

Skwo:wech Stream



June 6, 2025

Important Dates

Grade 5 Leaving Celebration – Thursday, June 19

- 1:15pm in the gym
- Two tickets per student due to limited capacity. Tickets will be sent home with the students.

Fun Day – Tuesday, June 24

- Games in the morning and performers in the afternoon

Last Day of school – Thursday, June 26

- Dismissal at 2:00 pm

Updates

FuelUp! School Lunch Program

- **June menu** is now open for families to order
- Orders must be submitted at least 2 business days in advance. Info: <https://newwestschools.ca/programs-services/fuel-up/overview/>
- If you require help with ordering, subsidies, or feedback, please email Fuelup@sd40.bc.ca

Library Open Mondays for Families 3:00 – 3:30

- An open invitation to all families to come hang out, read, craft or play board games with Ms. Su, Ms. Sigur, Ms. Ryan, Ms. Hayashi, & Ms. Vahra (Librarian, ELL, & Resource)

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 2025 due to moving or other reasons, please let the office know as soon as possible at skwowech@sd40.bc.ca

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE SKWO:WECH PAC

FREEZIE SALE

MONDAY, JUNE 9

3PM IN THE COURTYARD

**WHILE SUPPLIES LAST
CASH ONLY**

\$2



PIZZA **MONDAY** **FUN LUNCH** **JUNE 23**



DEADLINE TO ORDER:
JUNE 12



All proceeds will go to the
Skwo:wech Parent Advisory Council

\$3.50 PIZZA SLICE
\$1 JUICE BOX
\$1 TREATS

PAPPA LEO'S PIZZA

Choice of: cheese, pepperoni, veggie,
ham & pineapple. Gluten-free options
are available. (2 slices for \$6)

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/skwowech>
Or scan the QR code above! Orders close June 12.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

HYACKS FALL 2025



AGES
5+



WEBSITE: RCHFC.HYACKFOOTBALL.COM

 @RCHFC

BE A PART OF THE
FAMILY NOW!

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June 13, 2025

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Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony – Thursday, June 19

- Two tickets per student will be sent home with students on Monday
- 1:15 pm in the gym, doors open at 12:45 pm

PAC Pizza Fun Lunch – Monday, June 23

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Library Books

- All Skwo:wech Library books are **due** back by ***Monday, June 16***. Please look around your home to find all the library books!
- A list of books that each child has out will be sent this afternoon to all family emails.
- If any books have been lost or damaged, please contact Ms. Su at esu@sd40.bc.ca.
Thank you for your help!

Library Club on Mondays Closed for the Year!

- Thank you to all families who have been enjoying our extended library hours after school on Mondays. We are now closed for the year as Ms. Su prepares the collection for year-end inventory. See you in September!

Wigs for Kids

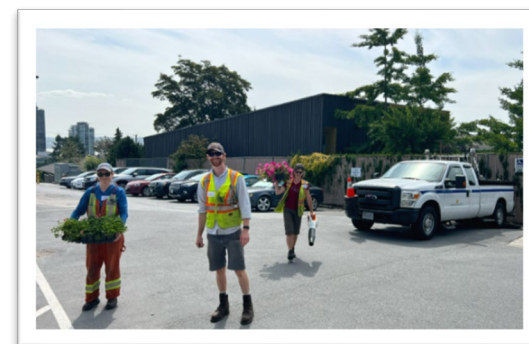
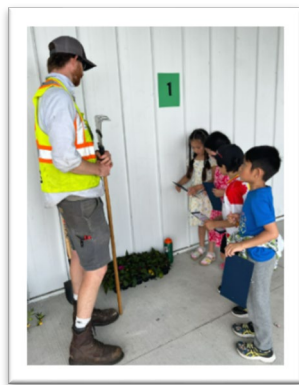
- We have a kindergarten student who will be donating her hair to [Wigs For Kids](#) on the last day of classes after dismissal at the front of the school
- Wigs for Kids BC (W4K BC) helps kids living with cancer, live better by providing support for human hair wigs

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Grade 1 Community Helpers Fair

- Ms. Su and the Grade 1 teachers were thrilled to invite community helpers for a big event with the Grade 1's. They were each able to meet a special guest on Wednesday and learn a great deal about how every job contributes to making our communities better. We are so grateful for our volunteers' generosity with their time, knowledge, and passion. A big thank you to all these guests:
 - Alasdair – New West firefighter
 - Myles, Hayley, and Carly – gardeners with the City of New Westminster
 - Cheryl – New Westminster school trustee
 - Dana – Executive Director of New Westminster Family Place
 - Jeff – Canada Post mail carrier
 - Clare – interior designer
 - Nadine – New Westminster city councillor
 - Warren – nurse
 - Katerina – owner of fashion store Zesty Lemon Clothing
 - Katryna – paramedic
 - Morgan – video game maker
 - Melissa – birder and founder of BC Young Birders
 - Jessica – baker and owner of BAK'D Cookies
 - Shae – vet tech at Hume Park Animal Hospital
 - Mark – New Westminster school district superintendent
 - Nicole – scientist at UBC
 - Andy – geologist
- Thank you to all these local businesses, community members, faraway friends, and Skwo:wech parents for coming. *Grade 1 families, ask your children who they met on Wednesday!*







HELP NEEDED FOR OUR STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH

MONDAY, JUNE 16

ORGANIZED BY THE SKWO:WECH PAC

We know our staff are so appreciative of this tradition, where families provide potluck lunch items as a thank you for a wonderful school year!

This year's Staff Appreciation Lunch will be on **Monday, June 16**. We need families to volunteer to bring food and to help with set-up and clean-up. Homemade items are encouraged, but pre-made items are more than welcome too! If you'd rather provide a financial contribution, please email us at skwowechpac@gmail.com.

Sign up to bring food:

<https://forms.gle/zdnGg2aLDdBNgP5Em9>

Sign up to volunteer:

<https://signup.com/go/owlJuqY>

Please drop off your food item(s) to the office or PAC kitchen on the morning of Monday, June 16.

Bike to School Week

Thanks to everyone who participated!

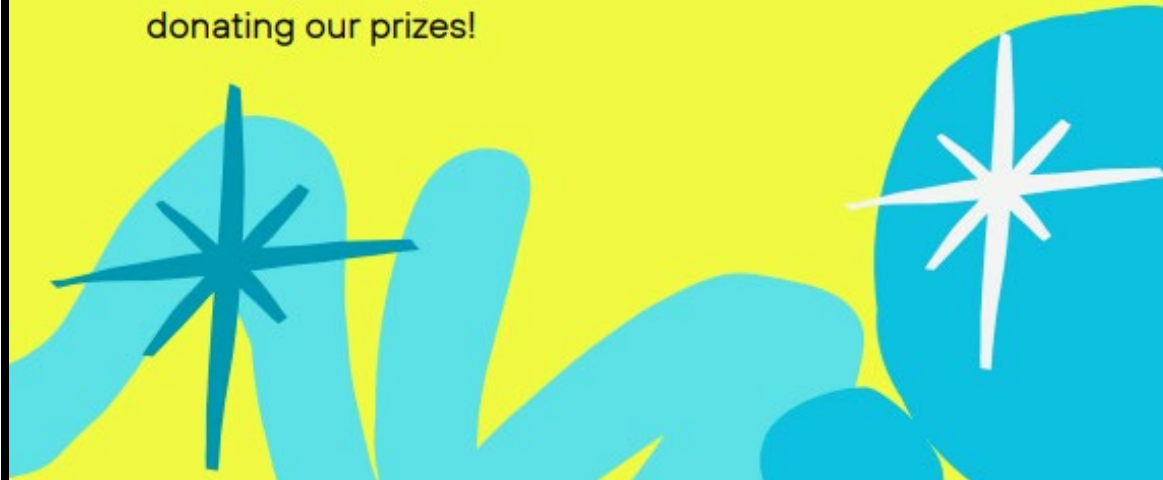
The bike racks were full every day. We had over 100 total bike trips, with 10% of the students who biked at least once. Thanks also to everyone who scooted and walked.

Brush up on your cycling safety for kids and adults with these free online courses from HUB:

www.bikehub.ca/bike-education

Keep biking over the summer with these family-friendly route ideas: www.letsdobiking.net/beginner/map

And a big thank you to Mandeville GardenWorks for donating our prizes!



Is your child ready to ride in a car without a booster seat?

1



Back against
the vehicle
seat

2



Knees bend
at edge of
seat

3



Lap belt low
on tops of
thighs

4



Shoulder belt
between neck
and shoulder

5



Sit properly
No slouching,
leaning over, etc

Must say yes to all 5 to ride safely without a booster

What to Know about Booster Seats

Why are they so important?

Booster seats help protect kids who are too big for a car seat but too small for just a seat belt.



Although seat belts are safer than nothing at all, children who should be in booster seats but wear only seat belts are at risk of **severe abdominal, head and spinal injuries** in the event of a crash.



Booster seats can **reduce the risk** of serious injury by 45 percent compared to seat belts alone.



Motor vehicle crashes* are the **second-leading cause** of death for children 4 to 10 years old.



423 children this age died in motor vehicle crashes* in 2021.

At least **37%** of these children were riding without a restraint that could have saved their lives.



* vehicle occupant fatalities

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's 2021 *National Survey of the Use of Booster Seats* found that among children ages 4 – 7 only 73.2 percent of children observed were restrained in either forward-facing car seats or booster seats, while **16.1 percent were prematurely transitioned to seatbelts and 10.6 percent were unrestrained.**

A child should remain in a booster seat until they have outgrown the seat by height or weight according to the booster seat instruction manual.

Buckle up every ride, every time, in the right seat.

**SAFE
KIDS**
WORLDWIDE.

Learn more at www.safekids.org

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June 20, 2025

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Skwo:wech PAC Annual General Meeting – Tuesday, June 24

- Voting in a new PAC executive & looking at the proposed 2025/26 PAC budget
- Childcare will be available

Final Report Cards Published to MyEd BC – Thursday, June 26

- Printed reports will also be sent home

Last Day of School – Thursday, June 26

- Dismissal at 2:00 pm

Updates

Student Medication

- Student medication at the office for the school year should be picked up before the school closes for the summer
- Please pick up medication on either the last day of school (Thursday, June 26) or by appointment during our summer office hours June 30-July 4 (July 1 school closed)
- New medical paperwork for the 2025/2026 school year can also be picked up at this time to be completed prior to September
- We request medication and updated paperwork be submitted to the office either during our last week of August summer office hours or on the first day of school in September

2025/2026 School Supply Lists

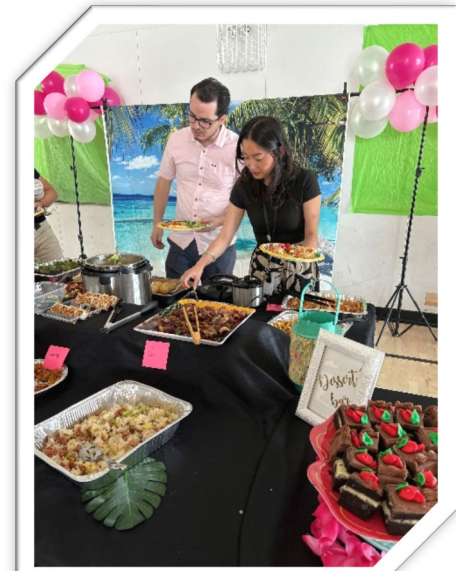
- We have a **new supplier** for the option of buying school supplies: **School Start**
- *Please see flyer down below for more information*
- Families have option of buying through School Start or purchasing supplies on their own
- The supply lists will be on our website: [Skwo:wech School Supply Lists](#)

Wigs for Kids

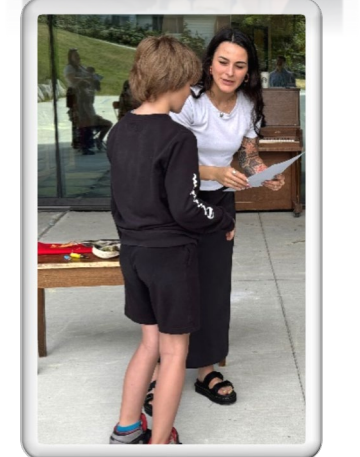
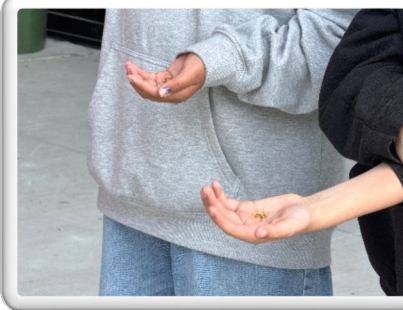
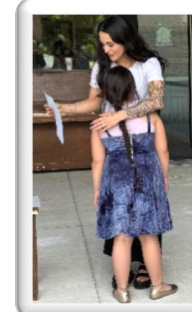
- Thank you to everyone who has donated to Wigs for Kids! Everly has surpassed her \$1000.00 pledge mark! On the last day of classes after dismissal at the front of the school, she will be cutting her hair to donate to Wigs For Kids.
- Please click here “[Wigs For Kids](#)” if you are interested in donating



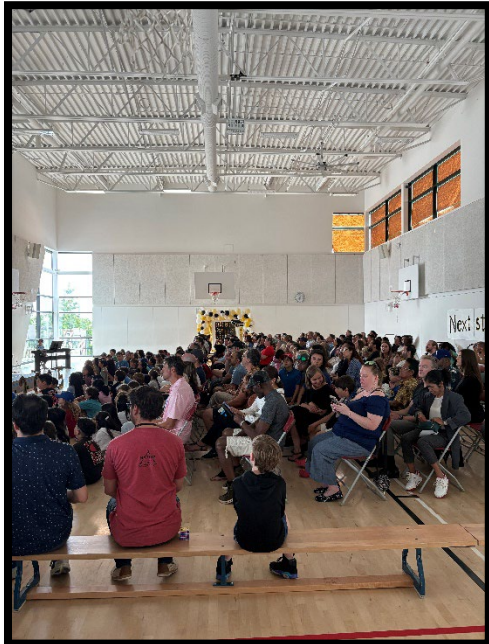
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awesome and
wonderful PAC for
the delicious lunch!!



Indigenous Transition Ceremony



Grade 5 Celebration







Join us for the Skwo:wech PAC

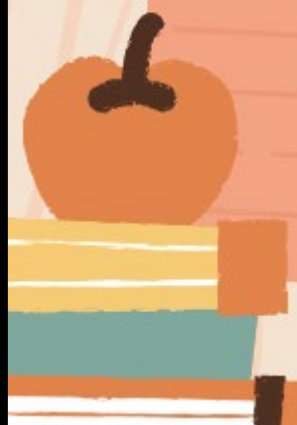
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



24 JUNE AT 7PM

Skwo:wech Library

Childcare is available; email
skwowecheapac@gmail.com
to confirm your spot.





Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your teachers at Skwo:wech Elementary School are excited to offer the opportunity to purchase quality standardized school supplies through School Start for the 2025/2026 school year. This process will save you both time and money.

**YOU CAN ORDER ANYTIME; however,
THE EARLIER YOU ORDER
THE MORE YOU CAN WIN!!!**

✓ **ORDER by July 18, 2025:
BE ENTERED TO WIN A \$1,000 CASH! x2**

✓ **MISSED the above order date? IT'S OKAY! YOU CAN ORDER
ANYTIME FOR YOUR CHILD'S BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY KIT!**

*Order by July 18, 2025 and you will be entered into our draw. Two winners per draw.
Winners will be announced on our School Start Facebook and Instagram pages.

3 WAYS TO ORDER:

-  **ONLINE:** You can place your order online at <https://schoolstart.ca>.
Our site is best compatible with Firefox or Chrome.
-  **PHONE:** You can call our customer service centre at 1-800-580-1868 to place your order over the phone.
-  **EMAIL:** You can print and fill out the order form and return to our office via email to: info@schoolstart.ca.

2 Delivery Options:

- **HOME:** The supplies will be packaged and delivered directly to your house. If you have a P.O. Box, please use your 911 address. Because the kit (s) are delivered to your home, you will have the ability to:
 - ✓ Pre-label your child's supplies
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***Any orders placed after July 15th, will be delivered to your home.**

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Please click the link below to order your
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FLAG FRENZY! A Capture the Flag Tournament

Get ready for an epic evening of fun and friendly competition to kick off summer break!

This event is FOR KIDS, organized BY KIDS and powered by a Neighbourhood Small Grant. That's right, a couple of Glenbrook Middle school and Lord Tweedsmuir and Qayqayt elementary school kids organized this great celebration - and we hope you'll join us in making it memorable! Don't know how to play Capture the Flag? That's OK!- we'll lead the way.

Date: Friday, June 27, 2025

Location: Lower Hume Park, New Westminster

Time: 5:00-8:00 PM

Who Can Join: Kids in Grades 3-6

(Note: Grades 3-4 must bring a grown-up!)

This event is FREE, but you must pre-register. We'll have snacks and drinks to keep the energy high, and you are welcome to bring a dish to share. We want to care for the planet - help us and **bring your own reusable plate, fork and cup.** Dress for the weather and get ready to run, laugh, and make new friends. Invite your friends to register too.

Please fill out the registration form below.

See you on the field!

Register here:

<https://forms.gle/gMXPfDjBbWH7XDmS9>

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FALL SEASON 2025/26

REGISTER TODAY!

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DEADLINE TO
REGISTER
IS JUNE 15TH

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Have a sensational summer!

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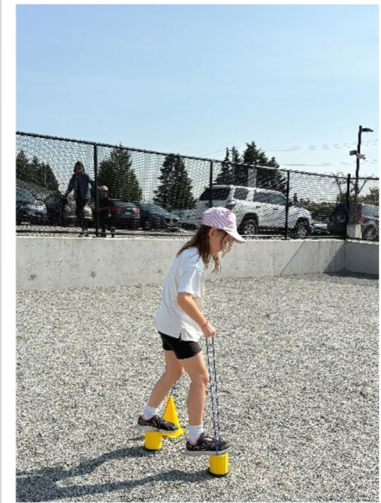
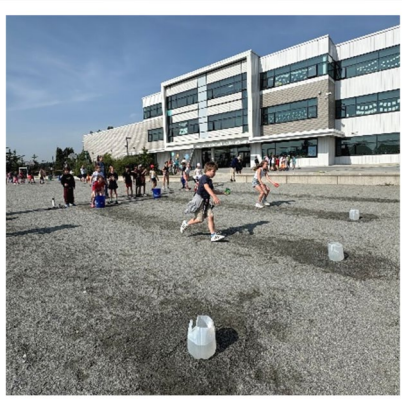
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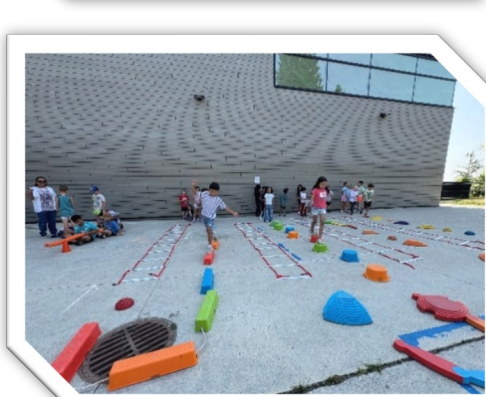
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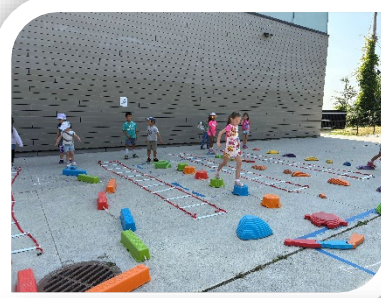
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FUN DAY AT SKWO:WECH

Thank you to our PAC for providing freezies!







Ache Brasil Performance





THANK you

From the Skwo:wech PAC

Here are just some of the things that the PAC supported or organized at Skwo:wech this year! Thank you to everyone who supported a fundraiser, attended an event, and volunteered... we couldn't do it without you!

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook (Skwo:wech PAC) or Instagram (@SkwowechPAC) for regular updates. You can also email us anytime at skwowechpac@gmail.com.



library-books
little-miss-coffee-co
family-dance
halloween-howl
music-program
bike-bus-program
grade-5-field-trip
grade-5-hoodies
dpac-support
fish-tank
ell-resources
bake-sales
student-leadership-lunch
fruit-veggie-program
popcorn-sales
fun-lunches
movie-nights
yearbook
garden-kits
field-trips
parent-advocacy
classroom-supplies
bike-to-school-week
adst-support
freezie-sales
alumni-student-bursaries
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readathon



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**Grades 2-8
No experience
necessary!**

**Come sing
with us!**



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