

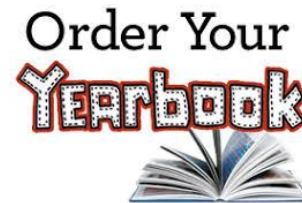
Skwo:wech Newsletter

From the Office of
Skwo:wech Elementary
February 19- March 15




Fuel Up! School Lunch Program

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



Paper form deadline for **personalized is Feb. 26th**.

Online and paper form deadline for **non-personalized is Feb. 29th**.

2024	FEBRUARY/MARCH			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19	20	21	22	23
Family Day (School Closed)			PAC Meeting - 7pm In person	Community/Family Reading
26	27	28	29	01-Mar
		Pink Shirt Day 		PAC Fun Lunch - Subway
4	5	6	7	8
		Early Dismissal 12:05pm Learning Conferences	Early Dismissal 12:05pm Learning Conferences	
11	12	13	14	15
			Term 2 Report Cards Published Last day before Spring Break	Spring Break

Mark Your Calendar



February 19
Family Day (School Closed)

February 22
PAC Meeting – 7pm

February 23
Community / Family Reading

February 28
Pink Shirt Day

March 6 & 7
Early Dismissal 12:05pm
Learning Conferences

March 14
Term 2 Report Cards Published
Last day before Spring Break

Dear Skwo:wech Families,

We are delighted to share highlights of our new kindness club for grades two, three, and four. This week they spent time in our community sharing messages of kindness and creating kindness chalk art. These efforts are helping to lead our conversations as we begin to prepare for Pink Shirt Day later this month. While the official Pink Shirt Day occurs later in February, the idea that "Pink Shirt Day is everyday" emphasizes the importance of maintaining the spirit of this day throughout the year. We believe that the promotion of a kind, inclusive environment should not be limited to just one day but should be an ongoing effort every day. This continuous commitment can help create safer and more supportive communities for everyone. We appreciate our parent community and your partnership in this important work.

As you head into this long weekend, we hope you can enjoy and celebrate Family Day Monday. Whether your weekend involves a special activity or event for your family or quiet time enjoying each other at home, we wish you a relaxing and refreshing long weekend.

With gratitude,

Kathleen



Kindness Club in
action!



PAC Valentine's Bake Sale was a success and we have made over 1100.00!

Thank you for your support and generosity!

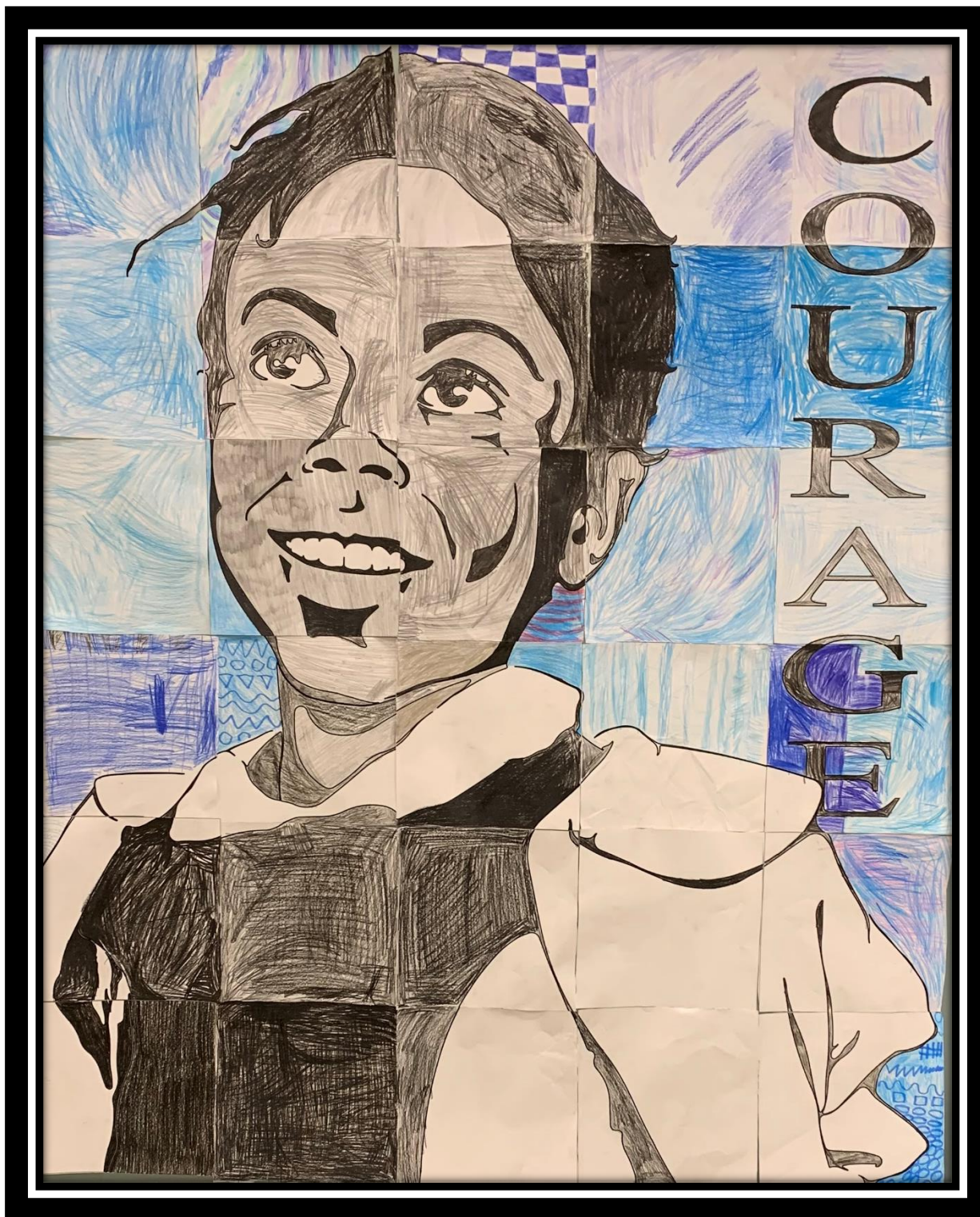


February 13 was division 13's
(Mrs.Kamagianis' Class) 100th Day of
School!!



Division 17 hopes you all had a lovely
Valentine's Day!





The students in Divisions 9 and 17 have been learning and talking about the story of Ruby Bridges. Ruby showed great courage when she was just a little girl when she became the first African American student to attend an all-white elementary school in Louisiana. This was a big moment because schools were segregated, meaning black and white children went to separate schools. Despite facing lots of challenges and being the only student in her class because other children's parents pulled them out of school, Ruby was brave and went to school every day. Her courage helped pave the way for other children of all races to attend school together, and she became a symbol of the fight for equal rights in education. Ruby's story teaches us that even if you are small, you can make a big difference by standing up for what is right.

Ruby Bridges Mural

by Divisions 9 and 17

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>



FUN LUNCH

FRIDAY MARCH 1
(ORDER BY FEBRUARY 21)

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. SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO:
[HTTPS://MUNCHALUNCH.COM/SCHOOLS/SKWOWECH](https://munchalunch.com/schools/skwowech)



New Westminster Family Networking Dinner

Join Kinsight staff and other families in your community for a free pizza dinner and a casual evening of networking, socializing and fun! We welcome New West families with school-aged children who have developmental delays or disabilities to attend.

Join us for as little or as long as you would like!

DATE: Friday, March 1st, 2024

TIME: 6:30-8:30PM

PLACE: New Westminster Family Place - #112-960 Quayside Drive, New Westminster, V3M 6G2

Registration is required!

Please click the link or scan the code to register!


[Register Here](#)




Questions? Contact Leeann Tolentino at ltolentino@kinsight.org or Emily Jamieson at ejamieson@kinsight.org or call 604-525-9494.

Kinsight

Everyone's welcome.
Everyone belongs. Everywhere.





Ministry of
Social Development
and Poverty Reduction


Drop-in @ Welcome Centre: Fridays between 12:30 – 2:30

A Community Integration Specialist is an outreach worker who works for the Province of BC. We are here to talk about Income Assistance Benefits (Welfare) and Disability Benefits. We can tell you if you are **eligible** for income assistance and help you **apply**.

If you are a Ministry client, we can:

- Answer questions about your file;
- Help with monthly reports, shelter updates, security deposits, crisis grants and ID;
- Tell you what information is needed for health requests;
- Print a proof of income letter (if you need it to access community services);
- Have the Ministry call you with an interpreter.

To learn more about Income Assistance- Web: gov.bc.ca/sdpr Call: 1-866-866-0800



Financial Assistance & Jumpstart Grants for Spring Programs

New Westminster Parks & Recreation has a Financial Assistance Program through "Access and Inclusion":

<https://www.newwestcity.ca/parks-and-recreation/access-and-inclusion#financial-assistance>

When families need a little financial boost to get kids involved in a sport, dance team or other active program Jumpstart is an organization that may be able to support you.

Jumpstart grants apply to general sports activities (e.g. swimming lessons, sports, dance)

Registration for **Spring Break Programs** opened February 1 for New West residents and February 2 for everyone. Visit the New Westminster Parks & Recreation website for more details and for the upcoming Spring session program registration dates:

<https://www.newwestcity.ca/parks-and-recreation/recreation/active-living-guide-and-brochures>

Jumpstart 2024 Funding Applications are open.

For more information about Jumpstart grants in 2024 visit:

<https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/pages/individual-child-grants>

Please note, Ms. Smith (tsmith@sd40.bc.ca) is available to assist with applications.





SPRING FLAG FOOTBALL
AGES 6 – 15YRS OLD
PRACTICES START MARCH 2024



REGISTER NOW!



For more info visit:

<https://rchfc.hyackfootball.com/programs/>



2024 FEES

- **U7 Program**
 - Early Bird (ends January 31, 2024): \$130
 - Regular Fee (after February 1st, 2024): \$230
- **U10 and up**
 - Early Bird (ends January 31, 2024): \$150
 - Regular Fee (after February 1st, 2024): \$250



JUNIOR PROGRAM

Burnaby Lake junior field hockey provides an opportunity for young boys and girls to get involved in our sport. Field hockey is a team sport where the emphasis is on participation, teamwork, and fun. It is a fitness activity that is well suited to children's exercise requirements, with plenty of running over short distances (chasing the ball), and good development of eye-hand-foot coordination.

AGE GROUPS

CO-ED	GIRLS	BOYS
U7: Born 2017 - 2018	U12: Born 2012- 2013	U12: Born 2012 and younger
U10: Born 2014 - 2016	U14: Born 2010- 2011	U14: Born 2010- 2011
	U16: Born 2008- 2009	
	U18: 2006-2007	

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dates: April 1-June 15
Practices: One practice per week on a turf field in Burnaby
Games: Saturdays or Sundays
Uniform: Players will be provided with a uniform and socks with registration. Please wear black shorts.

WEBSITE: BURNABYFIELDHOCKEY.COM

MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

• Stick	• Soccer shin pads
• Mouthguard	• Runners or Cleats

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.