



Bulletin Updates

The first snow day of the year!

Parking located at the top roundabout

- Please do not park at the top roundabout located near the Skwo:wech Daycare Centre particularly at drop off and pick time. It is for the daycare use.

Safe arrival at school

- Please be reminded the parking lots at the front of the school (the roundabout parking close to Richmond Street and the parking lot off Archer Street) are for staff parking only.

Student drop off

- We encourage whenever possible that families park your vehicle a short distance from the school and walk your child to the site. There is parking available along Devoy Street.
- To help with the flow of traffic, we ask that families access School Street from Devoy Street (please avoid turning onto School Street off Richmond Street.) As noted, you can park along Devoy Street and walk your child to the building.

Early Dismissal – January 18, 2024, 12:05pm (Elementary Collaboration Day) Please send a snack for recess.

- Children are dismissed to be picked up at 12:05pm

Weather Changes

- Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the rainy weather. We always try to have the students enjoy outdoor recess and lunch as much as possible and the right outerwear makes a much more pleasant play time. Sending along a change of clothing (to keep in the classroom) is welcomed by teachers for those inevitable days when clothing gets wet and dry socks and pants are needed.

DPAC Meeting

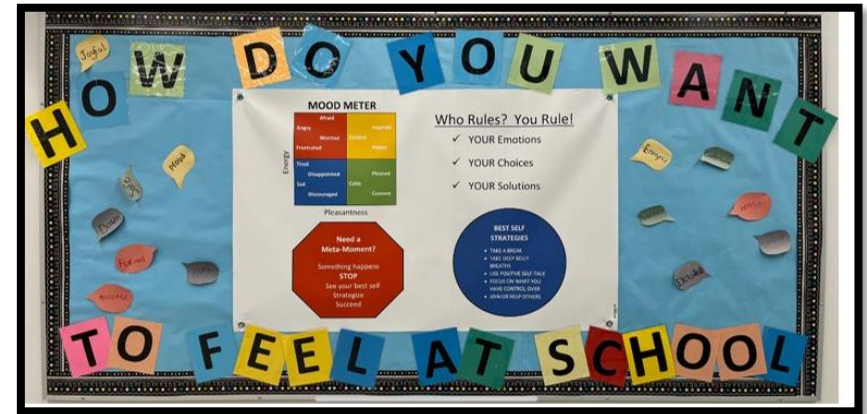
- Thursday, January 18th at 7pm at Queensborough Middle School in the library.

ANIMALS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

- The School District's policy regarding bringing pets to school is designed to ensure the safety of our students. Animals are not allowed on school property without the prior approval of the principal. Guide dogs and police dogs are allowed under the control of their owners. **We are reminding everyone; dogs or other animals are not allowed on school grounds.**

Introducing our School Wide Charter

Included



Happy

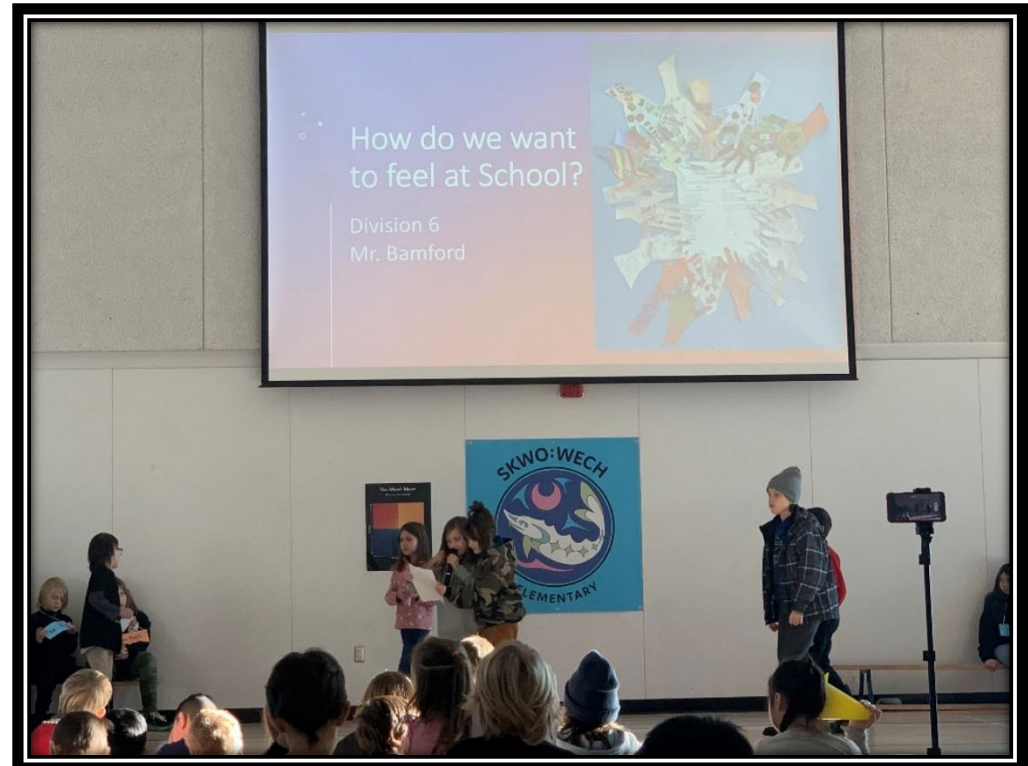
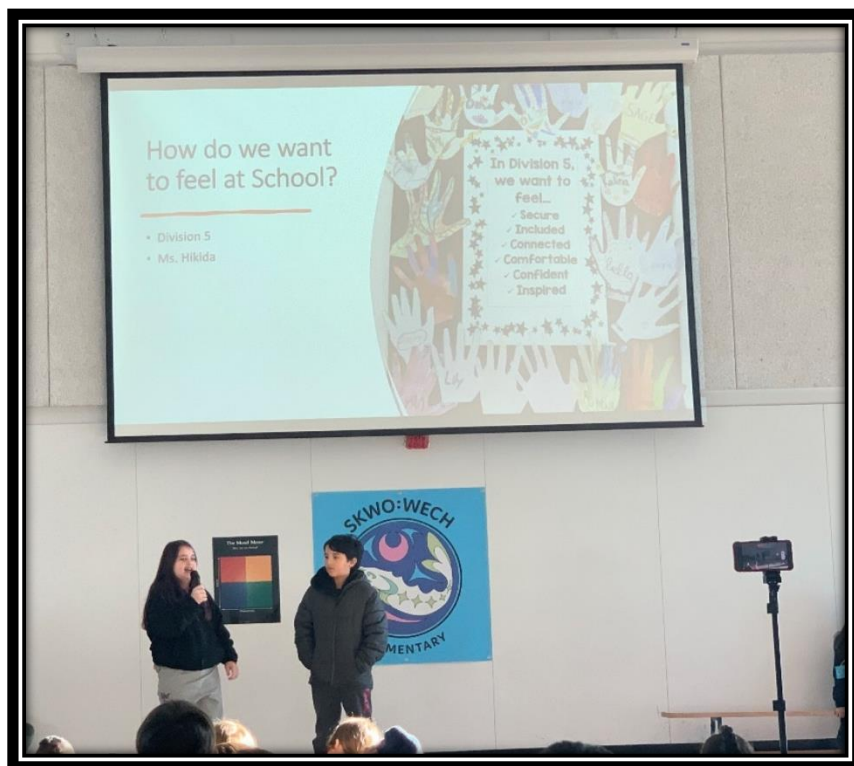
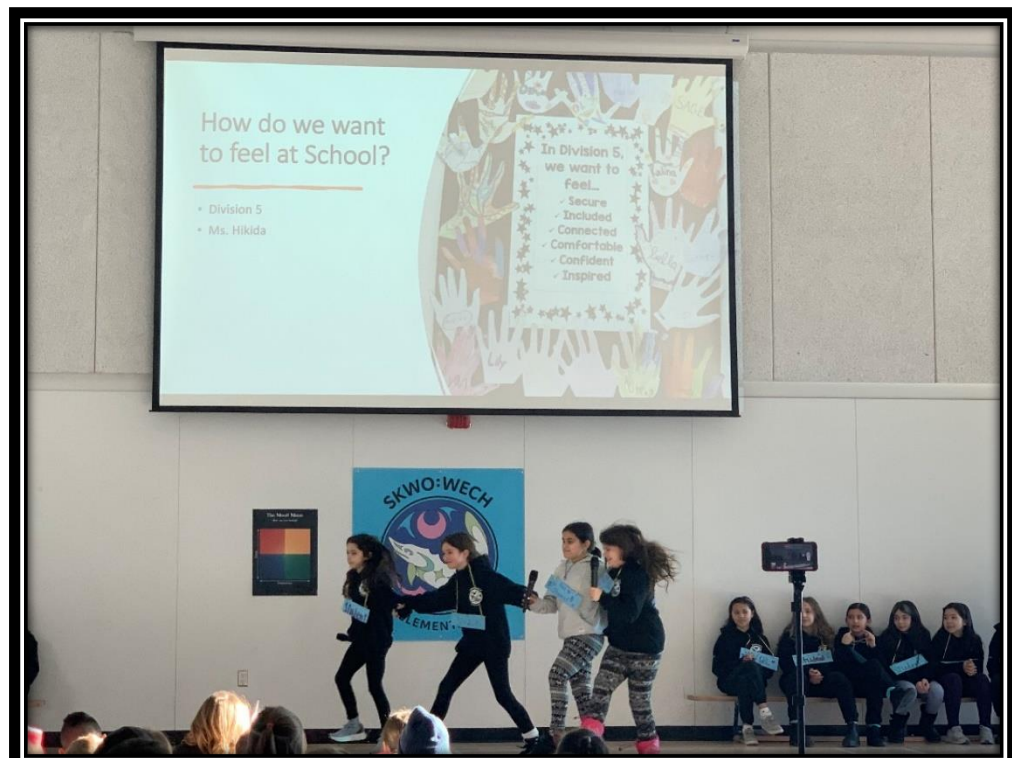
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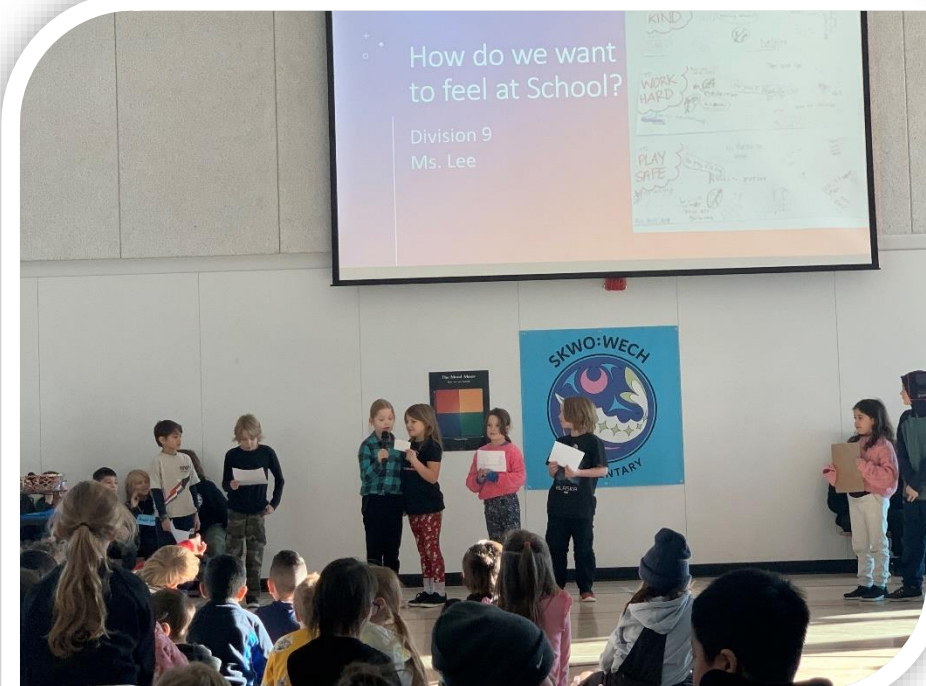
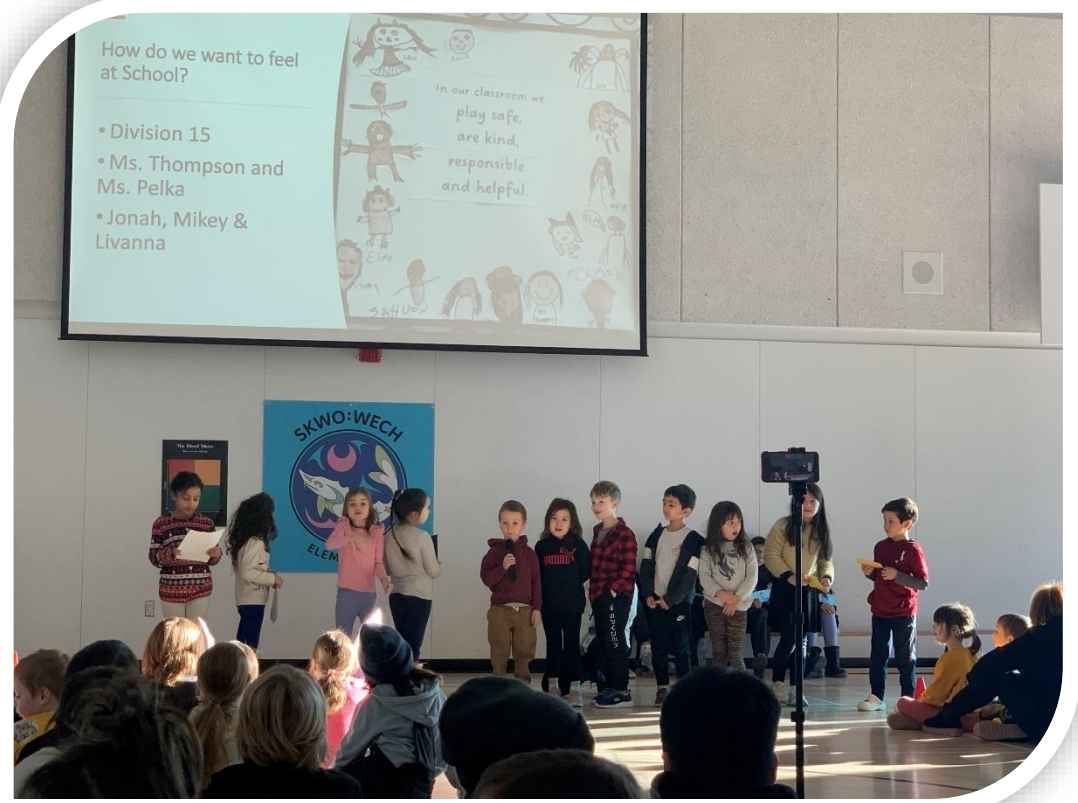
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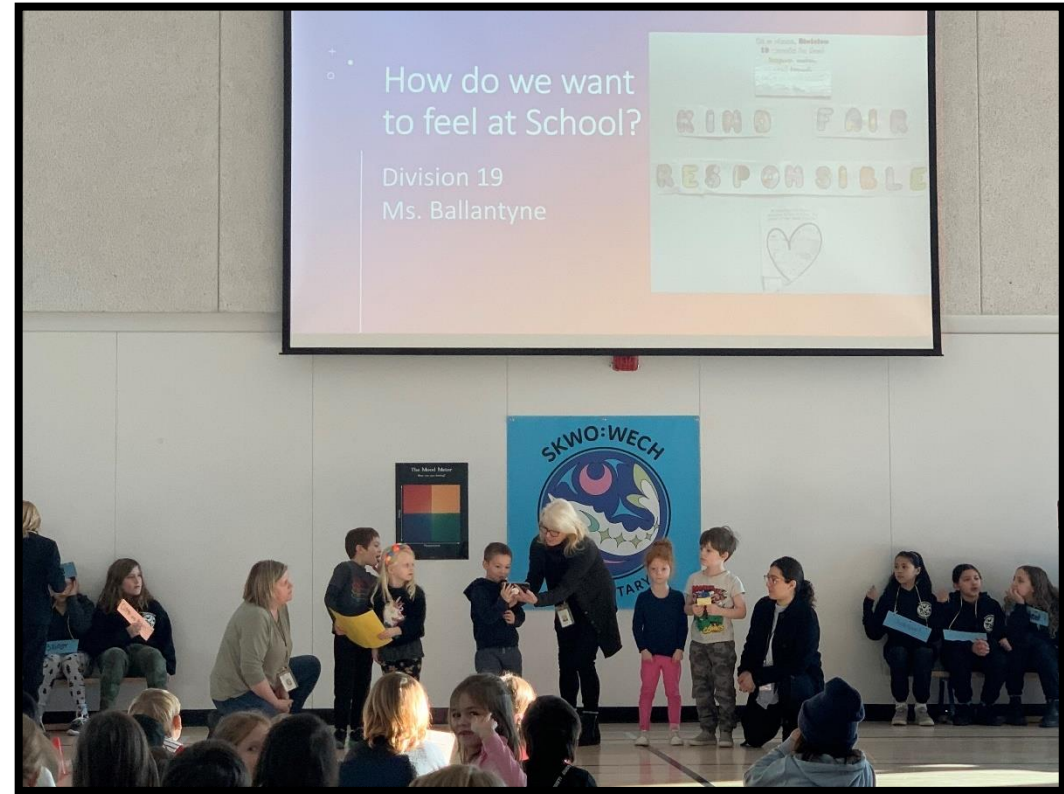
Welcomed











PIZZA **THURSDAY** **JAN 25** **FUN LUNCH**



DEADLINE TO ORDER:
JAN 17



All proceeds will go to the
Skwo:wech Parent Advisory Council

\$6 PIZZA COMBO

Includes 2 slices, 1 juice box,
and 1 bag of plain chips

OR \$5 FOR 2 SLICES

Choice of: cheese, pepperoni,
veggie, hawaiian. Gluten-free
cheese also available.

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/skwowech>
Or scan the QR code above! Orders close January 17.



Mrs. Simpson's Class - Division 20



New
Westminster
Schools

UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WITH KRISTIN BUHR

SAVE THE DATE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

NWSS THEATRE

6:30-8:30pm

MORE
DETAILS TO
COME!



Community School Programs at Skwo:wech!

The Power of Drawing (Grades 1 – 5)

Young Rembrandts teaches drawing, the fundamental skill of all visual arts to children. Your child will develop drawing and art skills, expand their creativity, imagination and confidence.

Library

Mondays, 3:00 – 4:15pm

Date: Jan 29 – Mar 11 (6 sessions)

No class on Feb 19

Registration Fee: \$97.50

To register, please visit: www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver/

Hip Hop & Jazz Dance (Grades 3 – 5)

Develop great hip hop dance moves and funky jazz dance steps set to popular music. Learn at a slow safe pace with warm ups, stretches, strengthening, movements, and simple progressions to help boost confidence.

Music Room

Wednesdays, 3:00 – 4:00pm

Date: Jan 17 – Feb 21 (6 sessions)

Registration Fee: \$55.50

To register, please visit: [City of New Westminster Parks and Recreation registration site](#)

Have questions?

Contact Community Schools

Phone: 604-517-6291

E-mail: communityschools@sd40.bc.ca



NWSS MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS

Annie JR.

BOOK BY
THOMAS MEEHAN

MUSIC BY
CHARLES STROUSE

LYRICS BY
MARTIN CHARNIN

JANUARY 17 & 19, 2024
NWSS THEATRE @ 7PM

TICKETS \$10 IN ADVANCE
(LIMITED CASH TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR)



FOR TICKETS. VISIT [SCHOOLCASHONLINE](https://www.schoolcashonline.com)

ANNIE JR. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com



NWSS MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS

Disney's

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

ONE ACT EDITION



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2024-2025 Registration

It's time to register new students for the 2024-2025 school year! Please read the following information carefully.

NOTE: You only need to register your child if they are not already attending school in the district. You can safely ignore this message if your child is a student in a district school or if they are transitioning between elementary, middle, or high school.

New registrations for the 2024-2025 school year will open on November 6, 2024, and close on January 26, 2024. As long as you register before January 26, 2024, the day you register will not affect your chances of getting into your catchment school.

1. Although we do our best to place new students at their preferred schools, it is regrettably not always possible. Our district has significant capacity challenges because of limited space in schools and a growing student population.
2. If the number of requests for a catchment exceeds the number of available spots, the district reserves the right to use a lottery system to determine placements.
3. The district will confirm all enrollment requests by the end of **March 2024**.

For more information, [learn more about capacity status at our schools](#).

How to Register a New Student as a Parent or Legal Guardian

1. Book a 10-minute appointment with our Registration Team.
2. If you need a translator for your registration appointment, please let us know in advance and we will do our best to accommodate your request.
3. [BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT ONLINE](#)

NOTE: We do not accept bookings before November 6. Please ensure you choose appointments on days and times from November 6, 2023 until January 26, 2024.

For more information on registration, including the forms and guides, [visit the district website's Registration section](#).

What to do on the Day of Your Appointment

1. Visit our Registration Team at the Welcome Centre located in New Westminster Secondary School (enter through the south side of the building at **820 6th Street, New Westminster**).
2. Bring a completed [registration form](#) and copies of the documents outlined in the [Document Guide for Parents and Caregivers](#). **OR** Bring original versions of the documents outlined in the [Document Guide for Parents and Caregivers](#) and our team will help you print, photocopy and complete the required paperwork.
3. If you do not have the suggested documents outlined in the Document Guide, our team will be happy to speak with you confidentially to find a solution.

Key Dates

1. **November 6** – Registration opens.
2. **January 26, 2024** – Registration closes.
3. Looking for a list of other important registration dates, including Programs of Choice enrollment info? [Download a list of key dates for the 2024-2025 school year](#).

We look forward to connecting with your family.

The New Westminster Schools team

We are always excited to welcome new families to the District. Here are the things you need to know to ensure your student is enrolled with the best placement to support their needs.

Key dates for regular registration:

	In-catchment applications	Transfer requests & Out-of-district applications
Regular registration opens	November 6, 2023	February 5, 2024
Regular registration closes	January 26, 2024	February 23, 2024
Placement offers	March 29, 2024	June 14, 2024

Please note: our District is facing significant capacity challenges, due to growing enrollment. Decisions about the 2024–25 school year are based on enrollment demands identified within the regular registration window. Enrolment applications received outside of this window will be placed within the district but may not be possible at the catchment or preferred school requested, as some schools may be deemed as being at full capacity at certain grades, or in some limited cases, for the full school. All placements follow the rules outlined in [Administrative Procedure 300](#).

Questions can be sent to: registrations@sd40.bc.ca

How to enrol:

Our Central Registration team works out of the Welcome Centre (south side of New Westminster Secondary School, via the external entrance). Information on documents required, process, how to book an appointment and more can be found on our website: <https://newwestschools.ca/our-schools/registration/registration-information-forms/>

Programs of Choice:

Applications for our Programs of Choice are accepted from Monday January 8th to Friday February 2nd, via links that will be posted on the District website. Parent information sessions are hosted online in early January. **Students applying for a Program of Choice must first be enrolled at their regular catchment school, following the above process.**

Program	Grade of intake	Location(s)
Early French Immersion	Kindergarten or Grade 1	Herbert Spencer, Qayqayt and Lord Tweedsmuir elementary schools
Late French Immersion	Grade 6	Glenbrook Middle
French Immersion	Grade 9	New Westminster Secondary
Montessori	Kindergarten or Grade 1	Skwo:wech and Connaught Heights
Home Learners Program	Kindergarten to Grade 8	Hume Park Learning Centre

Questions can be sent to: programsofchoice@sd40.bc.ca

All forms, Administrative Procedures, and information about capacity status can be found on our website.

Fuel Up! School Lunch Program

- January menu are available online
- 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.
- 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:

- Mrs. Sharp – Div. 1
lsharp@sd40.bc.ca
- Mrs. Gibson – Div. 2
lgibson@sd40.bc.ca
- Mrs. Bhatti – Div. 3
sbhatti@sd40.bc.ca
- Mr. Stevens – Div. 4
mastevens@sd40.bc.ca
- Ms. Hikida – Div. 5MO
khikida@sd40.bc.ca
- Mr. Bamford – Div. 6
rbamford@sd40.bc.ca
- Mr. Wong – Div. 7MO
ddwong@sd40.bc.ca

- Mrs. MacLeod – Div. 8
emacleod@sd40.bc.ca
- Ms. Lee – Div. 9
mlee@sd40.bc.ca
- Ms. Lacey – Div. 10
slacey@sd40.bc.ca
- Mrs. Toufic – Div. 11MO
htoufic@sd40.bc.ca
- Ms. Tse – Div. 12
jtse@sd40.bc.ca
- Mrs. Kamagianis – Div. 13
dKamagianis@sd40.bc.ca
- Ms. Gong – Div. 14
cgong@sd40.bc.ca

- Ms. Thompson/Ms. Pelka – Div. 15
jthompson@sd40.bc.ca /
kpelka@sd40.bc.ca
- Mrs. Stewart/Mr. Elves – Div. 16
astewart@sd40.bc.ca /
deleves@sd40.bc.ca
- Ms. Stephanie – Div. 17MO
skwok@sd40.bc.ca
- Mrs. Whyte – Div. 18
swhyte@sd40.bc.ca
- Ms. Ballantyne – Div. 19
vballantyne@sd40.bc.ca
- Mrs. Simpson – Div. 20
jsimpson@sd40.bc.ca
- Ms. Mattarollo – Div. 21MO
bmattarollo@sd40.bc.ca