

Today Skwo:wech staff and students took part in the Great Shakeout and held a practice earthquake drill.

If your family is interested in learning more about how to prepare for an emergency, please refer to the Personal Preparedness page on the City of New Westminster website: <https://www.newwestcity.ca/emergency-management/personal-preparedness>



Halloween Considerations

Halloween can be a wonderful time of year for young people to explore creativity, play and share in a sense of celebration. Dressing up in costumes is a fun and joyful tradition for students and staff alike! As you are planning for this event, please review the following safety guidelines.

- Students in costume at school (when permitted) should be easily recognizable and/or be able to identify themselves to staff or other students when asked. No full-face masks permitted.
- As per the guidance from Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer, costume masks are NOT a suitable replacement for masks being used to protect each other from COVID-19.
- No replica weapons (guns, knives, etc) are allowed on school property.
- We celebrate diversity and inclusion in New Westminster schools. Costumes that are offensive or in poor taste are not permitted ... when selecting a costume, please consider whether the costume violates rights or appropriates identity, based on rights maintained under the Canadian Human Rights Act: race, ethnicity, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic characteristics, or disabilities.
- School codes of conduct must always be followed. This means continuing to act in respectful ways to peers and staff, and maintaining good care of school property ... vandalism is never acceptable and is a crime.
- The possession or use of firecrackers or fireworks at school is strictly prohibited at all times.
- Please refrain from sending any shared treats or candies to school with your child, to help maintain safe COVID-19 related protocols in place this year.

Thank you for helping make sure Halloween continues to be a fun and safe opportunity for all staff and students!

Bulletin Updates

Non-Instructional Day: Friday, October 22

- There is no school for students on this day

Reminder: Sign Up for Photo Retakes by Sunday, October 24

- Photo Retake Day: Tuesday, October 26 (remember, do NOT wear green!)
 - Vibrant Photos requires you to sign up using the link below BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2021_SKWOWECH_PHOTO_RETAKES_SIGN-UP
 - Please note: If your child was absent on the photo day in September, you do NOT need to sign up
 - For more information, including how to order photos, please visit our [school website](#)

Early Dismissals and Student Learning Conferences – October 27 & 28

- Students will be dismissed from school at 12:24pm on October 27 and 28
- Please remember to help your child pack a recess snack
- If your child has ordered lunch through Fuel Up! on this day, they will receive their lunch to take with them at dismissal time
- Teachers have sent out information to families about Student Learning Conferences; please contact your child's teacher if you need to adjust your appointment

PAC Meeting: Wednesday, October 27 – 7:00pm

- Please see an email that will be sent on behalf of the PAC for the Zoom link to the meeting

Fuel Up! School Lunch Program – November Menu

- For November 1 lunches, order before noon on Saturday, October 30; menu will be available next week

Kindergarten & New Student Registration for 2022/2023 Opens November 1

- Kindergarten Registration opens for students born in 2017
- All registrations are taken by Central Registration at the Welcome Centre at New Westminster Secondary School - *please book a registration appointment online*
- For more details, including required documents and the calendar to book a registration appointment, please visit: <https://newwestschools.ca/our-schools/registration/registration-information-forms/>

Skwo:wech Yearbook 2021/2022

- Order online at [JostensYearbooks.com](https://www.jostens.com)
- For personalized yearbooks ordered by October 29 – up to 4 icons are included for free! More details included at the end of the [October 4-15 newsletter](#)
- Yearbooks are delivered to students in June 2022
- Please make note of your yearbook order confirmation