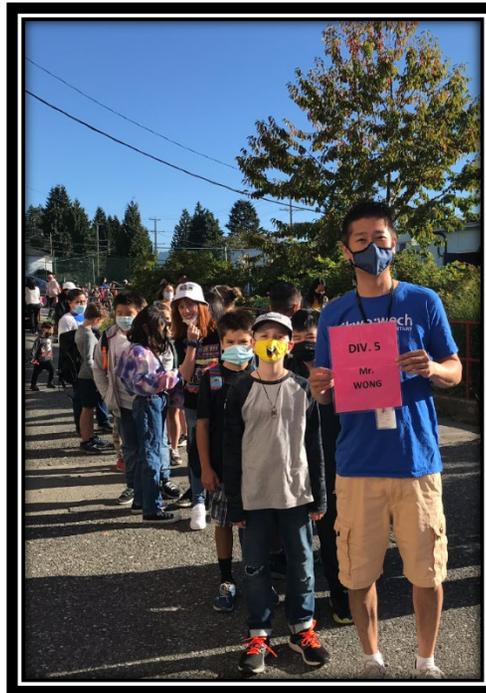
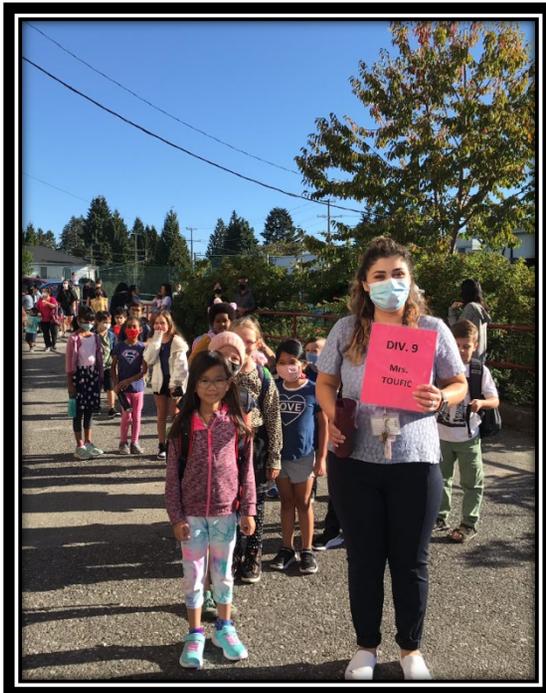


A warm welcome back to all of our new and returning families. We are so glad that we are all together back at school and we are excited about all of the amazing things that we have to look forward to in the coming year which includes of course our move to the new building. You may have noticed that the siding is now going up on the gym! We are pleased to let you know that our students are settling into their classroom and school routines. This year we continue to aim to provide you with up to date, current information on a regular basis. Every second week we will be sharing our Skwo:wech Newsletter filled with highlights of learning activities from around the school; these will be distributed on Friday afternoons. When necessary, we will send home a Bulletin with important, timely information which will be a brief update.

This year we are continuing with the reverse lunch and recess but with a minor adjustment; we have our older students going outside first and younger students second. Next week in our newsletter you will receive the 'week ahead' calendar. We did however, want let you know that along with many surrounding schools, we will be adjusting the date of the Terry Fox run for our school. Due to the many events that are happening this month, we will hold our Terry Fox run on April 8th. We are moving forward cautiously with returning to some of our past traditions, but we are excited to let you know that next Friday will be our first school spirit day of the year and it will be silly sock day!



Bulletin Updates

Website Update

- Please visit skwowechool.ca for updates and information throughout the school year! This is where you can find newsletters, notices, our school calendar, and other information!

Office Email

- Please update the office email address you have on file to skwowech@sd40.bc.ca

Fuel Up! School Lunch Program

- Resumes Monday, September 13
- September Menu is available online
- Orders must be placed by noon two days before delivery. For example, for Monday's lunch you must order by noon on Saturday.
- If your child is away from school due to illness, you can cancel their hot lunch by emailing FuelUp@SimplyFoods.ca or calling Fuel Up! 604-620-5474 before 8:00am
- If your child will be away from school and you did not cancel their lunch in time, please advise the office if you would like to arrange to pick up the lunch or if the school may provide the lunch to another child.

Creative Pack School Supplies

- If your child's Creative Pack has any missing or damaged items, please visit this website for more information: <https://creativepacks.ca/pages/missing-damaged-products-creative-packs-canada>

School Cash Online

- 2021/2022 Permissions & Emergency Release Forms are available on [School Cash Online](#)
- Requested Fees for items and activities will be available on School Cash Online throughout the year

Reporting Student Absences, Late Arrivals, & Early Pick Ups:

If your child is going to be absent from school, arriving late, or being picked up early, please email or call us!

Email both your child's *classroom teacher*
AND skwoweck@sd40.bc.ca before 8:30am

OR, call 604-517-6090. Outside of office hours you will be able to leave us a voicemail.

Please provide:

- Your child's full name
- The teacher's name and division number
- The date(s) your child will be absent
- The reason for the absence (ex. illness, vacation, medical appointment, etc)

Once students have entered the building at the start of the school day the back doors will be locked. If you arrive after this, please have your child enter at the front doors where they will check in at the office. Students in the portable classrooms who arrive late must also check in at the office first.



Valuables & Toys at School

Parents and students are reminded that personal belongings such as iPods, game systems, other toys, etc should be kept at home. The school cannot be responsible for any personal items that are lost or go missing. Also, if students ride bikes, they should use bike locks to keep them secure in the bike rack.

Medical Changes, Custody/Legal Updates, & Changes to Family Arrangements

We know changes for medical conditions or family arrangements may come up at anytime throughout the year. When changes do arise, please contact the office to update information so our school is best able to support your child and family.

Medical Forms must be updated annually as well as whenever there are changes to serious medical conditions or medications being administered at school. Please bring medical forms and medication to the office as soon as possible for the 2021/2022 school year. Please be advised that we have staff members with First Aid Training, but we do not have full time medical professionals on site.

If custody of your child(ren) is limited by a court order, please contact the office and provide a copy of any legal documents pertaining to your situation. Information about other family arrangements are also helpful.

For more information, please contact Ms. Essak at 604-517-6090 or aessak@sd40.bc.ca



SAFETY ZONE

LEAVING THE SCHOOL

Students are not permitted to leave the school during school hours without consent from a parent or guardian. With parent consent and arrangements, students are able to go home for lunch. Please contact the office if you wish to make this arrangement.

We would appreciate it if you would arrange medical appointments outside of school hours. However, if your child must leave during regular school hours, please advise the office ahead of time, and sign your child out at the office.

If a student needs to go home due to sudden illness, we will contact a parent/guardian or an emergency contact.

Finally, if you have arranged for a friend or relative to pick up your child, or have given your child permission to walk home alone, please send a note to the classroom teacher or call the office.

WALKING TO SCHOOL

-  Know the route your child takes to and from school and how long it takes.
-  Encourage your child to walk with a friend or in a group. Know the telephone numbers and addresses of these friends.
-  Arrange for your child to arrive at school as close to the welcome bell time as possible. Set a time for your child to report home after school.
-  Encourage your child to wear light coloured clothing so that they are easily seen on rainy, dark days.
-  Review street safety rules with your child.

DISMISSAL NOTE

We ask that parents waiting to pick up their children wait outside for their children to come out. Please ensure that you have left space on the front walkway to allow our classes to walk unobstructed to their dismissal locations.

NUT SAFETY

We have a number of students in our school who have serious, life-threatening peanut/nut allergies. This means that any contact with peanuts/nuts or nut products in the classroom, in even trace amounts, may endanger the child's life. We are requesting the assistance of all our families in keeping our school a peanut and nut aware environment.

WASHROOM FACILITIES

Due to COVID protocols, we are unable to provide public washroom or water fountain access to families at this time.

Please do not send snacks and lunch items that contain nuts or nut oils. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

