

Skwo:wech Newsletter

From the Office of
Skwo:wech Elementary
April 29 - May 17



Fuel Up! School Lunch Program

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



Bike Rack

For students who ride a bike or scooter to work, we invite you to use the bike racks that are located at top campus (level with the 3rd floor of our school) and front of the school where you can lock your bike/scooter to the rack during the school day.

Mark Your Calendar



May 20

Victoria Day Statutory Holiday
School Closed

May 21

Non-Instructional Day
School closed for student

May 23

PAC Meeting – 7pm Virtual

May 31

Family/Community Reading
9:00am

2024	APRIL/MAY			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29	30	01-May	2	3
				<i>PAC Movie Night - Skwo:wech gym @ 6:30pm</i>
6	7	8	9	10
	<i>School Panorama Picture Day</i>	<i>Glenbrook Middle School Open House for all Gr 5's 6pm-7:30pm</i>		
13	14	15	16	17
			<i>PAC Fun Lunch - Woomi Sushi and Booster juice</i>	

Greetings Skwo:wech Families,

With mixed emotions, I am taking this opportunity to share with you my very difficult decision to retire as Principal of Skwo:wech at the end of this school year. I have had the great fortune to have been with the New Westminster School District for the past 20 years and several other school Districts prior to that and have loved all aspects of my career. I am proud to be finishing my career at Skwo:wech Elementary and I will cherish all that we have accomplished together over the past 8 years. Skwo:wech is a wonderful place to both work and learn. I wish to thank our parent community for your kind and generous support throughout my time here. Your involvement in your child's education, whether through your support at home, volunteering or attending events has enriched our school immeasurably. I also wish to acknowledge the wonderful and hardworking staff I have had the pleasure to work alongside; we are most fortunate to have such an amazing team. The dedicated team of educators and support staff have made my job enjoyable and have made Skwo:wech a place of care, of learning and of joy. Most of all, I will miss the students at our school who are sources of joy and inspiration every day. It has been a privilege to work with your children who are the heart of our school family! With their laughter, curiosity and creativity, every day brings interesting challenges and heartfelt rewards which I will miss dearly. An announcement regarding the incoming Principal will be made by the District very soon.

I look forward to seeing you over the next two months and the opportunity to say farewell in person.

With gratitude,

Kathleen

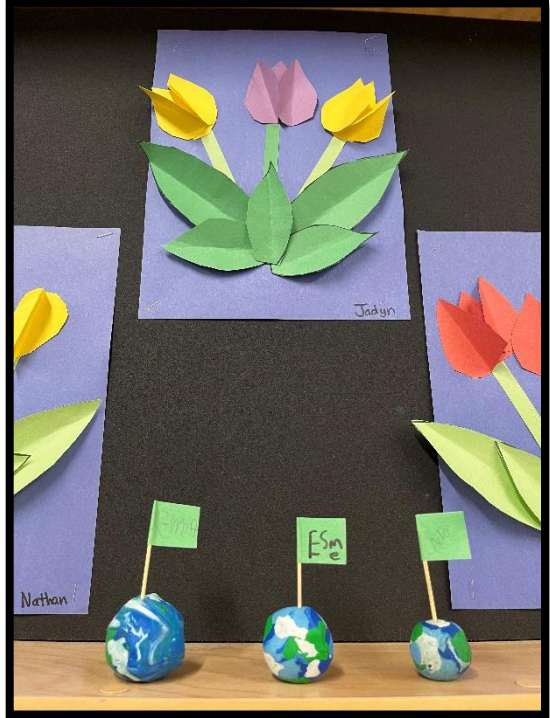
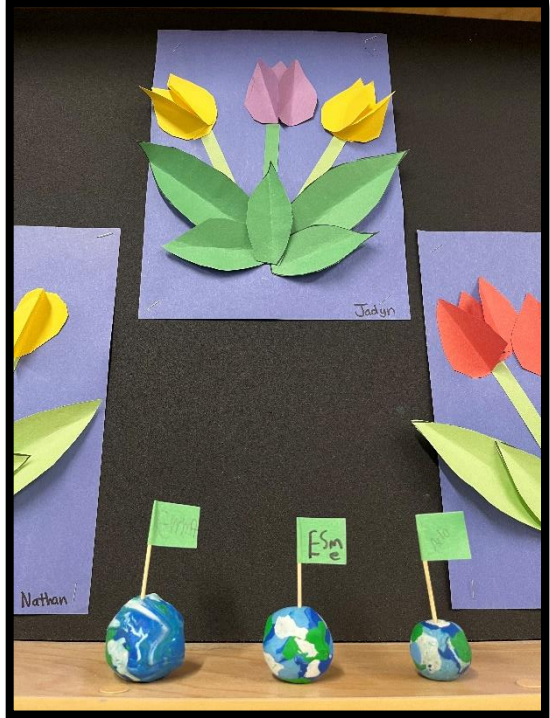
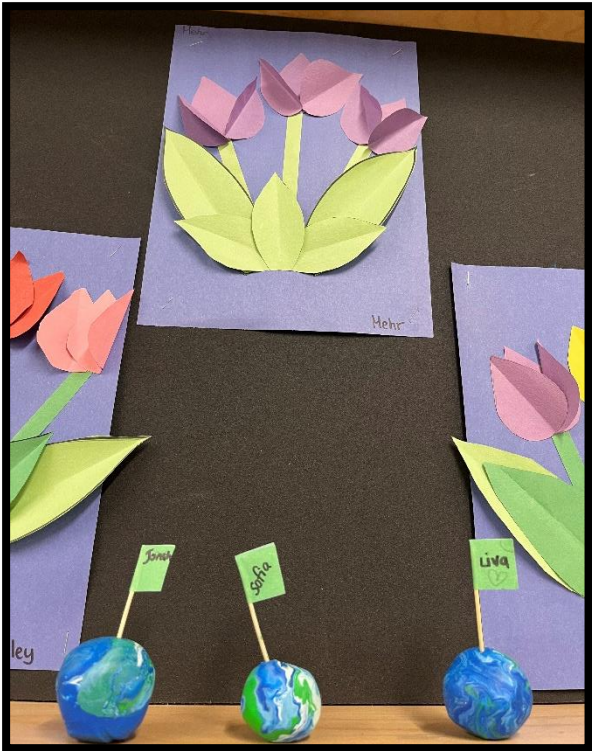


Congratulations Skwo:wech!

In case you missed it, our amazing community not only met our goal of raising \$1000.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation, but we doubled it and raised \$2000.00!

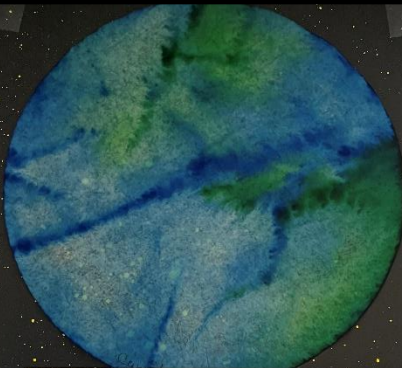


HAPPY EARTH DAY FROM THE BEAR COMMUNITY



"Our promise to the Earth"

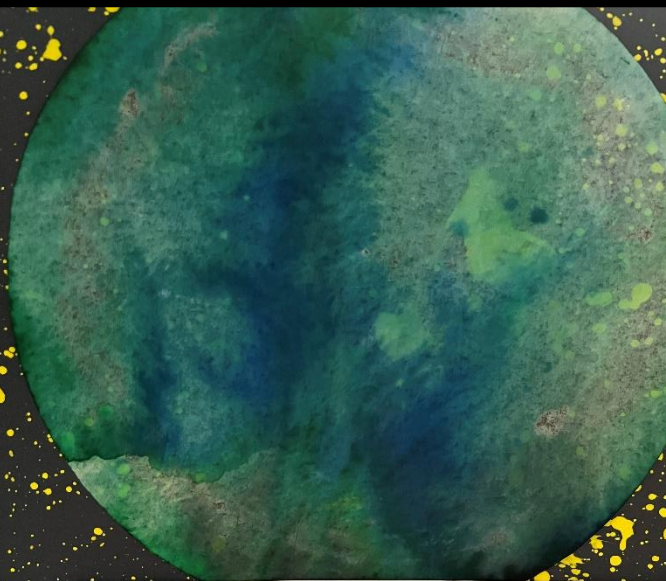
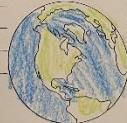
Mrs. Simpson - Div. 20



My Promise to the Earth is...

throw trash in the can

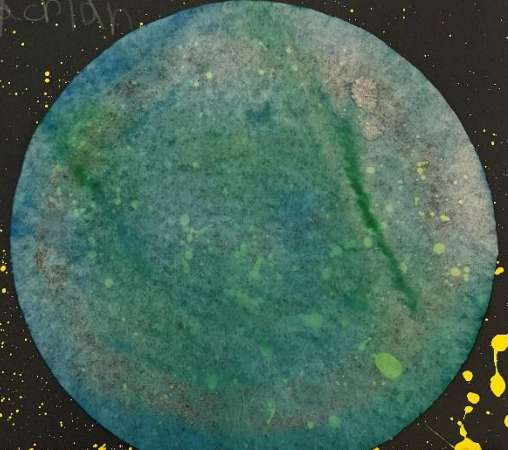

Camila



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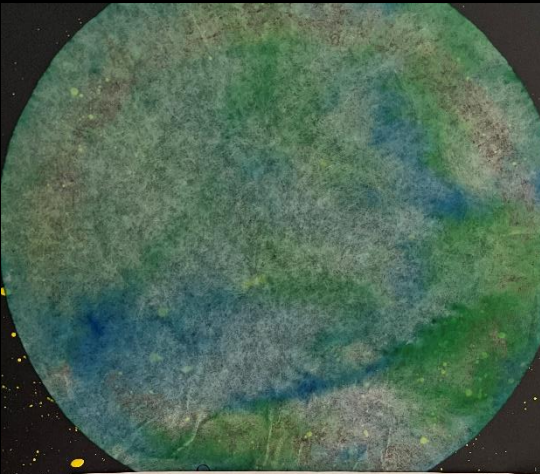

to turn the tap off when I am done.

Oscar



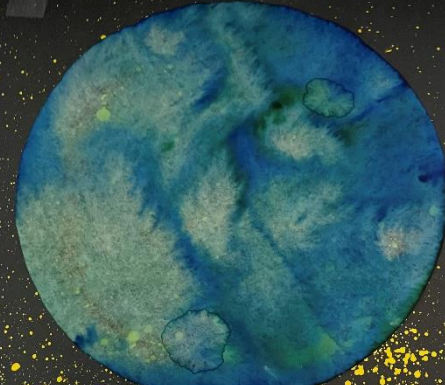

My Promise to the Earth is...

to clean up the ocean
trash



My Promise to the Earth is...


Recycle & Reuse
trash



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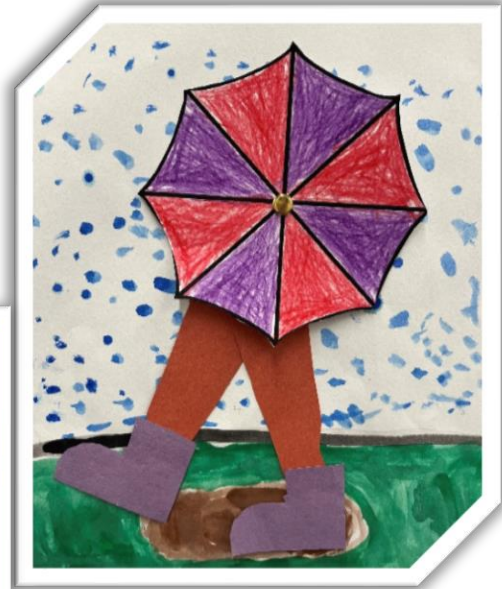
to plant seeds

Harley



Division 18 has it covered!

Mrs. Whyte



StrongStart Corner

Can we make paint from flowers?

The idea came about because one child found Grape Hyacinths on her way to Skwo:wech and another gathered some Magnolia pedals on her way to our outdoor park gathering place.

We removed Grape Hyacinths flowers off the stems and added boiling water. The result was deep purple water, but the pigment was just too light for painting.

We crushed magnolia pedals with our mortar and pestle before adding boiling water. The water turned from pink to light brown and that too was too light for painting.

Wonder if we will have better luck with dandelions?

Mrs. Olga Kishimoto
StrongStart Facilitator



SKWO:WECH PAC PRESENTS
MOVIE NIGHT



FRIDAY MAY 3 | 6:30 PM | SKWO:WECH GYM

SUPER MARIO BROS.

FREE ADMISSION

PAID CONCESSION | LITTLE OOTIES MINI DONUT TRUCK

IT'S A COZY MOVIE NIGHT! FEEL FREE TO BRING A PILLOW,
BLANKET, STUFFIE, AND WEAR YOUR JAMMIES!
WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS! EMAIL US AT SKWOWEHPAC@GMAIL.COM

A big thank you to our amazing PAC for co-ordinating this lovely earth day gift which had flower/ veggie seeds, soil and a pot for each student in our school!



Preparing for Next Year

Very soon our staff will be working together to plan class placements for next year. As a staff team we carefully and thoughtfully consider many factors in determining the organization of our classes. Some of these factors include: learning styles, social and emotional considerations, learning support needs, students' strengths and needs, leadership skills and class size. As educators, this is a process that is taken very seriously and is one which we value. We work carefully to balance the needs of individual students as well as the needs of the class as a whole. Parents are often able to provide the school with information that can assist in the placement of students. If you feel you have information of a nature that will be helpful related to your child's academic, social/emotional or physical needs, please send a note summarising these details to the office email between April 29th-May 22nd.

Please send your message to skwowech@sd40.bc.ca and **indicate in the subject line "Classroom Placement"**. It is requested, to respect fairness and equity that parents/guardians not ask for a specific teacher or class.

Grade five school leaving celebration!

Dear Parents and Guardians of grade five students,

Please circle June 20th for our school leaving celebration. Our theme this year is SURF's UP! Students are encouraged to wear relaxed, beach or summer wear. We will begin our celebration at 1:15. More information to follow regarding further details and ticketing.

Moving to a new school next year

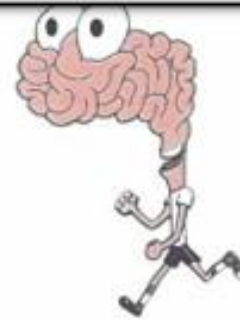
If anyone is already aware that their child will not be returning to Skwo:wech Elementary in September 2024 for kindergarten through Grade 5 due to moving or other reasons, please let the office know as soon as possible at skwowech@sd40.bc.ca

Glenbrook Middle School (EGMS) Open House for Grade 5 Families

Glenbrook Middle School (EGMS) is hosting an Open House for all grade five students who will be attending Glenbrook next year. The Open House will take place on **May 8th** from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, with an additional presentation about BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) from 7:00 to 7:30 PM in the gym. Volunteer students from grades 6, 7, and 8 will be available to assist grade 5 students and their parents in navigating the new school. We hope this information is helpful to your students and their families, and we look forward to seeing you all in September!

Regards,
Mr. Evans and Mr. Pattern

elmacon



Join us on **Saturday, May 4, 2024**
At the University of British Columbia

ELMACON is Vancouver's **elementary math contest** for grades 5 - 7, which gives students the opportunity to experience math as an **exciting sport!** Prizes include: electronics, gadgets, games, and more!

For registration and more details visit <https://elmacon.org>.
Questions? elmacon@pims.math.ca or (604) 822-3922

Deadline: April 14, 2024

Fee: \$30

Location: UBC Earth Sciences Building, 2207 Main Mall, Vancouver

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ELMACON is funded and run by



Pacific Institute for
Mathematics in School Education



SCIENCE RENDEZVOUS is back!

| Join the fun and get ready to **CREATE!** on **May 11, 2024**. Science Rendezvous is a **FREE** destival that takes science, technology engineering, art, and math (**STEAM**) research and innovation out of the lab and onto the street.

Visit the Science Rendezvous UBC website at
https://www.sciencerendezvous.ca/event_sites/ubc/

Location: UBC Beaty Biodiversity Museum + Multiple sites on campus.

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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: May 6 - Jun 17 (6 sessions)

No class on May 20

Registration Fee: \$97.50

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

Fearless FitKidz (Grades 3 - 5)

Fearless FitKidz presents fun and exciting track and field activities in a healthy and encouraging atmosphere.

Gym

Thursdays, 3:00 - 4:30pm

Date: May 16 - Jun 20

Registration Fee: \$25.00

To register, please visit: <https://app.univerusrec.com/sd4opub/>

Musical Theatre (Grades 3 - 5)

Sing, dance, and act, and expand your fundamental musical theatre skills. Includes basic singing, dancing, acting, and games. Increase your artistic skills, and end in a collaborative mini performance.

Music Room

Wednesdays, 3:00 - 4:30pm

Date: May 1 - Jun 5 (6 sessions)

Registration Fee: \$83.25

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