

## Bulletin Update

Dear Skwo:wech Families,

I am delighted to share with you that Mr. Ken Millard, the current Principal of Kelvin Elementary, will be taking over as Principal of Skwo:wech Elementary in the fall. Mr. Millard is a highly experienced Principal in our District and I know that he is excited and looking forward to coming to Skwo:wech. Our school will continue to thrive and grow under Principal Millard's skilled leadership. Over the coming weeks, we will be working together to ensure that our transitions go smoothly, and we hope that Principal Millard will be able to visit and meet all the amazing students and parents at our school.

With deep gratitude,

Kathleen

### **PAC Fun Lunch – Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Woomi Sushi and Booster Juice
- Deadline order May 6<sup>th</sup>

### **Victoria Day – Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

- School closed

### **Non-Instructional Day – Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

- No school for students

### **PAC Meeting – Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 7pm Virtual – more information to come

### **Community/Family Reading – Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

- 8:50am-9:15am

### **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 2023 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](mailto:skwowech@sd40.bc.ca)

### **Grade 5 Leaving Celebration**

- Please circle June 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Preparing for Next Year 2024-2025

- 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 summarizing these details to the office email between April 29th – May 22<sup>nd</sup>.**
- Send your message to [skwowech@sd40.bc.ca](mailto: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.

Circle the date June 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> will be Skwo:wech bike to school week. We will have more details to follow in our newsletter next week. But we would love to see all our cycling families riding to school that week.



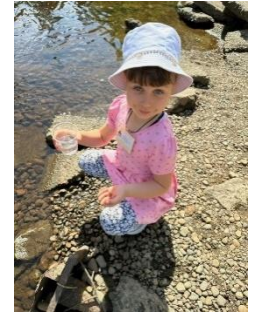
# Releasing the salmon fry in the Brunette River

Today division 13 and 11 said good-bye to the salmon that we have been raising in the fish tank. We watched the tiny eggs hatch into alevins and become free-swimming fry. We fed the fry every day to help them become big and strong. Today we had to say good-bye. We released our fry into the Brunette River. We hope that our salmon will migrate to the ocean to feed and grow into adults. We wish them a safe journey. In a few years, they might return to the Brunette River to spawn and lay their eggs.

Before we released the salmon Miss Ciara, our Indigenous Support Worker, discussed the importance of the salmon and how sacred salmon are to indigenous people. She performed a smudging near the river to bless the salmon. Ms. Ciara shared that "a smudging is like a shower for your heart, mind and soul". Each student then gave an offering to Mother Earth in the form of tobacco before releasing their fry into the river.



Mrs. Kamagianis



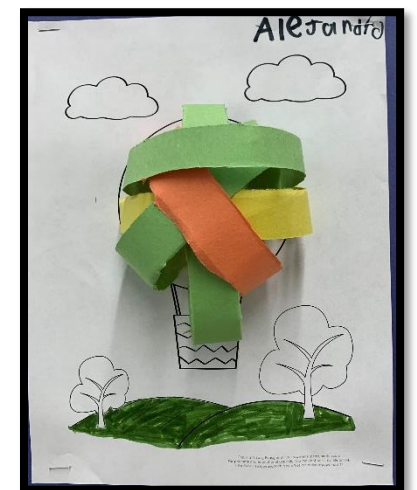
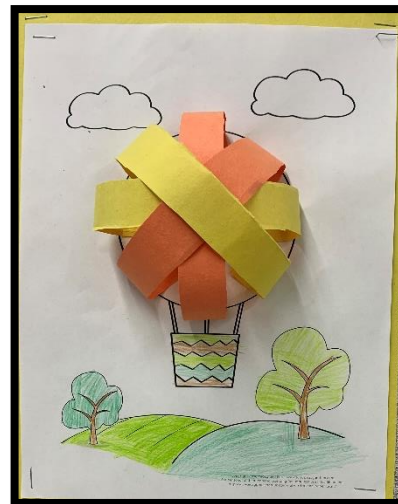


# PHYSICAL LITERACY WEEK!





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and  
Away!  
BY: DIV. 12!



## 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/metrovancover/](http://www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancover/)**

### 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](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)**

The logo for the Fuel Up! School Lunch Program is centered within a black rectangular border. Inside this border is a purple, hand-drawn style rectangular frame with wavy edges. The text "Fuel Up! School Lunch Program" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, centered within the purple frame.

## Fuel Up! School Lunch Program

### May menu is now available online!

- **If a class is going on a field trip you have the option of ordering a lunch for your child to take with them. In the menu there is a special item called “Field Trip Lunch Item”** you have the option of choosing that item for your child to have on his field trip. Please order the “Field Trip Lunch Item” two business days prior to the field trip. The lunch order will be delivered the day before the scheduled trip and stored in the school fridge.
- **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:

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