

# Skwo:wech Newsletter

From the Office of  
Skwo:wech Elementary  
February 2- February 29



## Fuel Up! School Lunch Program

Please submit orders at least 2 business days ahead of time.  
[order.lunchlady.ca](http://order.lunchlady.ca)






### Valentine's Bake Sale

February 14<sup>th</sup> – 8:15am to 8:45am



Held at the Courtyard



2024	FEBRUARY				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
5	6	7	8	9	
12	13	14	15	16	
Happy Chinese New Year 		Happy Valentine's Day School Spirit Day wear Red or White 		Non-Instructional Day (No School for students)	
19	20	21	22	23	
Family Day (School Closed)			PAC Meeting - 7pm	Community/Family Reading	
26	27	28	29		
		Pink Shirt Day 			

## Mark Your Calendar



February 14

School Spirit Day Wear Red or White

February 16

Non-Instructional Day  
(No school for students)

February 19

Family Day (School Closed)

February 22

PAC Meeting – 7pm

February 23

Community / Family Reading

February 28

Pink Shirt Day



Dear Skwo:wech families,

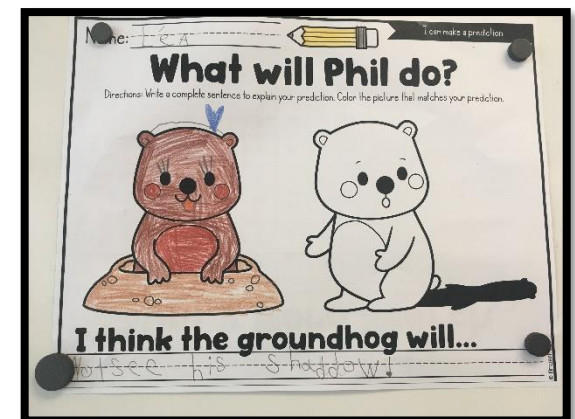
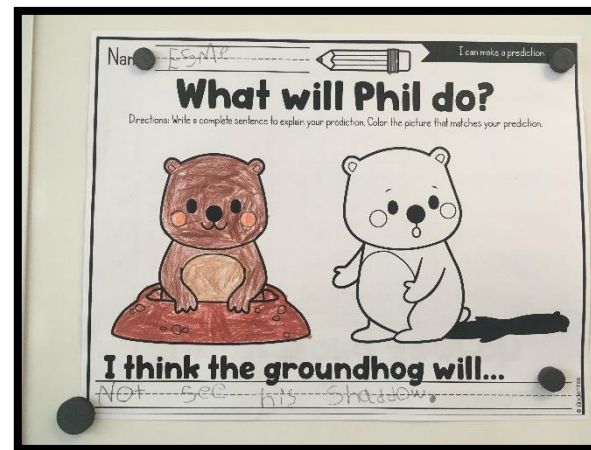
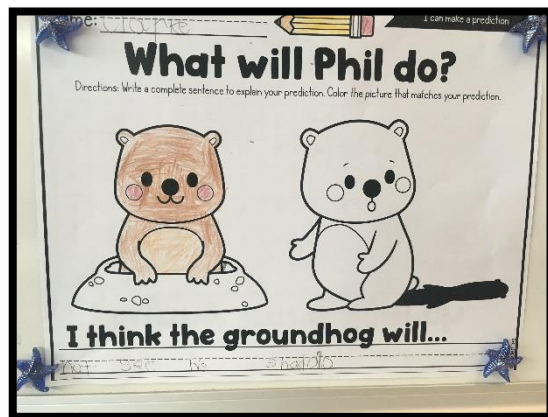
Happy Groundhog Day! The news that we were all waiting to hear, the groundhog did not see their shadow and has predicted an early Spring for us. We have been so fortunate to enjoy mild weather this past week which has allowed many classes to take their learning outdoors.

With Valentine's Day around the corner, we will be having a school spirit day on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Children are invited to wear red or white on the 14th. Children will be able to exchange cards with their classmates, please check with your child's teacher for classroom specific plans or celebrations for Valentine's Day. As always, we kindly ask that if you are helping your child exchange cards, that you do so through the lens of inclusion and ensure that one is provided for every child in the class.

Along with Valentine's Day, there are other dedicated events like Family Day, Black History month and Pink Shirt Day which occur during the month of February. At Skwo:wech we recognize that our students come from diverse backgrounds, and we honour and celebrate that diversity as well as the unique qualities we all contribute. Our student leaders will be busy spreading ideas and inspiration around our school on how our students can intentionally show kindness to each other in our classrooms, on the playground and in the community, this will occur throughout the month.

Please enjoy the highlights of learning that has occurred around our school this past week in our newsletter. We are particularly grateful to New Westminster Lacrosse association for offering a fun week of Lacrosse lessons to all our students this week and sharing the incredibly fun sport of Lacrosse with our school.

Enjoy your weekend!  
Mrs. Chad

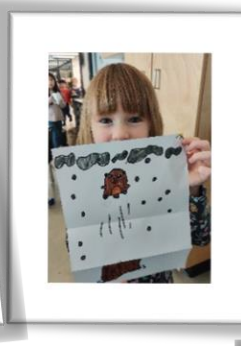






Division 21 went on their first nature walk. They were on the lookout for a groundhog and signs of spring!

Can you find the Giant groundhog?



Division 17 drew groundhogs popping out of their burrows in recognition of Groundhog Day!







We are also in need of baked goods for our sale. If you would like to donate, please drop off at the school on Tuesday, February 13th or at the bake sale on Wednesday, February 14th by 8:15am.

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



  
**Neufeld**  
*FUNDRAISING*

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

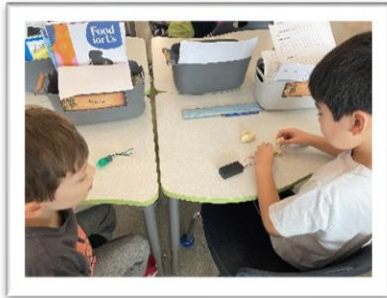


Lacrosse week at our school  
Thank you to New Westminster  
Lacrosse Association!





Mrs. Toufic's and Mrs. Kamagianis' classes participated in an SIS workshop (Scientists and Innovators in Schools) called squishy circuits on January 30, 2024. Using conductive playdough, LEDs and 9-volt batteries, this activity encouraged the students to explore the basic principles of electric circuits.







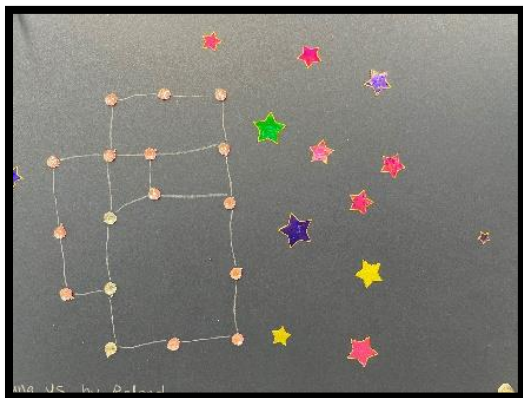
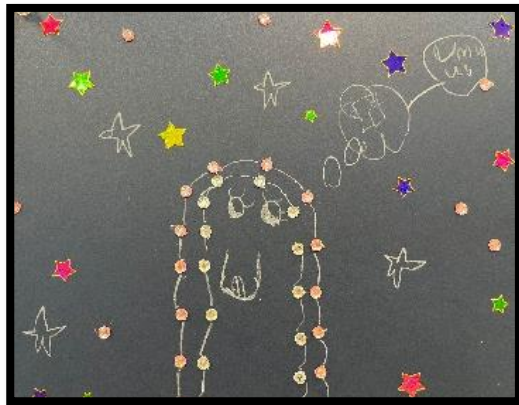
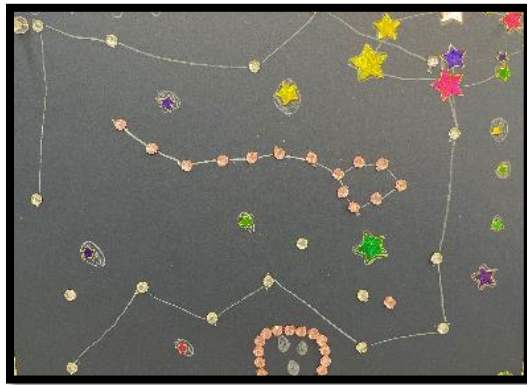
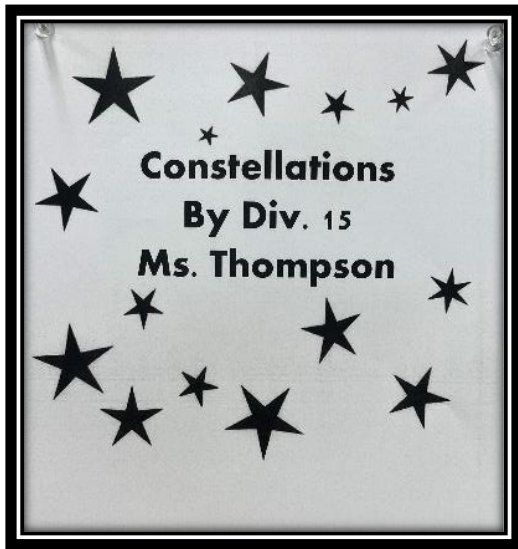
Grade 5 Basketball Club  
Thank you, Coaches!



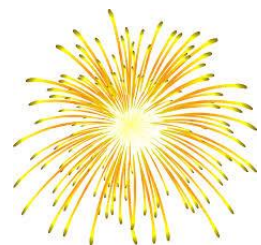
Lego Club  
Grade 3 to 5











Happy Lunar  
New Year!  
From Division 5





## 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](mailto: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](http://BURNABYFIELDHOCKEY.COM)**

**MANDATORY EQUIPMENT**

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





## **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/](http://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](http://City of New Westminster Parks and Recreation registration site)**

**Have questions?**

**Contact Community Schools**

**Phone: 604-517-6291**

**E-mail: [communityschools@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:communityschools@sd40.bc.ca)**

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. 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](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.

[NewWestSchools.ca](https://NewWestSchools.ca)