

# *Skwo:wech Stream*



September 19, 2025

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## ***Important Dates:***

### **Photo Day – Monday, Sept 22**

- Individual and class photos
- Kindergarten photos are taken before lunch - you may want to send a set of play clothes for your child to change into after the photo is taken (they will still play outside at recess).
- Photo Retake Day is Friday, Nov 7

### **PAC Fun Lunch – Thursday, Sept 25**

- Pappa Leo's pizza

### **PAC Meeting – Thursday, Sept 25**

- 7pm – In person

### **Orange Shirt Day at School – Friday, Sept 26**

- Students are encouraged to wear an orange shirt or something with orange

## ***Updates***

### **Permission Forms through SchoolCash Online**

- 2025-26 Back to School Permissions & Emergency Release Forms are available on <https://newwestschools.schoolcashonline.com>
- Deadline to complete the forms is Sept 27, 2025

### **Medical Changes, Custody/Legal Updates & Changes to Family Arrangements**

- We know changes for medical conditions or family arrangements may come up at anytime throughout the year. When changes do arise, please contact the office to update information so our school is best able to support your child and family.
- **Medical Forms must be updated annually** as well as whenever there are changes to serious medical conditions or medications being administered at school. Please bring medical forms and medication to the office as soon as possible for the 2024/2025 school year. Please be advised we do not have full time medical professionals on site.
- If custody of your child(ren) is limited by a court order, please contact the office and provide a copy of any legal documents pertaining to your situation. Information about other family arrangements is also helpful.
- For more information, please contact Ms. Noda or Ms. Hargrave at 604-517-6090 or [skwoweck@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:skwoweck@sd40.bc.ca)

## **Student Verification Forms on MyEd will be posted September 26**

- Please review your child(ren)s information to see if there are any changes to update
- Send an email ([skwoweche@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:skwoweche@sd40.bc.ca)) to the office or you can print the Verification Sheet and send to the office.

## **MyEd BC Family Portal**

- The MyEd BC Family Portal is set to open for families to login and view on the afternoon of September 26 at approximately 3:30pm.
- The portal allows parents/guardians to view attendance information, contact information, student schedules, and published reports (including report cards)
- Parents/guardians who have a new portal account will receive an email from the MyEd BC email ([sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca](mailto:sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca)) which contains their username and temporary password when their account has been enabled. Parents/Guardians who have an existing portal account will not receive an email and should go to <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do> to access the portal. If you forget your password, please click on the “I forgot my password” link to reset it.
- If you have a new portal account but do not receive an email by October 1<sup>st</sup> or if you are experiencing any difficulties logging into your account, please email the school office for assistance.
- For more detailed instructions, please use the following: [Family Portal - Instructions for Parents.pdf](#)

### **Absence and Late Form**

- You can find this form on our new school webpage under [Report a Student Absence](#) tab. ***Our preference is for families to use this online form whenever possible for absences.***
- The form can be used for absences, lates as well as long-term absences and can be made any time in advance, or before 8:45 am on the day of the absence.

### **Grade 4 FSA (Foundation Skills Assessments)**

- FSA will begin in early October. These assessments provide valuable information about your child's development in reading, writing and numeracy. More details will be shared soon.

### **Updates FuelUp! School Lunch Program**

- Families should have received an email from our school district last Wednesday, Sept 3 regarding September menu and ordering. If you require help with setting up your account or ordering, please email [new.westminster@thelunchlady.ca](mailto:new.westminster@thelunchlady.ca). Questions on subsidies or feedback, please email [Fuelup@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:Fuelup@sd40.bc.ca)

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# VIVO CHILDREN'S CHOIR

*Come sing with us!*

- ♪ GRADES 2-8
- ♪ BASED IN NEW WEST
- ♪ NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
- ♪ WEDNESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL
- ♪ SEPTEMBER TO APRIL

HAVE FUN *make friends*

SCAN TO REGISTER NOW



Vivo Children's Choir offers young singers in New Westminster a **vibrant** and **welcoming** place to **explore** music, **develop** their voices, and **build** lasting friendships.

Through engaging rehearsals and performances, children learn a wide range of music from **diverse cultures** and **styles**, all while developing **confidence**, **focus**, and **teamwork**. Our organization creates a **positive, inclusive** environment where **every** child feels **supported** and **inspired**.

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#### DETAILS & REGISTRATION:

[VIVOCHILDRENSCHOIR.COM](http://VIVOCHILDRENSCHOIR.COM)

#### CONTACT:

[VIVOCHOIR@GMAIL.COM](mailto:VIVOCHOIR@GMAIL.COM)



### Stop by our Car Seat Safety Table!

Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician  
**Sarah Elder** will be on hand to:

- ✓ Share quick tips for every stage of car seats and seatbelts
- ✓ Answer your car seat safety questions

# BUCKLE UP FOR SAFETY

BACK-TO-SCHOOL CAR SEAT TIPS

AN INITIATIVE FROM THE SKWO:WECH PAC

**TUESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 23**

FROM 8:30AM TO 9:30AM  
FROM 2:30PM TO 3:30PM

IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL



Skwo:wech PAC  
Presents:



**Neufeld** x  
*FARM MARKET*

**Sun-Oka**  
FRUIT FARMS  
*Growing Better Fruit Since 1887*



**NEUFELDS**



**Sun Oka**



Orders Due Oct 13th



Pick up Skwo:wech Parking Lot  
Oct 13th @ 10am

WELCOME FROM THE

SKWO:WECH PAC!

(PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL)

What is a Parent Advisory Council?

All parents and guardians of Skwo:wech students are part of the PAC, and are encouraged to participate whenever (and however) you can.

WHAT WE DO

- Organize events to create a fun and supportive community
- Volunteer to support school activities and programs
- Fundraise for field trips, classroom expenses, library books, new technology, and much more!
- Connect with school admin regularly to provide a parent perspective

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

We're always looking for volunteers to help us with fun lunches, bake sales, and other events.

Subscribe to our Google Calendar:  
[www.tinyurl.com/skwowechcalendar](http://www.tinyurl.com/skwowechcalendar)

sign up to be a volunteer!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- FRIDAY, SEPT 19  
Movie Night
- TUESDAY, SEPT 23  
Car Seat Safety Info Session
- THURSDAY, SEPT 25  
Pappa Leo's Fun Lunch
- THURSDAY, SEPT 25  
In-person PAC Meeting (childcare available)
- FRIDAY, OCT 24  
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CONTACT US

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or message us at  
[skwovechpac@gmail.com](mailto:skwovechpac@gmail.com)

THANK YOU!

For helping us make Skwo:wech a vibrant, welcoming community for all our kids!

Join us for the Skwo:wech PAC

SEPTEMBER PAC MEETING

THURS 25 SEPT AT 7PM

SCHOOL TOUR AT 6:30PM

Skwo:wech Library

Babysitting is available; email [skwovechpac@gmail.com](mailto:skwovechpac@gmail.com) to confirm your spot.



## 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.

#### ADST Room

**Mondays, 3:00 - 4:15pm**

**Date:** Oct 20 - Nov 24

**Registration Fee:** \$103.50

**To register, please visit:** [www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver/](http://www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver/)

### Professor Puffin (Grades 1-4)

Professor Puffin's Challenge Club is an afterschool enrichment program that offers a fun, educational and engaging experience for children. The program uses a variety of activities to review subjects covered in the BC school curriculum (Science, art, nature, English, etc.) while mixing in entertaining topics to spark children's interest.

#### Library

**Thursdays, 3:00 - 4:15pm**

**Dates:** Oct 16 - Dec 4 \*No class Oct 23 & Oct 30\*

**Registration Fee:** \$103.50

**To register, please visit:** <https://professorpuffin.ca/>

### Sports of all Sorts (Grades 1 - 3)

Grab your friends for an afternoon of fun playing sports...of all sorts! Sports being played include soccer, basketball, fun relays and more. Each week you will learn new skills and play games.

#### Gym

**Tuesdays, 3:00 - 4:30pm**

**Date:** Oct 14 - Nov 25 \*No class Nov 11\*

**Registration Fee:** \$67.50

**To register, please visit:**

[Skwo:wech Sports of all Sorts](#)

### New Westminster Soccer Club (Grades 3 - 5)

NWSC's weekly training sessions follow a progressive curriculum with the primary focus being on having fun through a games-based approach.

#### Gym

**Mondays, 3:00 - 4:00pm**

**Date:** Oct 20 - Nov 24

**Registration Fee:** \$40

**To register, please visit:** <https://newwestsc.ca/>

**\*Registration Code: SW25FALL - must use code to register\***

*For questions, contact Nel Grond at [clubregistrar.nwsc@gmail.com](mailto:clubregistrar.nwsc@gmail.com)*

**Have questions?**

**Contact Community Schools**

**Phone:** 604-517-6291

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