

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

FSA

- A reminder for our Grade 4 parents/families of the upcoming virtual FSA information session on Tuesday September 27 between 6:30 – 7:00pm (please find the link below and email Mr. Elves at delves@sd40.bc.ca if you experience any difficulties logging on to the meeting).

[Meeting Link for Tuesday Sept. 27 \(6:30 – 7:00pm\)](#)

Wear orange on September 29th

- All students are invited to wear something orange to school on Thursday September 29th. As part of our actions for reconciliation, our whole school community will be going for a walk together in the afternoon. To this end, please be reminded to complete your child's consent forms through School Cash. In order to take part in the walk, all students must have signed permission to take part in walking field trips.

Friday September 30th

- Please be reminded that school is not in session on Friday September 30th across the province in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Thursday October 6th

- Please note that Thursday October 6th is an early dismissal. Children will be dismissed at 12:24pm.

Friday October 7th

- Please make note that Friday October 7th will be our first family reading gathering of the year. For family reading, we invite one parent or caregiver for each child to join us to share a love of reading at school. The event begins at 8:55am and ends at 9:25am. More details will be available in next week's newsletter. We hope that you can join us here at the school.

Fuel Up! School Lunch Program

- 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 donate the lunch to another child who might have forgotten their lunch.

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

- 2022/2023 Permissions & Emergency Release Forms are available on [School Cash Online](#)
- Deadline to complete the forms is September 29, 2022.

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 skwowech@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.



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 shed.

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. Noda at 604-517-6090 or snoda@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.

Morning Arrival

Before the start of the school day, children are under the supervision of their parent or caregiver. Unfortunately, we do not have supervision before the start of the school day. Please ensure your child is supervised.

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

