

## Bulletin Updates

HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR SKWO:WECH FAMILIES!

### **PAC Valentine's Day Bake Sale – Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:15am – 8:45am (or while quantities last)
- Will be held at the courtyard
- Baked goods needed, if you would like to donate please drop off at the school office on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> or at the bake sale on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

### **Choir Practice – Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Choir will be held on **Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> (8:00-8:40)** instead of February 14<sup>th</sup> so that students will be able to go to the bake sale happening in the morning on Valentine's Day. We will **not** have choir on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Happy Valentine's Day! School Spirit Day – Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Wear Red or White day
- Please check with your child's teacher regarding any special classroom events. If you are sending Valentine cards, please ensure that there is a card for each student in the class.

### **Yearbook Sale!**

- Orders for the 2023/24 Skwo:wech Elementary yearbook are open!
- To order online, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/skwowechyearbook24>
- For personalized yearbook please request form from the school office. Last day to order is Monday, February 26
- **Non-personalized yearbook** order for online or paper form deadline is February 29

**Non-Instructional Day – Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

- No school for students

**Family Day – Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

- School closed

**PAC Meeting – Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 7pm – **in person**

**Community/Family Reading – Friday, February 23**

- 8:50am – 9:15am

**Pink Shirt Day – Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

- All members of our school community are invited to wear pink today!

**Student drop off**

- Please avoid parking at the end of Archer Street for the safety of our students when arriving and leaving the school.
- 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.

Happy Lunar New Year to our  
Skwo:wech Families!







# FUN LUNCH

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23**  
(ORDER BY FEBRUARY 15)

4" for \$5

6" for \$6

6" Gluten-free for \$7

Cookie for \$1

Juice box for \$1

- Ham, pepperoni, veggie, tuna, or turkey
- Available on white, 9-grain, or gluten-free bread
- Choose from a variety of toppings
- Mayo or mustard on the side



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE SKWO:WECH PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

**ORDER BY FEBRUARY 21:**

[HTTPS://MUNCHALUNCH.COM/SCHOOLS/SKWOWECH](https://munchalunch.com/schools/skwowech)

SKWO:WECH PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

# *Valentine's Day Bake Sale*

\$2 each (cash only)  
Limit 2 items per person.

(Please line up again if you  
want more than 2 items)  
All proceeds go to the PAC.

**WEDNESDAY, FEB 14**

**8:15 - 8:45 AM**

**(OR WHILE QUANTITIES LAST)**

Volunteers needed to bake and sell items!  
Sign up at: <http://tinyurl.com/skwowechvday>

View our Gourmet Foods by scanning the QR code below  
All of your favorites are just a click away...



**Skwo:wech Elementary  
NEUFELD FARMS FUNDRAISER**

Orders In By: February 21 2024, end of day  
Pick up: March 2nd 2024, 11:30 am



<https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2024-skwowechelementary>

# SKWO:WECH PAC DATES

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR  
SCHOOL COMMUNITY!



## VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE

**Wednesday February 14**

8:15 - 8:45 AM

\$2 each item (cash only)

Volunteers needed:

[www.tinyurl.com/  
skwowechvday24](http://www.tinyurl.com/skwowechvday24)



## SUBWAY FUN LUNCH

Lunch on Friday March 1

**Order deadline: Feb 21**

[https://munchalunch.com/  
schools/skwowech](https://munchalunch.com/schools/skwowech)

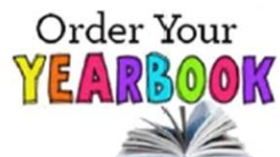


## NEUFELD FARMS FUNDRAISER

**Order by Wednesday**

**February 21**

[www.tinyurl.com/  
skwowechneufelds24](http://www.tinyurl.com/skwowechneufelds24)



## YEARBOOKS

**Order by Monday**

**February 26**

[www.tinyurl.com/  
skwowechyearbook24](http://www.tinyurl.com/skwowechyearbook24)  
(Paper forms also  
available at the office)

## February – Anti-bullying, cyberbullying and digital literacy

### Help keep kids stay safe from bully behaviour online and at school

Bullying can affect all children and has negative impacts on the victim as well as the bully.

Bullying can appear in several forms:

- **Verbal bullying:** Examples are name calling, making fun of someone, making jokes at another's expense, unwelcome teasing and spreading secrets someone disclosed in confidence.
- **Physical bullying:** Pushing, shoving, pinching, hitting, spitting, damaging property and vandalizing lockers or school supplies.
- **Social bullying:** Examples are spreading rumours, being exclusive with friends and excluding people from events or study groups.
- **Cyberbullying:** Using social media to intimidate, exclude and disseminate private information or using texting, emails or other applications to damage someone's reputation.

Strategies focused on building self-esteem, developing respectful relationships and providing clear but respectful communication tend to be the most successful.

Children who are bullied need to be empowered and supported in developing healthy relationships.

Bullies on the other hand, need to learn social responsibility, empathy, right from wrong and remedial actions, such as rebuilding relationships and apologizing.

#### What can you do as a parent to prevent or deal with bullying?

- Encourage your child to report bullying they either experience or witness to school staff, such as teachers, counsellors, principals or parents.
- Provide opportunities for open dialogue about sensitive topics.
- If your child is the bully, encourage them to reflect on their actions, and how they would feel if the tables were turned and they were on the receiving end.
- Help your children develop digital literacy so they are aware of what cyberbullying looks like and have strategies for handling cyberbullying when it arises.

Find more advice for preventing or dealing with bullying on Fraser Health's website at:  
<https://ow.ly/Yq2150Pei4C>

#### Social media posts:

##### Facebook

Bullying can affect all kids. For resources on preventing or handling bullying, visit Fraser Health's website: <https://ow.ly/TARu50Pei6G>.

##### Twitter

Fraser health has tips on preventing and dealing with bullying. Learn more at <https://ow.ly/LSZ750Pez9y>.

##### Instagram

Help your child learn and understand what bully behaviour is and how it can affect themselves and others, see <https://ow.ly/98yR50Pez95>.

#### Image to use with article or social media posts:





The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with adolescent Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Hayley Watson, will be hosting free virtual sessions on youth substance use for parents/guardians, caregivers and caring adults. Dr. Watson will provide valuable insights, practical tips, and resources to equip participants with the tools needed to guide their children and youth toward making positive choices when it comes to substance use.

Register in advance due to limited capacity. Session dates are:

- ⌘ February 20, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST - Click here to Register [https: click to register](#)
- ⌘ February 22, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST – Click here to Register [Click to register](#)
- ⌘ February 28, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST - Click here to Register [click to register](#)

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
<b>Regular registration opens</b>	November 6, 2023	February 5, 2024
<b>Regular registration closes</b>	January 26, 2024	February 23, 2024
<b>Placement offers</b>	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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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](mailto:programsofchoice@sd40.bc.ca)

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

## **Fuel Up! School Lunch Program**

- February 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](mailto: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](mailto:lsharp@sd40.bc.ca)
- Mrs. Gibson – Div. 2  
[lgibson@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:lgibson@sd40.bc.ca)
- Mrs. Bhatti – Div. 3  
[sbhatti@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:sbhatti@sd40.bc.ca)
- Mr. Stevens – Div. 4  
[mastevens@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:mastevens@sd40.bc.ca)
- Ms. Hikida – Div. 5MO  
[khikida@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:khikida@sd40.bc.ca)
- Mr. Bamford – Div. 6  
[rbamford@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:rbamford@sd40.bc.ca)
- Mr. Wong – Div. 7MO  
[ddwong@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:ddwong@sd40.bc.ca)

- Mrs. MacLeod – Div. 8  
[emacleod@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:emacleod@sd40.bc.ca)
- Ms. Lee – Div. 9  
[mlee@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:mlee@sd40.bc.ca)
- Ms. Lacey – Div. 10  
[slacey@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:slacey@sd40.bc.ca)
- Mrs. Toufic – Div. 11MO  
[htoufic@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:htoufic@sd40.bc.ca)
- Ms. Tse – Div. 12  
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- Ms. Gong – Div. 14  
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