

Skwo:wech Newsletter

From the Office of
Skwo:wech Elementary
January 22-February 16




Fuel Up! School Lunch Program

Please submit orders at least 2 business days ahead of time.
order.lunchlady.ca



Please Note New Student
Registration application deadline is
January 26th and Programs of Choice
application deadline is February 2/24
<https://newwestschools.ca/our-schools/registration/registration-information-forms-2/>

2024	JANUARY / FEBRUARY				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
22	23	24	25	26	
			PAC Meeting -Virtual 7pm	Community/Family Reading	
29	30	31	February 1	2	
5	6	7	8	9	
12	13	14	15	16	
				Non-Instructional Day (No school for students)	

Mark Your Calendar



January 25
PAC Meeting – 7pm

January 26
Community/Family reading

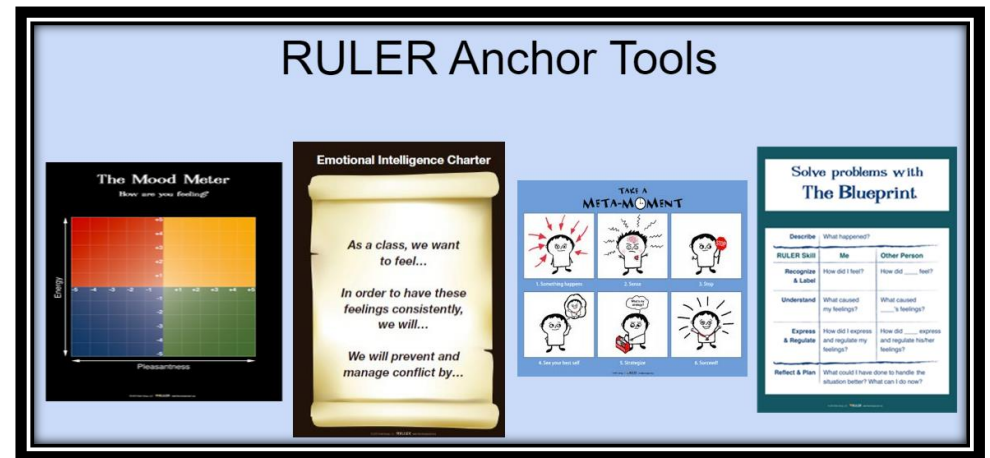
February 16
Non-Instructional Day
(No school for students)

February 19
Family Day (School Closed)



Dear Skwo:wech Families,

Last week in our bulletin, we shared highlights of our assembly hosted by our grade five student leaders to launch our school-wide charter. Our charters are one of the four key tools in the RULER program, implemented at our school many years ago to support the social and emotional learning of our students and our adult community. When charters are developed, we ask our ourselves, “how do we want to feel at school?” This question is followed by the second question “How do we ensure that we are experiencing those feelings?” As you can appreciate this is complex work and we are always seeking to achieve the version of ourselves that is “our best self.” The lived reality is that on occasion we all struggle to be our best selves and the RULER tools which include the Mood Meter, Meta Moment, and the Blueprint are extremely useful to support our students help our students understand their mistakes and use the strategies that they have learned at home and school to make better choices in the future. In our school wide charter, all children contributed to creating the vision of how we want to feel at school. The words that were chosen most frequently are: Welcomed, Included, Calm, Happy and Safe. Our charter represents an incredibly wise vision that our students strive toward daily and feel enormously proud of. Each of our classrooms has also created their own charter based on their unique community. Our school wide and classroom Charters are key tools and important processes which support our students to feel safe and supported during their day of learning at school. Please enjoy our newsletter where you will see a selection of our classroom charters.



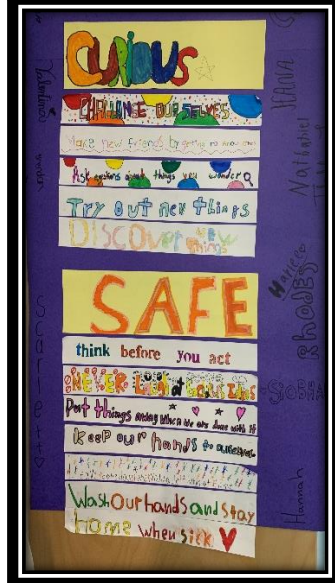
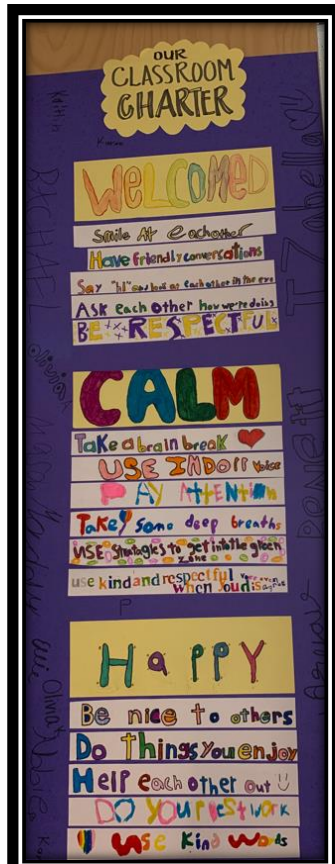
With gratitude,

Kathleen



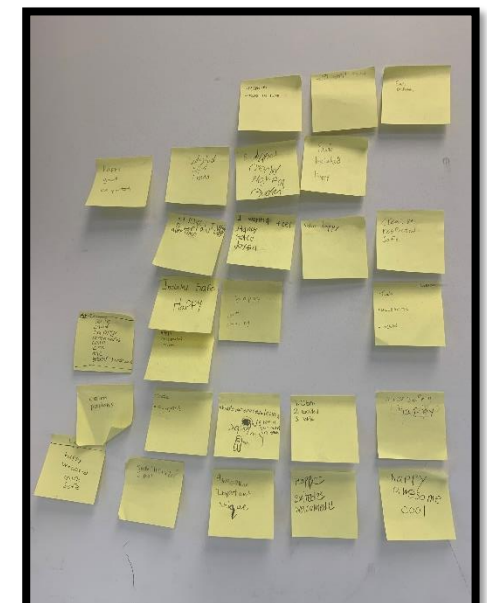
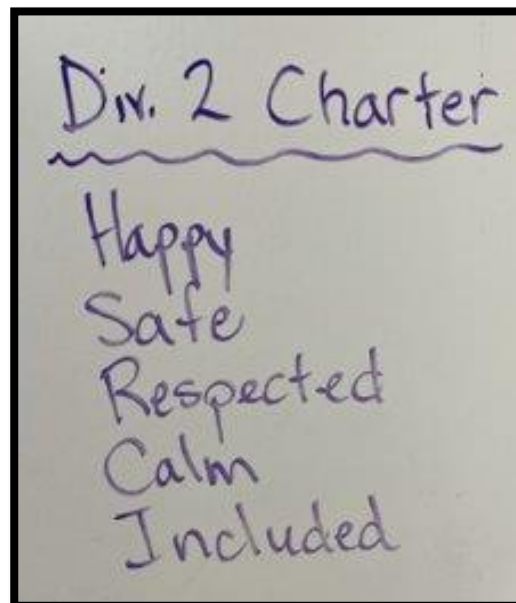
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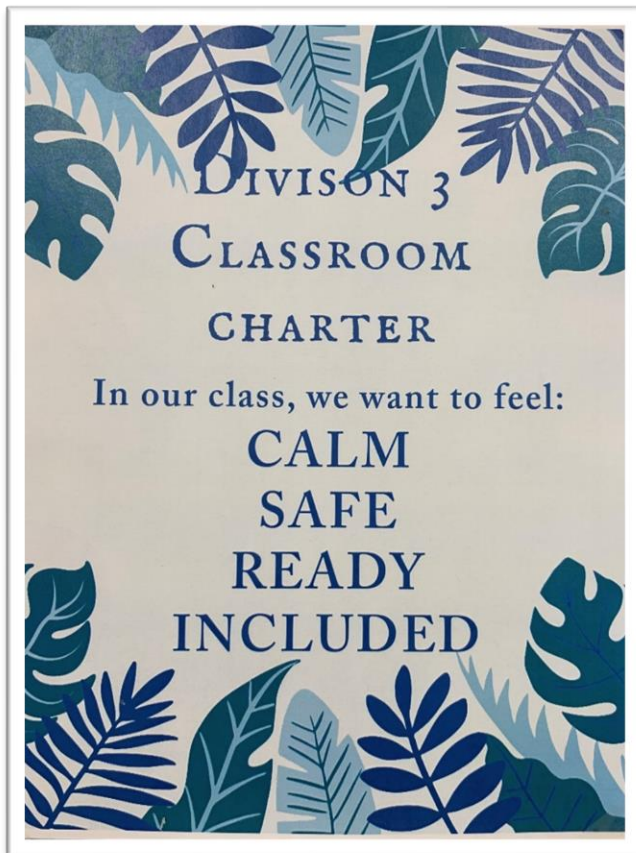
Mrs.
Sharp



Division 2

Mrs. Gibson





Division 3
Ms. Bhatti

Division 4
Mr. Stevens

Safe
Respected



Division 5
Ms. Hikida

Division

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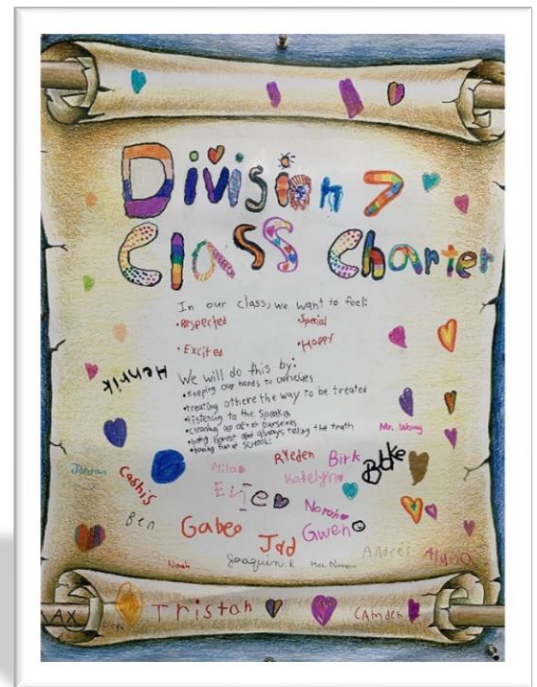
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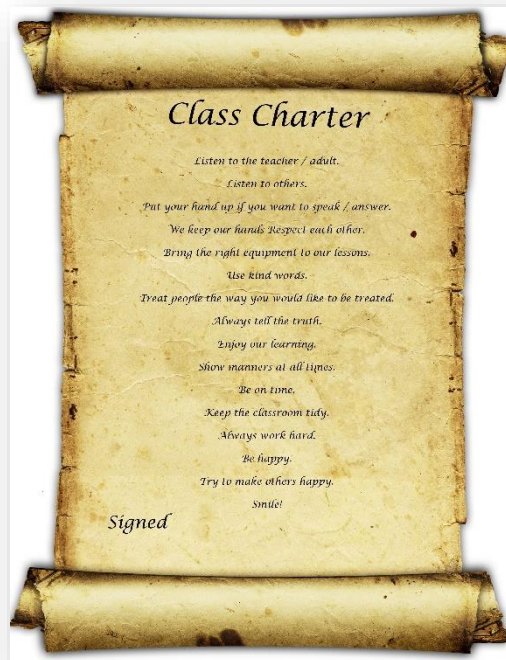
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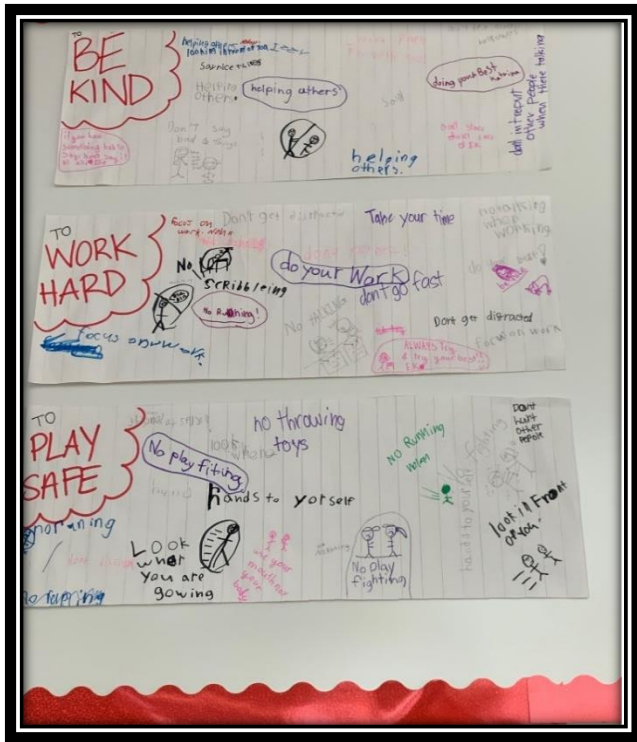
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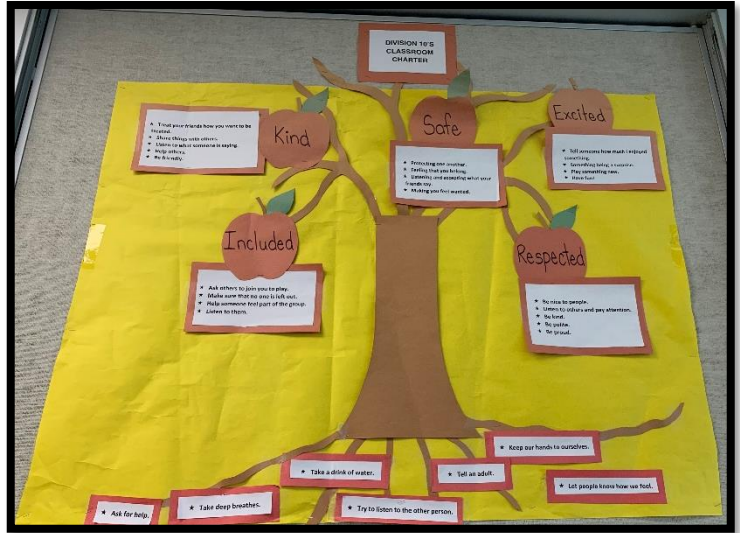
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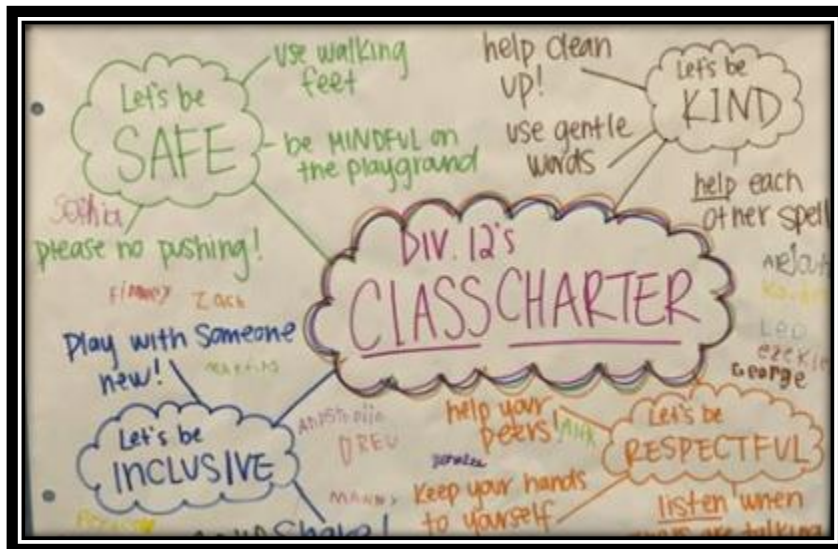
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Mrs.
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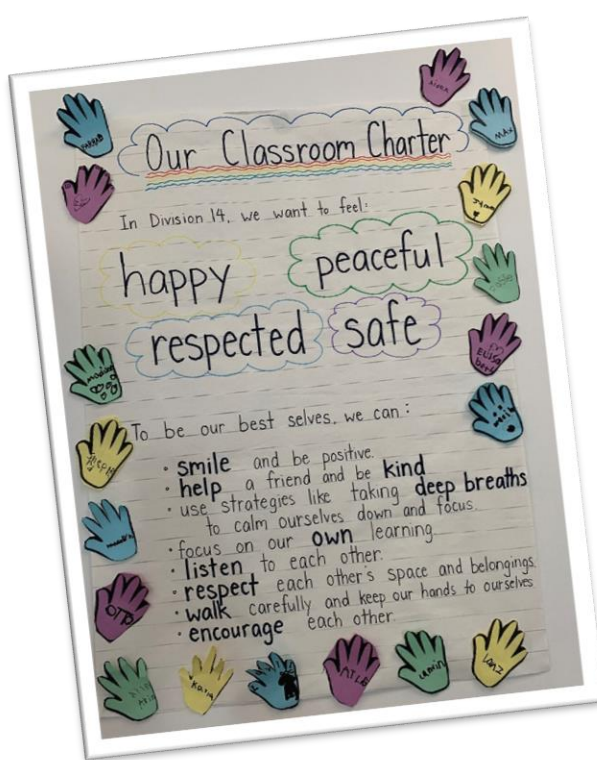


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Ms.
Lacey



Division 14

Ms. Gong



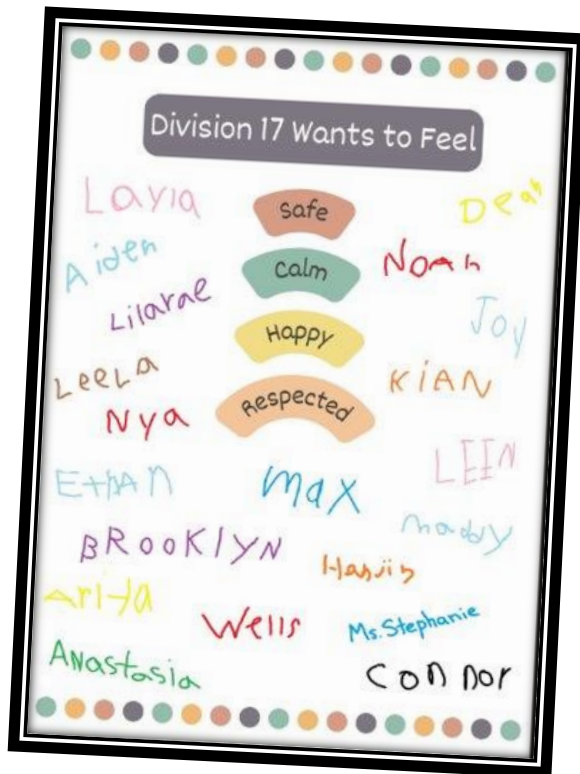
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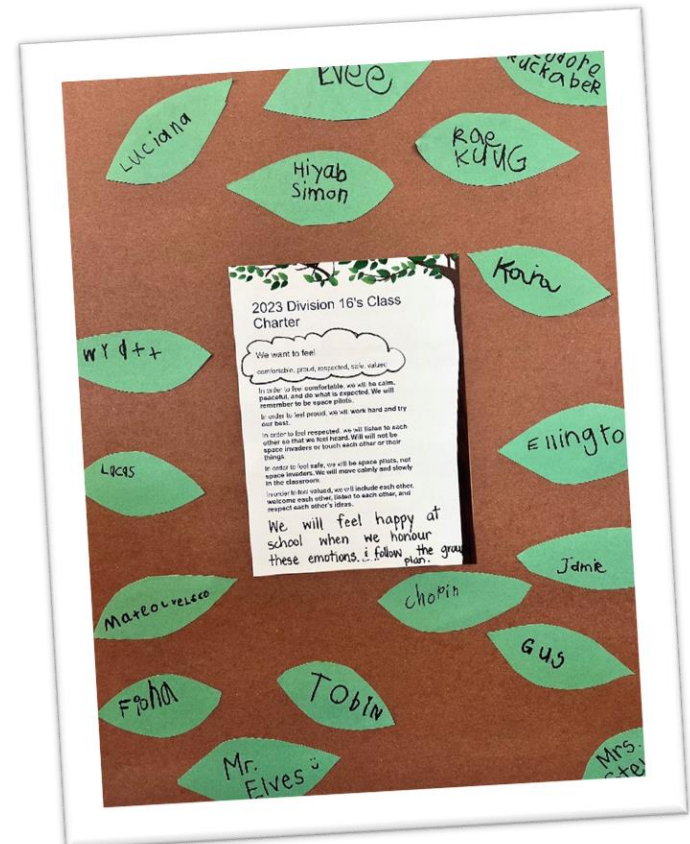
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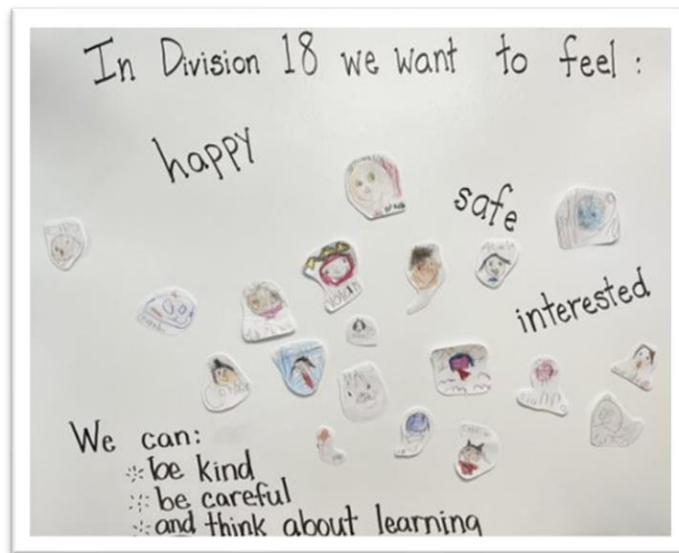
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Mrs.
Stewart



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Mrs. Whyte



Division 19

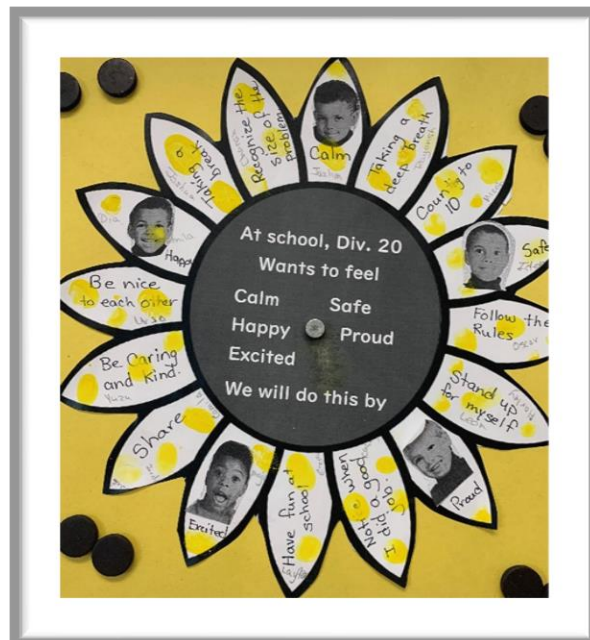
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Ballantyne



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Mrs. Simpson

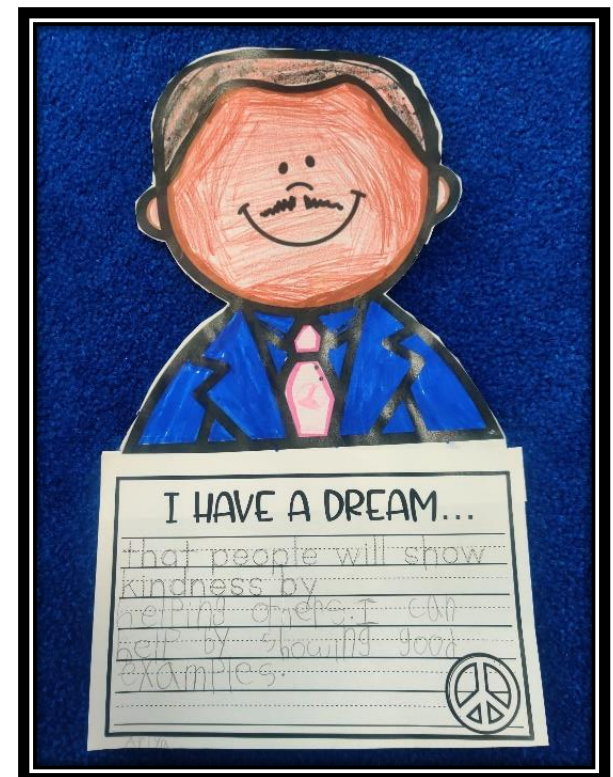
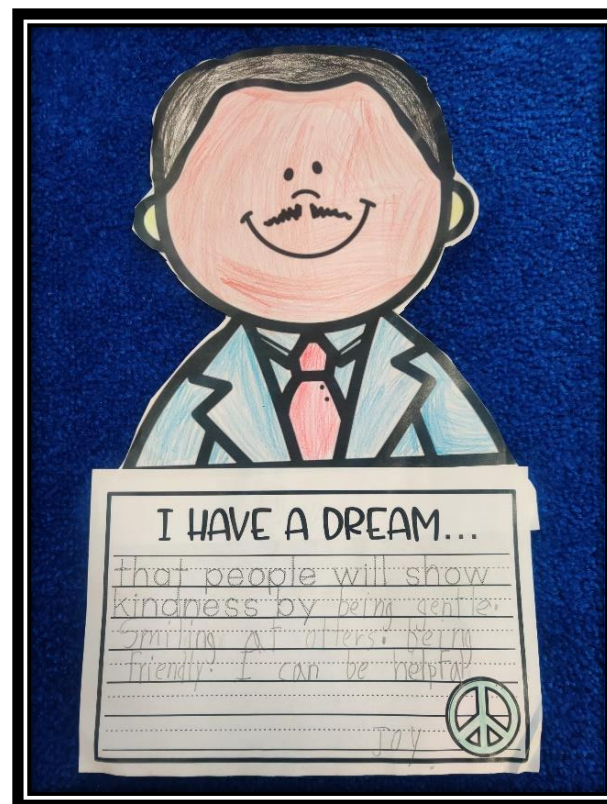
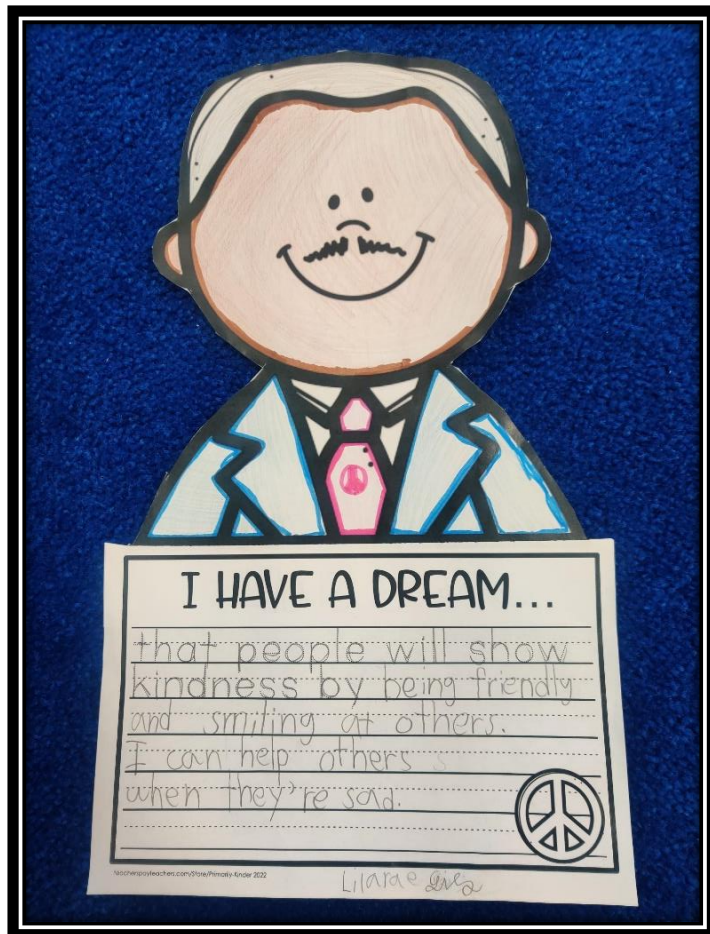
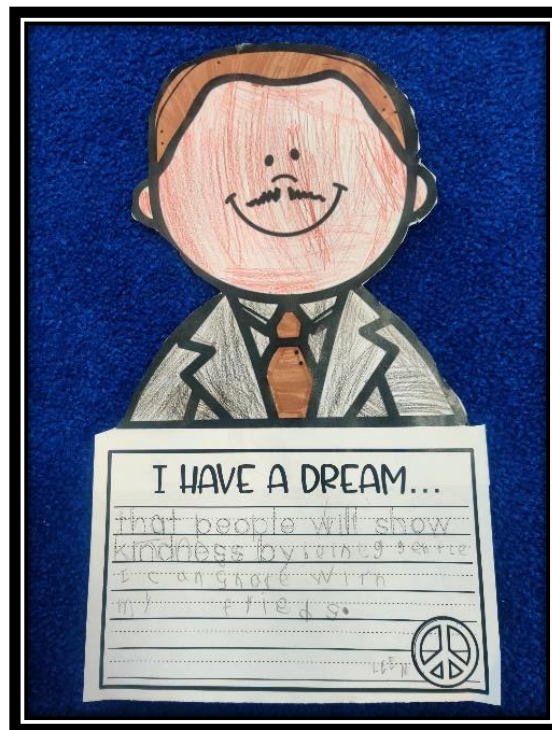


Division 21

Ms. Mattarolla



Martin Luther
King
"I Have A Dream"
Division 17





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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



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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!

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. Enrollment 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.

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