

# Skwo:wech Newsletter

From the Office of  
Skwo:wech Elementary  
Spring Break Edition



**Fuel Up! April Menu  
Online Over Spring Break**

Order before noon on  
Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>  
for April 1<sup>st</sup> lunch delivery

**Term 2 Report Cards on MyEd BC Family Portal**

Look on the lower right side under “Published Reports”

Download and save a copy of the report card for your records.

You can initiate your own password reset by clicking “I forgot my password” and a temporary password will be emailed to you.

If log in problems persist, please contact our office.

We look forward to seeing everyone after spring break in our new building on Tuesday, March 29!

2022		MARCH/APRIL		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
14	15	16 Spring Break (School Closed)	17	18
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**Mark Your  
Calendar**



**March 28**

School Closed for  
in-class instruction

**March 29**

Welcome back to school!

**April 12**

NWMS Meeting – 7:00pm

**April 14**

Non-Instructional Day

**April 15-18**

Easter Weekend  
(School Closed Friday &  
Monday)

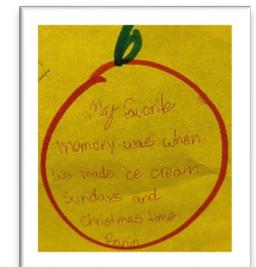
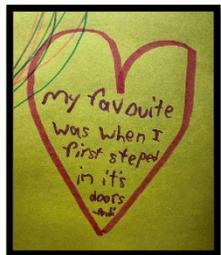
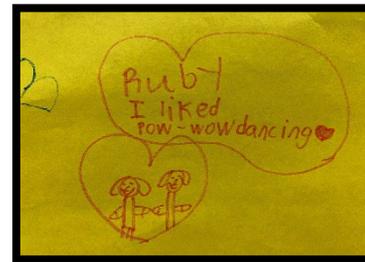
Dear Skwo:wech families,

In case you missed the exciting announcement last week; the patiently awaited announcement has come for the opening of our new school. Our new building will be opening for students on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>! Students and staff alike were jumping with joy at the news last week that we will be moving into our new building after Spring Break. Teachers and students have been busily packing and preparing to make the transition from our current, and much-loved home to our beautiful new facility. We all share the joy and excitement that our move will take place very soon! Parents will be sent a message on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> to outline our new line-up procedures.

Reminder that we will be closed for in person learning, tomorrow, Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> and Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> to allow staff the time much needed to pack up our classrooms and then set up our new learning spaces. There will be remote learning options available for those families interested on the closure days available through your child's Microsoft teams classroom. On Monday, the 28<sup>th</sup> you will receive a message detailing where you should line up with your child at the new school.

We all look forward to our Grand Opening which will hopefully take place in the fall once the demolition has been completed and hope that we will be able to invite families to tour the school at that time. We know that our current building has housed many fond and enduring memories for the community of Sapperton and we are sure that our lovely new school will serve the community and families of Sapperton for decades to come.

Memory Wall – We took time this week to create a memory wall as a school community. We spent time together reflecting and enjoying some of the special memories we have shared in our beloved school building. We look forward to beginning a new chapter in our brand new Skwo:wech Elementary building.



Div. 3 enjoying the sun while playing at Sapperton Park for their daily physical activity!





In Social Studies this term, Division 5 studied different countries from around the world and created Country Research Posters.



Division 7 spent time learning about the importance of the Land to Indigenous peoples and had the opportunity to reflect on some reasons why the land and environment is important to them. They also learned about various Indigenous practices such as weaving where they weaved an inspired tree scene.



Jessica

The environment is important to me because, it helps us live and gives us food, gives us air, and is beautiful. It keeps us warm and helps our delicious fruits grow. It gives us peace and a beautiful sunset to look at. It gives us water.

Sammy

The land is important to me because we get food from it and from plants and animals. If we did not have any trees we wouldn't be living because we would have no air.

James

I like the land because there are playgrounds, trees, schools, and nature.  
I like the land because it has water and food.

Julian

The land is important to me because it provides air and light and if it wasn't here we wouldn't be able to live. I also like it because it provides resources.



Julia  
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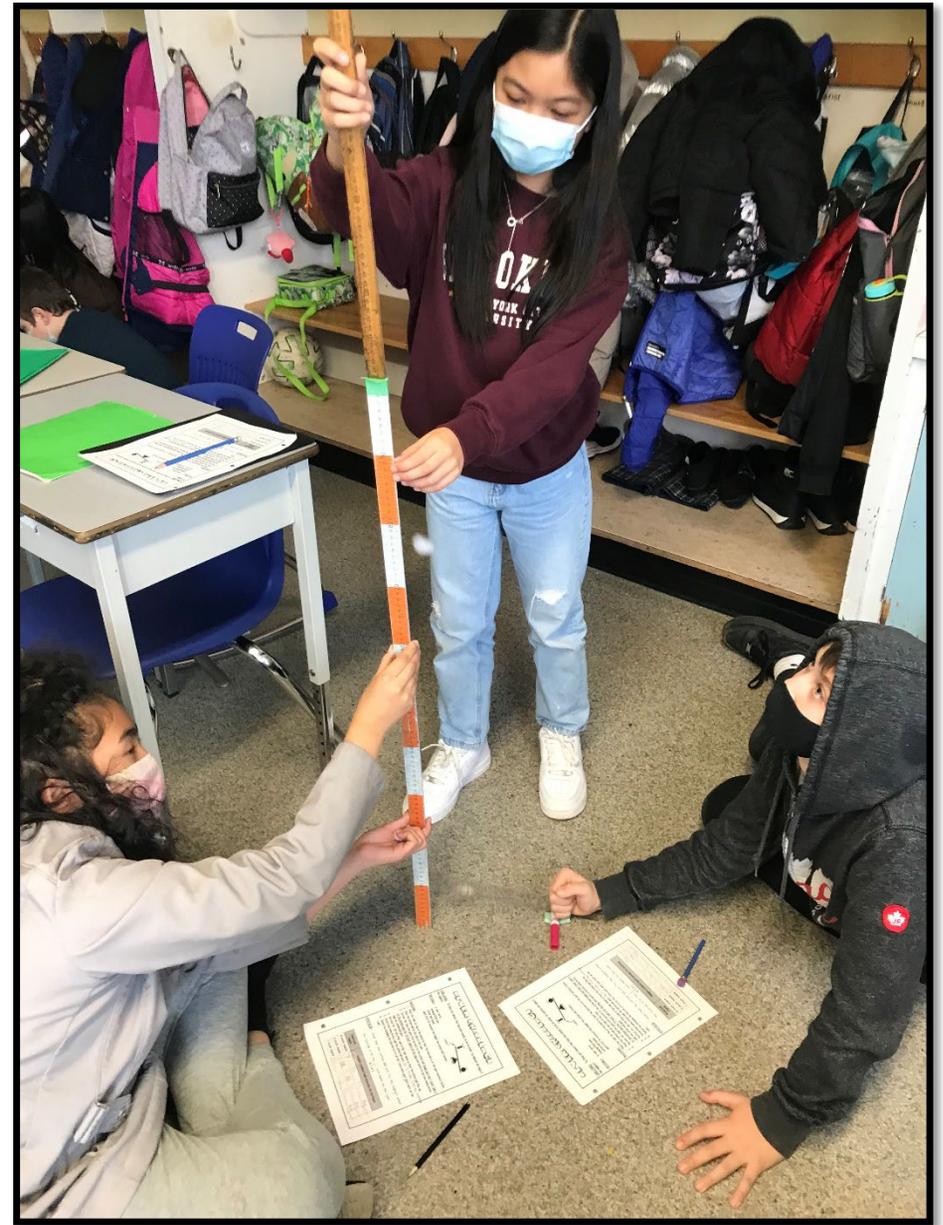
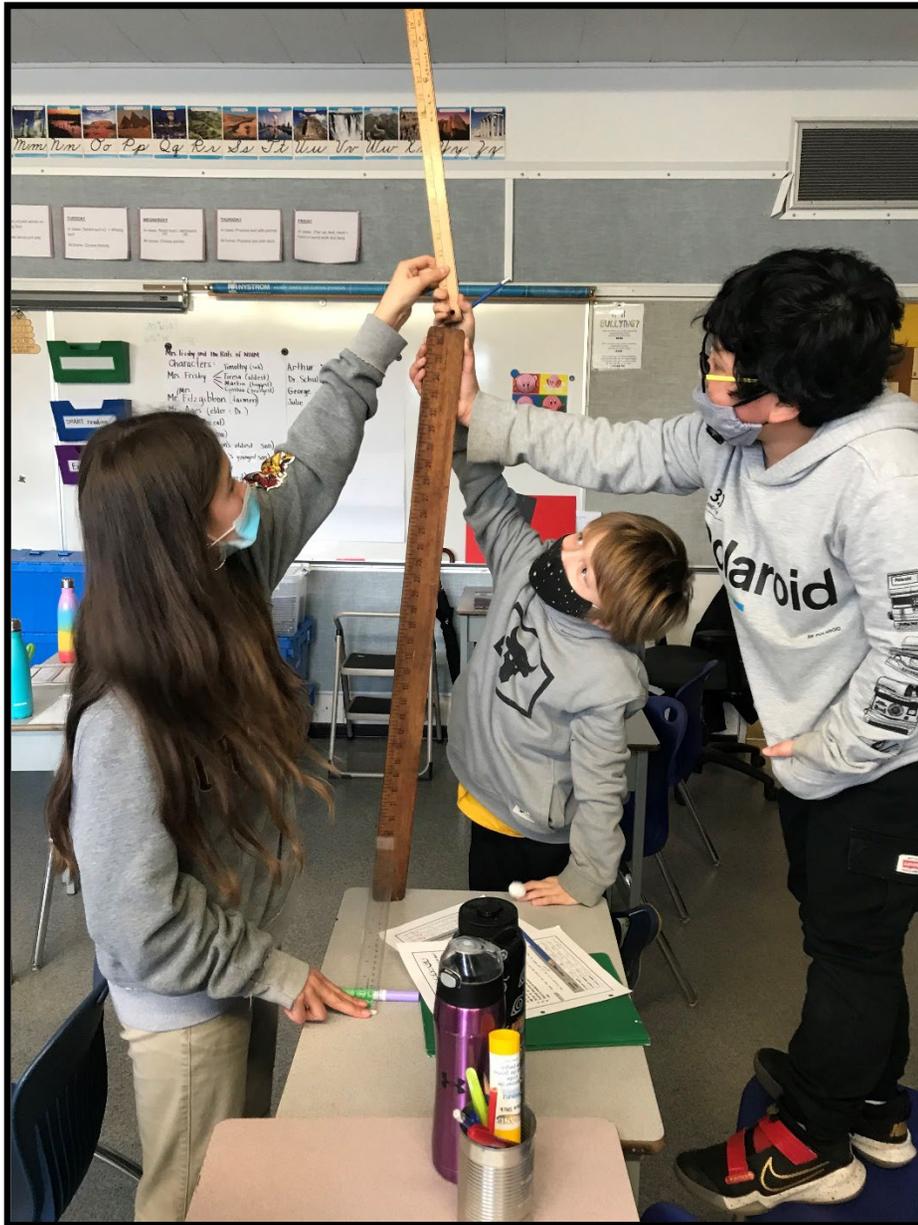


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Students in Division 1 worked collaboratively to test their predictions about the force advantage of levers.



**FREE WORKSHOP**  
**#HaveTheTalk**  
How to talk to children and youth  
about online sexual exploitation  
March 11th, 2022, at 12-12:30 pm  
Via Zoom  
register  
now!

Courtney Liem, Program Facilitator

## Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week

BC has proclaimed the second week of March as its provincial *Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week*.

We are **inviting you** to commemorate this week by joining us at a **free workshop** to be hosted March 11th via Zoom. **This workshop will focus on the importance of having conversations about online sexual exploitation with children and youth.** It is suitable for parents, caregivers, professionals who work with youth, and anyone who wants to help the kids in their lives stay safer online.

### You will learn:

- What is online exploitation?
- The warning signs of online exploitation and how to recognize it.
- How to talk to kids about boundaries, consent, and healthy relationships.
- When to ask for help.

**You'll also get a sneak peek at our new public awareness campaign #HaveTheTalk!**

**Date:** Friday, March 11th, 2022

**Time:** 12:00-12:30 pm

**Location:** Virtual

**Speaker:** Courtney Liem, Program Facilitator

**Registration is now open! Register at:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvduyppjorGdNpxlC5hTjJBrPGAWeK0cL>

If you have any questions, please contact Courtney Liem at [cliem@plea.bc.ca](mailto:cliem@plea.bc.ca)

*We hope to see you there!*



**Kids  
New West**

# Kids New West

Invites you to an

## INFORMATION SHARING AND STORY WALK EVENT



Tuesday, March 22, 2022

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Queens Park Picnic Shelter

**FREE EVENT for Families/Caregivers  
of children 0 – 12 years**

Kids New West along with many New Westminster service providers are offering this free and fun event celebrating the rights of children.

- Service providers will have tables set up to provide you with resources and take home activities.
- Two different Story Walks will be set up for you to read and participate in.
- Entertainment at the Bandshell
- Snack will be provided
- Event will run rain or shine
- Masks will be encouraged to be worn



This is a FREE drop in event. For information call 604-777-5120.  
Co-sponsored by the City of New Westminster Community Grants  
COVID health and safety protocols in effect.

[info@kidsnewwest.ca](mailto:info@kidsnewwest.ca) | [www.kidsnewwest.ca](http://www.kidsnewwest.ca)



**Neighbourhood  
Small Grants  
New Westminster**

# Ideas that Connect Neighbours

The Neighbourhood Small Grants program supports neighbours of any age, experience or background take part in building community.

**Need help with  
your application?**



Maylen Crespo  
NSG Coordinator  
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**Apply for up to  
\$500 and bring  
your project  
idea to life!**

[www.neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca](http://www.neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca) | Facebook & Instagram: [@nsgnetwork](https://www.instagram.com/nsgnetwork)



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# Want to make a change in your community?

## Apply for up to \$500!



## Youth Neighbourhood Small Grants

For neighbours ages 12-24  
in the Metro-Vancouver Area



Contact us & learn more:  
[neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca](http://neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca)  
find us @nsgnetwork

With your neighbours you can:

- Inspire Connection
- Teach Insightful Skills
- Build Community
- Share Your Story



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March 7, 2022

Dear Resident or Owner,

Please be advised that as part of the 2022 Sapperton Infrastructure Replacement Program, the City of New Westminister's contractor, Complete Utility Contractors Ltd., is scheduled to replace the sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water main starting March 14, 2022. The works are expected to be completed by the first week of April, weather dependent.

Residents of affected households and businesses will be notified at least 24 hours in advance of interruptions, except in an emergency. Access to some driveways and street parking will be impacted due to the nature of the work. Contractors will have steel plates on site to span a trench if urgent access is required during the day. The trenches will be backfilled on a daily basis. You may notice cloudy water as a result of the construction. This cloudiness is not a health concern and should only last a short period of time. In the event that you experience cloudy water, we recommend running your taps for up to 30 minutes or until the cloudiness dissipates.

We will endeavor to minimize disruption as much as possible. However, as with a project of this nature, some disruption is inevitable. If special consideration is required, please contact the City's project manager.



**Duration**

March 14 – April 4, 2022



**Hours of Work**

Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm



**Road Closures**

Traffic on School Street will be maintained; however, expect temporary road closures and traffic delays. Alternate access points will be provided and advance notice will be given. Expect increased truck traffic on nearby roads.



**Impacts/Interruptions**

Temporary property access restrictions, as well as parking will be impacted. Please obey "no parking" signs as they will be moved daily. Temporary sidewalk restrictions may be in effect.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation during this important infrastructure improvement project. For more information, please visit [www.newwestcity.ca/roadworks](http://www.newwestcity.ca/roadworks). Should you have any questions or concerns related to this project, please contact one of the following:

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