wish to contribute:**

[Spul'u'kwuks Gives](#)

Richmond Food Bank

<https://rfbs.org/donate/most-needed-items/>

Most needed items are:

- **Canned protein** (e.g. chicken, turkey, meat, fish, beans, chickpeas, lentils)
- **Canned soup** (e.g. cream of mushroom, chicken noodle)
- **Canned vegetables and fruits**
- **Rice, pasta, and instant noodles**
- **Tinned meals** (e.g. chili, chunky soup)

Most needed non-food items are:

- **Diapers**
- **Ziploc Bags**



Downtown Eastside Women's Centre

<https://dewc.ca/get-involved/donate/full-wishlist/>

Most needed items are:

- **Adult Women's Clothing** (e.g. pants, tops, hoodies, socks, jackets, rainboots, shoes, undergarments, etc.)
- **Toiletries** (e.g. deodorant, body wash, lotion, hand sanitizer, soap, etc.)
- **Other** (e.g. blankets, towels, umbrellas, hair brush, etc.)



Vancouver Regional Educational Services

<https://www.vancouvereducation.org/holiday-drive-2025>

Most needed items are:

- **School Supplies** (e.g. backpacks, pens, pencils, pencil cases, rulers, etc.)
- **Books**
- **Toys and Games** (eg. dolls and action figures, puzzles, building items, board games, art and craft kits, etc.)



Monthly REDI Greetings – December 2025

As part of our ongoing commitment to recognizing the diverse faiths, cultures, and histories that shape our school district, we offer these greetings to acknowledge important observances during the month of December. In our REDI district calendar, these dates are bolded as days of significance.

December 14–22, 2025 – Hanukkah (Jewish)

To the Jewish students, staff, and families, we wish you a joyous Hanukkah filled with light, hope, and togetherness. As you light the menorah over eight nights, may this Festival of Lights bring warmth and happiness to your homes and hearts.

Translation note: Hanukkah (Hebrew: חנוכה) means “dedication” and commemorates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.



December 24, 2025 – Christmas Eve (Christian)

Warm wishes to all who observe Christmas Eve. This evening is a time for reflection, anticipation, and gathering with loved ones. May your celebrations be filled with peace, kindness, and the spirit of giving.

Context note: For Christians, Christmas Eve marks the evening before the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.



December 25, 2025 – Christmas Day (Christian)

Merry Christmas to all who are celebrating! We send heartfelt wishes for a day of joy, hope, and connection. May this season bring warmth to your homes and remind us of the values of generosity, compassion, and peace.

PAC Hot Lunch!

PAC Hot Lunch for Term 2 and Term 3 is open to accept orders in [Munch-a-Lunch](https://munchalunch.com)!



Important Information:

- Cut off is 7 days prior to the lunch day.
- Last date to order for the PAC Hot lunch is 22- JUN-2026. PAC is unable to accept orders nor amendments/cancellations after this date.
- Please prepare utensils for your child; PAC does NOT provide utensils.
- NO PAC Hot Lunch will be available in July 2026.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS WITH YOUR ORDER!

Inclement Weather: School Closure Notifications

We want to be prepared for winter weather conditions, should we encounter snowy conditions upon our return to school in January.

The Richmond School District is committed to ensuring the safety of students and staff during severe weather conditions.

The district will assess weather conditions early in the morning and will aim to determine any school closures or delayed openings by 6:30 a.m. The decision will be based on factors such as road conditions, snowfall accumulation, and overall safety risks.

Updates will be delivered using social media and school and district websites:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RichmondSD38>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RichmondSD38>

Please note that only school closures or delayed openings will be announced. If schools are open, no announcement will typically be made. However, in extreme circumstances or if additional clarity is needed, the district will confirm that schools are open.

Student Safety and Transportation

Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring their child's safe travel to and from school. If schools are open, and you wish to keep your child home due to weather conditions, you may do so. Please let your school know of this decision.

School buses may experience delays or route adjustments due to road conditions. If bus service is affected, updates will be provided by 6:30 a.m. on the district website and social media.

During the School Day

If snowfall begins while school is in session, schools will remain OPEN until the regular dismissal time. However, in extreme circumstances, early dismissal may be necessary. If this occurs, parents will be notified by their school.

