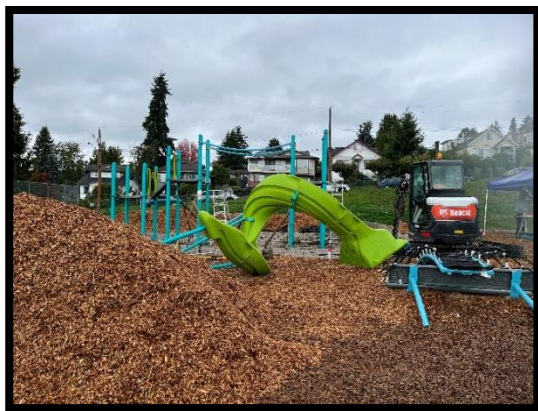


Bulletin Updates

We are looking forward to the school wide pumpkin run on Monday. We are hoping to have more parent volunteers in order to go forward with the run. If you are able to volunteer an hour on Monday afternoon from 1:15-2:15 it would be most appreciated! Parent volunteers meet at the office at 1:15 and you will be assigned a location to be a spotter along the route for the children as they run/walk from the school to Sapperton Park and back again. The following day, a random draw is held in each class who will win a pumpkin to take home! It is a lot of fun and a great community event!

Kathleen Chad
Principal



Our Playground is well underway!



Signs of the season by
Div. 2 Ms. Gibson

THE GREAT SHAKEOUT

This week, the students of Skwo:wech took part in the province wide Earthquake drill, know as 'The Great Shakeout' please see the attached link for safety reminders related to earthquake awareness.

[ShakeOut Recommended Earthquake Safety Actions](#)

The Great Shakeout

October 19, 2023 @ 10:19am

- 1) Remember to drop, cover and hold-on during the great shakeout earthquake drill

If You Are Inside:

Move no more than a few steps, then **Drop, Cover and Hold On.**



DROP to the ground
(before the earthquake
drops you!)

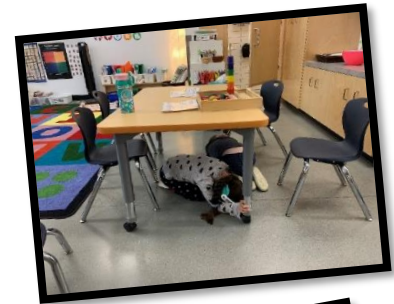


Take **COVER** by getting
under a sturdy desk or
table.



HOLD ON to it until the
shaking stops.

- 2) WAIT for an adult to tell you to evacuate or for the shaking to stop for 60 seconds
- 3) Then evacuate to the Muster Point







SAVE THE DATE!
THE SKWO:WECH PAC
PRESENTS



halloween
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FRIDAY
OCTOBER 27
5:30 TO 7:30PM



SKWO:WECH
SCHOOL GYM

FREE ADMISSION

TICKETS FOR PURCHASE FOR GAMES & FOOD (PRE-ORDERS AVAILABLE)

CONCESSION | GAMES | PHOTO BOOTH | CAKE WALK
COSTUME CONTEST | SENSORY-FRIENDLY AREA



VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP



BAKE FOR THE CAKE WALK



PRE-ORDER TICKETS & FOOD
(FOOD ORDER DEADLINE: OCT 20)

Halloween Safety

As Halloween approaches and people prepare their costumes, we wanted to provide you with a few quick reminders about safety and appropriate costumes at school. Halloween can be an exciting holiday for many young people. Kids get to be creative, have fun, and engage in celebration. Dressing up in costumes is an anticipated tradition for many students and staff members alike. It's also a time when we're a little more aware of what we need to do to keep each other safe in all ways. Please be reminded of the following safety reminders and considerations as you are planning your Halloween celebrations.

- *Students should be easily recognizable in their costume and be able to identify themselves to staff or other students when asked.*
- *No full-face masks are permitted.*
- *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 it violates rights or appropriates identity, based on rights maintained under the Canadian Human Rights Act: race, ethnicity, culture, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic characteristics, or disabilities.*
- *School codes of conduct must always be followed. This means acting respectfully 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 and always prohibited.*
- *Your child's classroom teacher may have provided additional information about how Halloween will be celebrated this year. Please contact the teacher if you have further questions.*

Provincial Pro D Day: Friday, October 20th

- No school for students

Pumpkin Run: Monday, October 23 (Dependent on sufficient parent volunteers)

Photo Retake Day: Thursday, October 26th

- 9:15am – 12:00pm

Elementary Collaboration: Thursday, October 26th

- Early Dismissal for students at 12:05pm

PAC Meeting: Thursday, October 26th (7pm virtual)

Family Reading: Friday, October 27th

- 8:50am – Please join your child in the morning for family reading in their classroom

Halloween Howl....: Friday, October 27th

- Will be held in the school gym from 5:30pm-7:30pm

Remembrance Day: Monday, November 13

- No School

Winter Concert: Wednesday & Thursday, December 13 and 14

- Will be held in the afternoon on December 13 and 14

No supervision available before and after school

- Please be reminded we do not have supervision available before and after school. Students should be in the care of their parent or guardian, we encourage students to arrive with their parent/guardian just a few minutes prior to the bell.

School Cash Online

- 2023/2024 Permissions & Emergency Release Forms are available on [School Cash Online](#)
- Planners are available on School Cash Online for payment

Fuel Up! School Lunch Program

- October menu is available online as well as the first two weeks of November
- Orders must be placed two business days before delivery. For example, for Monday's lunch you must order by Wednesday.
- 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.
- **Cancellation correction update:** If your child is away from school, you must cancel two days before their hot lunch delivery and email The Lunch Lady at new.westminster@thelunchlady.ca

<https://newwestschools.ca/programs-services/fuel-up/overview/>

Do you need to connect with your child's teacher? Please see contact information below:

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- Mr. Stevens – Div. 4
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- Mr. Bamford – Div. 6
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- Mr. Wong – Div. 7MO
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- Ms. Lee – Div. 9
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