

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.



Dates for Your Calendar

- Feb. 13 Professional Day (no school for students)
- Feb. 16: Family Day (school closed)
- Feb. 17: Talent Show
Applications Due by 8:45am
- Feb. 19: Lion Dance for Students
- **Feb. 24: Early Dismissal @1:45 for Conferences**
- Feb. 25: Pink Shirt Day
- **Feb. 26: Early Dismissal @1:45 for Conferences**

*For the most accurate calendar information, please use the Spul'ukwuks calendar on our school website.

If your child is going to be absent or late, we ask that you use the Early Warning Line (604-303-5108) to let us know. You may also email the school at spulukwuks@sd38.bc.ca.



We would like to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Family Day! This weekend is a great opportunity to tell those around us how much we appreciate them. Hold your loved ones close and be grateful for the time you have together.

There are community events taking place for Family Day and for Lunar New Year. Check out these links for some fun, family activities:

[richmond.ca/FamilyDay](https://www.richmond.ca/FamilyDay)

<https://www.richmond-news.com/in-the-community/lunar-new-year-events-in-richmond-bc-2026-11830029>

REDI Greetings for February

(Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion)

There are a number of special days coming up for members of our community. 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 February.

February 15, 2026 - Maha Shivaratri (Hindu) Warm wishes to members of the Hindu community observing Maha Shivaratri, the "Great Night of Lord Shiva." – honouring the triumph of light over darkness and the power of spiritual renewal. May this observance bring peace, strength, and spiritual renewal.

Translation note: Maha Shivaratri (महाशिवरात्रि) means "Great Night of Shiva."

Pronounced: MAH-ha SHIH-vah-rah-tree.

February 17, 2026 - Lunar New Year (Chinese, Taiwanese, Korean, Vietnamese, and several Southeast Asian communities) Happy Lunar New Year to all who celebrate! As you welcome the Year of the Horse, may this time of renewal bring joy, connection, and hope to you and your families.

Translation note: Known as Chūn Jié (春节) in Mandarin, Seollal (설날) in Korean, and Tết Nguyên Đán in Vietnamese.

Pronounced: Choon-jyeh, Suhl-lahl, Tet Nguyen Dan.

February 17 (or February 18- ~March 18), 2026 - Beginning of Ramadhan (Islamic) We extend our best wishes to the Muslim students, staff, and families as the holy month of Ramadhan begins. May this holy month of reflection, fasting, giving to charity and community continue to foster compassion, gratitude, and spiritual renewal for you and your loved ones.

Translation note: Ramadhan (Arabic: رَمَضَان, often spelled Ramadan) meaning "heat", as the month originally was supposed to fall on the hottest months.

Pronounced: RAH-mah-dhan or RAH-mah-zan.

February 18, 2026 - Ash Wednesday (Christian) To the Christian students, staff, and families preparing for the Lenten season: we send warm greetings on Ash Wednesday, as this day marks a time of reflection, renewal, and preparation. May you find meaning in the season ahead as you journey toward Easter.

Parents and Problem Solving

What do you do if your child comes home and expresses that they are having a problem with another child? If it happens, you may find yourself wondering about the best way to address it. Keep in mind that conflict is not always a bad thing...with support, children can learn to solve problems in an appropriate manner, which is a necessary life skill, but knowing when to step in is also a challenge for parents. It's not easy being a parent but keeping the following "helpful" and "not helpful" tips in mind could go a long way in helping your child.

Helpful:

- Being open to hearing your child explain their concern to you
- Being curious; ask what happened before, during and after the incident
- Talking to your child about the "size of the problem"; minor concerns should be handled differently than large ones
- Remembering that most issues have two sides; you may not know everything there is to know
- Speaking to your child calmly about the problem, even if you are upset
- Asking what strategies your child has tried to use independently
- Discussing peaceful ways to address the issue
- Asking if your child has spoken to the teacher and encouraging them to report
- Making an appointment to speak privately to your child's teacher if necessary
- Time and space. What seems like a big problem today may not look the same tomorrow
- Treating others as you would want to be treated; both adults and kids make mistakes!

Not helpful:

- Speaking negatively about other children/parents to your child or other people
- Confronting other children/parents
- Encouraging your child to respond with violence
- Gossiping or using social media to talk about other children or their parents
- Contacting the parents of the other student – if it happened at school, let the school sort it out. We'll keep you in the loop and work together.

Remember, if you are not sure about a situation, please ask! Talk to your child's classroom teacher, and if you require more help, you may contact Mrs. Stapleton or Mr. Chan.



This THINK poster can be useful when thinking about and discussing our actions. It's easy to justify behaviour when we think with our emotions, but if we ask ourselves these questions and can't answer "yes" to all of them, then a shift in our behaviour is required. It applies to both children and adults, so observe or think about a situation and consider how the situation might have turned out differently if people were able to answer "yes" to everything they said and did!

Universal Hot Lunch

We had our first Universal Hot Lunch this week and reports from students were generally positive, saying that the food was good and it was hot. If you would like to order for next month, use this link: <https://munchalunch.com/docs/sd38/FF>

You can pre-order for the rest of the school year. The lunch is available to ALL families at no cost to you. This program is being offered to all Richmond students.



Talent Show

Talent Show information has been shared with students and Audition Application Forms are available at the office in case your child wants to try out. The deadline has been extended to Tuesday, February 17th at 8:45am, as we have a Professional Day and Family Day on Friday and Monday. All forms are to be delivered to the basket on the office counter.

SPUL'U'KWUKS PAC *Fundraiser* **Rummage Sale**

FRI, Mar 6

When: During the school day for students (9:00 am - 2:15 pm)
Where: School Gym
Why: To celebrate 25 years of Spul'u'kwuks, support our school's legacy with anniversary T-shirts for students and teachers, while helping families declutter after the holidays.

Accepted Donation Items

- Toys
- Games
- Children's books
- Art/ crafts supplies
- Puzzles
- Stuffies
- Home Decor

All items must be in giftable condition.
(Remember, some of this will be coming back to your house!)

The price will range from \$1 - \$10

SPUL'U'KWUKS *家委会筹款活动* **义卖活动**

星期五 3月6日

时间: 学生上课期间 (上午 9:00 至 下午 2:15)
地点: 本校体育馆内
活动目的: 为庆祝 Spul'u'kwuks 建校 25 周年, 通过为学生和教师提供周年纪念 T 恤来支持学校的传承, 同时也帮助家庭在假期后整理、清理闲置物品。

可接受捐赠物品

- 玩具
- 桌游 / 游戏
- 儿童书籍
- 美术 / 手工用品
- 拼图
- 毛绒玩偶
- 家居装饰品

所有物品需保持适合送礼的良好状态。
(请注意: 部分物品之后可能会返还到您家中!)

价格范围为 \$1-\$10

Lunar New Year Lion Dance and Puppet Workshop

Thank you to our Spul'u'kwuks PAC for organizing a Lion Dance to ring in the Lunar New Year! We are excited to have a group come on Thursday to perform for us. This year the performers are not able to do a performance for parents.

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with your own lucky lion puppet and share in the joy of togetherness! Families are invited to join us for a fun hands-on workshop to create a lucky lion puppet – a symbol of good fortune and happiness.

- Date: February 19
- Time: 3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Location: Spul'u'Kwuks Elementary School

Cost: \$20 per lion puppet

Limited to 20 spots – first come, first served

Light refreshments provided

Registration Link here: <https://forms.gle/F2YVEa8oHorAXB1bA>

Parent participation is required. This lion puppet is a detailed craft that requires adult assistance. Each child must be accompanied and supported by a participating parent or guardian throughout the activity. Registration is confirmed only after payment is received. Payment instructions will be provided after submitting this form.

Thank you for your continuous support the school community!

Spul'u'Kwuks PAC

亲爱的家长和监护人：

一起制作属于自己的吉祥醒狮，欢庆农历新年，共享团聚喜悦！

诚邀家庭与孩子一同参加动手制作醒狮手偶活动 — 醒狮象征好运与幸福。

- 日期：2月19日
- 时间：下午 3:15 – 5:00
- 地点：Spul'u'Kwuks 小学

费用：每个醒狮 \$20

名额仅限20位，先到先得

提供简单茶点

注册链接: <https://forms.gle/F2YVEa8oHorAXB1bA>

本活动必须由家长陪同参与。醒狮手偶制作步骤较多、难度较高，需要成人协助。每位孩子必须由家长或监护人全程陪同并一起完成。

提交表单后并完成付款才算报名成功。付款方式将在提交后提供。

感谢您一直以来对我们学校社区的支持！

Spul'u'Kwuks 家委会



See the flyer attached to this newsletter !



LION PUPPET WORKSHOP

CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WITH YOUR OWN LUCKY LION PUPPET AND SHARE IN THE JOY OF TOGETHERNESS!

制作属于你的幸运狮子木偶，一起欢庆农历新年，共享团聚的喜悦！



PARENT + CHILD WORKSHOP

\$20 PER LION

FEB.19 @ 3:15 - 5:00 PM

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

亲子工作坊

每只狮子 \$20

2月19日 3:15 - 5:00 PM

提供茶点

LIMITED TO 20 SPOTS!

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.

CLICK HERE OR SCAN QR CODE

FOR REGISTRATION BY FEB.16TH!

名额仅限20位!

先到先得

点击这里或扫描二维码

于2月16日前报名

