

The staff and students at Skwo:wech took part in the Great Shake out Drill , earthquake preparedness drill. This is a great time at home to refresh your family emergency preparedness. For example, have you discussed an evacuation route and alternate in the event that you needed to evacuate your premises? You will find great resources on this site: <https://www.newwestcity.ca/emergency-management/personal-preparedness>



Parents please do not meet your child(ren) for pick up at the center of the top campus round about. This is creating a potential danger situation as children are crossing over the driveway. Thank you

Bulletin Updates

Non-Instructional Day: Friday, October 21

- There is no school for students on this day

Early Dismissals and Student Learning Conferences – October 26 & 27

- Students will be dismissed from school at 12:24pm on October 26 and 27
- 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
- Scholastic book Fair Oct. 26 1-5pm and Oct. 27 1-3pm in room 210

PAC Meeting: Wednesday, October 26 – 7:00pm

- Please see an email that will be sent on behalf of the PAC next week

Fuel Up! School Lunch Program – November Menu

- For November 1 lunches, order before noon on Saturday, October 29; menu will be available next week

Kindergarten & New Student Registration for 2023/2024 Opens November 7

We are getting ready to register new students who will be joining the district for the 2023-24 school year, and wanted to share important information in case this applies to your family.

The below outlined information is only for families who are registering new students to the district for the 2023-24 school year (e.g. younger siblings starting kindergarten next September). This message does NOT apply to you if your child already attends one of our schools or programs, or if your child will be moving from elementary to middle school or middle to high school (as that transition between schools happens automatically for students who are already enrolled).

New registrations for the 2023-24 school year will be accepted from November 7, 2022 to January 27, 2023. Appointments are required to submit your application.

As long as you register within the above regular registration window, your timing will not determine placement – so if you're having trouble finding an appointment time within the busier first few weeks, you don't need to worry about it affecting your chances of being placed at your catchment school.

Please note that while we will continue to place every new student we can into their catchment or preferred school, we may not always be able to do so, given our significant capacity challenges. In accordance with Administrative Procedure 300, in the limited number of cases where the number of in-catchment requests made within the regular registration period exceeds our capacity to support all the students, a randomized lottery may be used to determine placement at that school. We will confirm enrollment requests, for all families, by the end of February.

(For more on capacity status at our schools: <https://newwestschools.ca/our-schools/registration/school-capacity-status/>)

Here's the process and what you need to know to register a new student:

- To register, parents or legal guardians need to book a 10 minute appointment with our Registration Team, where you bring a completed [registration form](#) and the documents outlined in the Document Guide for Parents and Caregivers, or you can bring the

documents outlined in the [Document Guide for Parents and Caregivers](#), and the team will help you print, photocopy and complete all required paperwork.

- If for any reason you do not have the documents suggested within the guide, we would be happy to have a confidential conversation with you to see if there is another solution.
- If you need support of a translator for your registration appointment, please let us know in advance and we will do our best to see if there is someone within our new Welcome Centre team who can support you through your pre-arranged appointment time.
- To book your appointment to register, you can use this link: <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/RegistrationsCalendar@sd40.bc.ca/bookings/>

PLEASE REMEMBER: We can not accept registrations for the upcoming year before the window opens. Please ensure you book your appointment for November 7th or later if you are registering a new student for the 2023-24 school year.

More information on registration, including the forms and guides, can be found here: <https://newwestschools.ca/our-schools/registration/registration-information-forms/>

When it is time for your appointment, please note that the Registration Team works out of the Welcome Centre, located at New Westminster Secondary School (accessible via an exterior entrance on the South side of the building, at 820 6th Street, New Westminster).

Applications for Programs of Choice will be available online from 9am on January 16th to 4pm on February 10th, 2023. More information about those options will be provided closer to those dates. But please note: any student applying for a Program of Choice must first be enrolled to register at their catchment school, through the above process.

We look forward to new opportunities to connect with your family.

- The New Westminster Schools team

P.S. Looking for dates in one central place? Here's an information sheet outlining key registration dates for new students, for the upcoming school year: [PDF: One page document outlining key dates for the 2023-24 school year registration timelines](#)

HALLOWEEN HOWL RETURNS!

Please join the Skwo:wech PAC on October 28th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm for some Halloween fun! Games, food, costume contest, cake walk, music, prizes and more!

Tickets for games and food can be purchased at the door for \$1.00 each.

Want to get in on the fun and volunteer? You can sign up for a shift by clicking on the link:

[Skwo:wech Halloween Howl 2022](#)



We are also looking for lots of fun and exciting baked goods for our cake walk! If you would like to participate please deliver baked goods to the school gym any time before 5:30 on October 28th. Please remember our school is a nut free zone.

Looking forward to seeing you all for the return of the Howl!