

Skwo:wech Stream



September 26, 2025

Important Dates:

Non-Instructional Day – Monday, Sept 29

- No school for students

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – Tuesday, Sept 30

- School closed

Bike to School Week – Wed-Fri, Oct 1-3

- We encourage you to bike, roll, or walk to school

PAC Fundraisers: Order Deadline – Monday, Oct 13

- Neufeld Farms: www.tinyurl.com/skwowechneufeld25 (meat, vegetarian, frozen desserts/baked goods, and more)
- Sun Oka Apples: www.tinyurl.com/skwowechapples25 (10lb box of ambrosia or honeycrisp apples)

Thanksgiving Day – Monday, Oct 13

- School closed

Halloween Howl – Friday, Oct 24

- Save the date for Skwo:wech's biggest event of the year!
- PAC annual Halloween event will be held in the gym on Friday, October 24 from 5:30-7:30pm. More info coming soon!

Updates

New staff

- Welcome to our newest teacher, Ms. Forrester – Resource Teacher, who began Monday
- Other new staff this year are:
 - Ms. Helmich & Ms. Khan – Counsellors
 - Ms. Madeline – Kindergarten Teacher
 - Ms. Rouse – Gr 3/4 Teacher
 - Ms. Sara – Music Teacher
 - Ms. Singh – Education Assistant

Student Verification Forms on MyEd are now posted

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

Student Drop Off

- We encourage families to park their vehicles a short distance from the school and walk their child(ren)
- To help with the flow of traffic, we ask that families access School Street from Devoy Street (please avoid turning onto School Street off Richmond Street)
- Lower campus roundabout: parents are *not* to park and exit vehicle in the roundabout; this is drop off only (if you need to park your vehicle to walk your child to line-up, please park a short distance from the school and walk to the building)
- To use the lower campus roundabout, please make a right turn into the roundabout
 - please pull to the first available space to drop your child off so that they can exit from your vehicle straight onto the sidewalk
 - once your child has safely exited your vehicle, please exit the roundabout by turning right onto School Street.
- The upper campus drop off roundabout is for Daycare Centre parents (infants to age 5)
- The parking lot at the end of Archer is not to be used for drop-off or pick-up because it is unsafe

Grade 4 FSA (Foundation Skills Assessments)

- FSA's will begin in early October for Gr 4 students.
- These assessments provide valuable information about your child's development in reading, writing, and numeracy.

MyEd BC Family Portal

- The MyEd BC Family Portal is now open for families to login and view. 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) 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.

School Cash Online

- 2024-25 Back to School Permissions & Emergency Release Forms are available on <https://newwestschools.schoolcashonline.com>
- Deadline to complete the forms is September 27, 2025.

FuelUp! School Lunch Program

- [October menu is now available](#)
- Orders must be submitted by 10 am at least two (2) business days in advance.
<https://newwestschools.ca/programs-services/fuel-up/overview/>

Orange Shirt Day

This week our school has been focused on learning about truth and reconciliation. We are reading and learning from stories about residential schools. We are also using language as one way to put reconciliation into action.

In residential schools, Indigenous children were not allowed to speak their home languages. They had their languages stolen from them. Today, many Indigenous languages risk being lost forever. One act of reconciliation that we can do is make our school a safe place where Indigenous language is valued, celebrated, seen, and heard.

This is our second year of building on hən'qəmin'əm' learning as a school. We invite families to join our learning! Check out some of the songs and words that we have been practicing at school.

[Counting to 20 in hən'qəmin'əm'](#)

[Good Day, My Friend song](#)

[Coast Salish anthem](#)

[About the name təməsew'tx^w](#)

["The Children's Blessing Song" by Sherryl Sewepagaham](#)

Elaine Su (she/her)

Teacher-Librarian

Skwo:wech Elementary School



Hyacks Football is hosting a KidSport New West Night Fundraiser Game on October 3rd, with proceeds supporting KidSport. Many student-athletes in our school access KidSport, and we want to help our helpers with this event.





Skwo:wech PAC
Presents:



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Sun Oka



Orders Due Oct 13th



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

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children's choir

A PLACE TO GROW THROUGH MUSIC

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**.

Whether your child is new to singing or already passionate about music, Vivo provides the perfect space to grow musically and personally—**no auditions required**.

Join us and discover the joy of **singing together**.

DETAILS & REGISTRATION:

VIVOCHILDRENSCHOIR.COM

CONTACT:

VIVOCHOIR@GMAIL.COM

CHARGE

into Fire Safety™

NEW WEST FIRE OPEN HOUSE

An insight to who we are from prevention to suppression; recognizing other community partners. Demonstrations, charitable hotdog BBQ, plus much more!!!

DATE: OCTOBER 4

TIME: 10AM - 2PM

LOCATION: 1 SIXTH AVE EAST
GLENBROOK FIRE HALL



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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

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**
Halloween Howl

CONTACT US

Follow us:

- Skwo:wech PAC
- @skwowechnpac
- or message us at
- skwowechnpac@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

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



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/

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

Have questions?

Contact Community Schools

Phone: 604-517-6291

E-mail: communityschools@sd40.bc.ca