

Bulletin Updates

Parent Appreciation Invite – Wednesday, May 17th. 8:30am

- The staff and students at Skwo:wech can't thank you enough for all that you do to support our school community. We are hosting a gathering in your honour in the courtyard on Wednesday May 17th. Come have a coffee and listen to the choir perform at 8:30. We hope to see you there!

Schoolwide & Class Photo Day: Wednesday, May 10

- Please note: These group photos are only taken on this day – there are no opportunities for retakes

Spring Bake Sale: Thursday, May 11th

- Bake sale will be at the courtyard from 8:15am – 8:45am or until quantities last

Non-Instructional Day: Friday, May 19

- There is no school for students on this day

Victoria Day: Monday, May 22

- Our school is closed on this day

Grade 5 Information

- For our Grade 5 students who will be attending Ecole Glenbrook Middle School, there will be a “Welcome to Glenbrook” event on May 10th. This will be an in-person open house walk through.
- Grade 5 students will take part in a student tour at Glenbrook Middle School on June 2nd at 10:15am – 11:15am.

Moving to a new school next year

- If you are already aware that your child will not be returning to Skwo:wech Elementary in September 2023 for kindergarten through Grade 5 due to moving or other reasons, please let the office know as soon as possible at skwowech@sd40.bc.ca

Preparing for Next Year	Moving to a new school next year?
<p>Very soon our staff will be working together to plan class placements for next year. As a staff team we carefully and thoughtfully consider many factors in determining the organization of our classes. Some of these factors include: learning styles, social and emotional considerations, learning support needs, students' strengths and needs, leadership skills and class size. As educators, this is a process that is taken very seriously and is one which we value. We work carefully to balance the needs of individual students as well as the needs of the class as a whole. Parents are often able to provide the school with information that can assist in the placement of students. If you feel you have information of a nature that will be helpful related to your child's academic, social/emotional or physical needs, please contact the office by Wednesday May 31st. Send your message to skwowech@sd40.bc.ca and indicate in the subject line "Classroom Placement"</p> <p>It is requested, in order to respect fairness and equity to all families that parents/guardians not ask for a specific teacher or class.</p>	<p>If anyone is already aware that their child will not be returning to Skwo:wech in September 2023 for kindergarten through Grade 5 due to moving or other reasons, please let the office know as soon as possible at skwowech@sd40.bc.ca</p>

Mayors Food Bank Challenge 2023

Skwo:wech Elementary is proud to be participating along with other New Westminster Schools in the Mayors Food Bank Challenge 2023 to support the work that the Greater Vancouver Food Bank (GVFB) is doing to support individuals and families living in our community. Please follow the link below if you are able to make a small donation to help those in need. Any amount helps and it all goes back to helping those people living, working and playing around us.

Please click the link below if you would like to donate.

[Skwo:wech Elementary's Virtual Food Drive](#)



Spring Bake Sale

May 11th - 8:15am-8:45am or while quantities last

Skwo:wech Elementary PAC is hosting their Spring Bake Sale in the courtyard on Thursday, March 11th from 8:15am - 8:45am. Cost of baked goods or treats will range from \$1 - \$2 each. There will be a limit of 2 items per person. We ask that you re-enter the line up if you are wanting to purchase additional items.

To ensure the success of the bake sale, volunteers are needed. If you are able to provide baked goods or treats and/or help with the bake sale, please click on this link and fill in the form:

<https://forms.gle/iRt8P7Sc3o43xUgq5>

Thank for your support!



PLEASE COME & SUPPORT

*Skwo:wech Elementary's
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quantities last**

Baked Goods/Treats are \$1 - \$2 each.
Limit of 2 items per person. If wanting more than 2 items,
please re-enter the line up. All proceeds will go to the PAC.
Thank you for your support!

*Volunteers are needed! If you are able to provide
baked goods/treats and/or help with the bake sale,
please scan the QR code and fill in the form*





*The Staff and Students
at Skwo:wech
appreciate you!*

Join us for coffee and listen
to the choir perform.

Wednesday, May 17th

8:30 am

Nurturing our Children's Social and Emotional Competencies

**READY SET
LEARN
2023**



New Westminster Schools welcomes caregivers of children 3-5, for our Ready - Set - Learn event. This free early learning event is sponsored by the New Westminster School District and the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

Date: May 18, 2023

Time: 6:00-7:00

This is a virtual session for caregivers. Participants will receive a link to join prior to the session.

This session explores ways to nurture children's social and emotional competencies.

Fostering social and emotional skills at a young age plays a key role in future learning and relationships.

Join Miriam Miller as she shares simple, practical ways for parents and caregivers to build and encourage the development of these skills and behaviours at home.

Miriam Miller, (social and emotional learning specialist) is a parent, teacher educator, researcher, and storyteller, committed to working alongside educators and families to cultivate healthy social and emotional skills for adults and children.

REGISTER NOW

[Click here to register!](#)



Exploring Playful Numeracy

**READY SET
LEARN
2023**



New Westminster Schools welcomes caregivers of children 3-5, for our Ready - Set - Learn event. This free early learning event is sponsored by the New Westminster School District and the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

Date: May 25, 2023

Time: 6:00-7:00

This is a virtual session for caregivers. Participants will receive a link to join prior to the session.

Together we will explore:

- **The deep learning that occurs during a child's play.**
- **How your child's growth in the early years is connected with the primary years; learning is a continuum.**
- **Shape, numbers, and measurement, and how to discover these in a playful way.**
- **How we can use outdoor spaces to encourage playful mathematical explorations and investigations.**

Lauren MacLean is the author of the best-selling children's picture book, "Me and My Sit Spot", and host of the Teach Outdoors podcast. She is an elementary school teacher in the Coquitlam School District, and the mother of two young toddlers. She is passionate about spending time outdoors and helping educators and families find curriculum connecting outdoors.

REGISTER NOW

[Click here to register!](#)



Let's Play Outdoors!

READY SET LEARN 2023



New Westminster Schools welcomes caregivers of children 3-5, for our Ready – Set - Learn event. This free early learning event is sponsored by the New Westminster School District and the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

Date: May 27, 2023

Time: 9:30-11:00

Location: Queen's Park

Let's play Outdoors! Our bodies work best when we play outside; our minds and hearts grow when we are in nature, noticing flowers, going for walks or simply being in the sunshine with friends.

Our passionate educator Olga K will be leading this play session outdoors with invitations to reading books, weaving, painting and mark making, treasure hunts, music and movement and other nature inspired play provocations.

Time slows down when we are outdoors, we stop separating the times for "living in the world" and times for "learning about things" in the world (Holzman, 2009), as it all balances into a seamless inquiry-led process where children naturally learn in a multi-sensory, active and naturalistic way.

Enter the park near 1st street and 5th avenue and join us here



REGISTER NOW

[Click here to register!](#)

