

Skwo:wech Stream



March 13, 2026

Important Dates:

Report cards sent home – Friday, Mar 13

- Paper copies sent home with students

Spring Break – Monday, Mar 16 to Friday, Mar 27

- School closed

First day back from Spring Break – Monday, Mar 30

- School is open

Good Friday & Easter Monday – Friday, Apr 3 & Monday, Apr 6

- School closed both days

Updates:

Library Update for Term 2

- Check out this [newsletter](#) from Ms. Su and find out what we did in the library this term!

That's a wrap on the PAC Read-a-thon!

- Our students logged **240,732 minutes** and our community helped raise **\$22,241** for our school!
- To celebrate all of the amazing reading and raising, we're excited to announce that we'll be having a magic show for all the students (with snacks) on Friday, April 10!
- If you'd like to receive a tax receipt for a Read-a-thon donation, please forward your donation receipt with your full name and address to skwowecheapac@gmail.com by Sunday, March 15. All donations over \$30 are eligible!
- Congratulations to our grand prize winners!

Top Reading Minutes by Grade:

- **Grade 5: David Contreiras** - 3505 Minutes
- **Grade 4: Navin Joseph** - 1653 Minutes
- **Grade 3: Joy Rai** - 2997 Minutes
- **Grade 2: Juno Bettocchi-Henrey** - 3162 Minutes
- **Grade 1: Aisling Houlahan** - 1183 Minutes
- **Kindergarten: Margo White** - 1081 Minutes

Top School Fundraiser:

- **Alek Faltakas** - \$575.00

Student Extended Leave of Absence (Exceeding one week)

- Families planning to be away during the school year for an extended period **exceeding one week**, between October 1 and June 30, must complete and submit an [Extended Leave of Absence Form AP330-B](#) to the school office (skwowech@sd40.bc.ca) prior to the start of the absences.

PAC Purdy's Spring Orders (Deadline March 22)

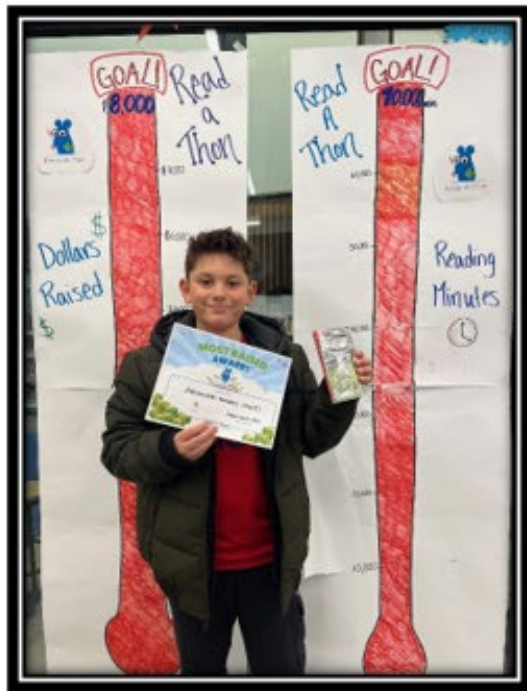
- Our Purdy's spring chocolate campaign is now open!
- Order at www.bitly/skwowechpurdys by Sunday, March 22
- Pick-up is expected for the week of March 30
- All proceeds will go to support PAC initiatives

FuelUp! School Lunch Program

- **April 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/>



**Top Reader
Alekh Faltakes**



**Top Reader of each
Grade**



Top Readers of the School

An eggstra-special
Easter with



Buy your favourite **Easter chocolates**
and support our school!

Deadline to order:

March 22

Order pickup week of
March 30, receive it
before Easter!

Scan the QR Code
to order or go to:

bit.ly/skwovechpurdys



Questions? Email skwovechpac@gmail.com.



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: May 4 – Jun 15 *No class May 18*

Registration Fee: \$103.50

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

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 - 4:15pm

Date: Apr 21 - May 26

Registration Fee: \$58.80

To register, please visit: [Skwo:wech Sports of all sorts](#)

Professor Puffin's Challenge Club (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

Wednesdays, 3:00 - 4:15pm

Dates: May 6 - Jun 10

Registration Fee: \$103.50

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

ROOTS Soccer (Grades 3 - 5)

Roots Soccer School provides fun, inclusive, and developmentally appropriate soccer sessions focused on fundamental movement skills, technical ball mastery, and confidence-building in a positive learning environment.

Gym

Thursdays, 3:00 - 4:00pm

Date: May 14 - Jun 18

Registration Fee: \$60

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

For questions, please contact: niko@rootssoccerschool.ca

Have questions?

Contact Community Schools

Phone: 604 517 6291 **E-mail:** communityschools@sd40.bc.ca

BEYOND BEHAVIOUR

Kind Minds for Parents and Caregivers of Sensitive, Anxious and Neurodivergent Children

Workshop Description

Supporting some children can feel confusing, exhausting, or simply harder than expected. You may be seeing big reactions, shutdown, anxiety, resistance, or overwhelm at home, at school, or both. You might be early in the journey and looking for guidance, or you may have tried many approaches and still feel unsure what helps. This 1-hour workshop offers a compassionate, nervous-system-informed understanding of what may be happening beneath the behaviour and what actually helps when a child is overwhelmed. Learn practical ways to support sensitive, anxious and neurodivergent (ASD, ADHD, PDA) children at home and in learning environments.

Your Workshop Host

Leah Hawley is a neurodiversity-affirming coach, founder of Art of Coaching Neurodiversity, and parent of two neurodivergent teens. She is part of the Kelty Kind Mind team. Leah supports parents and neurodivergent adults navigating anxiety, burnout, school challenges, and complex needs with practical, nervous-system-informed strategies for real-life situations, especially when traditional approaches have not worked.



Scan to register!



kind mind
www.thekeltvfoundation.org



March 2026 programs



Drop-in Family Playtime | Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30 AM @ Quayside | 112-960 Quayside Drive, New Westminster

**Note: we are closed on Friday, March 20 & Friday, March 27 for a Spring Clean up!*



Monday, March 9 chat with Michelle from Kinsight about your child's development;



Monday, March 23 discuss childcare resources with YMCA CCRR.



Our Birthday Party | Tuesday, March 24 @ Quayside | 112-960 Quayside Drive, New Westminster

This is our monthly birthday celebration, during our drop-in program, where we sing, share cupcakes, and celebrate everyone who had birthdays this month.



Eat, Play, Love | Tuesday, March 31 11:30 AM -12:30 PM @ Quayside | 112-960 Quayside Drive, New Westminster

This is our joyful community potluck - bring a favourite dish to share if you can and let's celebrate together over good food and connection.

Baby Talk Drop-in | Mondays 1:00 - 2:00 PM @ Quayside | 112-960 Quayside Drive, New Westminster

This is for new parents and caregivers with babies from birth to not-yet-walking to connect and learn tips, skills and resources from our Family Support Worker and expert guests. Drop in each week for a different topic and a chance to ask questions and discuss your concerns and experiences.

Infant Massage Drop-in with Kinsight | Saturday March 7, & Saturday March 14 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

@ Quayside | 112-960 Quayside Drive, New Westminster

This is a free weekly Infant Massage Drop-In for babies from birth to not-yet-walking. Learn gentle massage techniques that support your baby's development and well-being in a calm, welcoming space. Questions? Email Victoria at vsmith@kinsight.org

Tigrinya Storytime Drop-in | March 12, 1:30 - 2:30 PM

@ New West Public Library Auditorium | 716 6th street, New Westminster

This is space for stories, songs, and rhymes in the Tigrinya language led by Aida and Fernanda. Expect playful early language activities and a relaxed space to connect with other Ethiopian and Eritrean families and learn about library resources.

Storytime & Play Lab Drop-in | March 5,9,19,26 12:30 - 2:00 PM

@ New West Public Library Auditorium | 716 6th Street, New Westminster

Join your Family Place friends for a free 90-minute early literacy drop-in for caregivers & children age 0-6, offered in partnership with the New Westminster Public Library. This is a free and welcoming space for families to enjoy stories, songs, and play while supporting early language development, community connection, and a love of books.



Thursday, March 19 discuss childcare resources with YMCA CCRR;



Thursday, March 26 Fraser Health Dental Hygienist is onsite to discuss your child's oral health.



Thrive Together Playgroup | Thursdays 12:30 - 2:30 PM @ Quayside | 112-960 Quayside Drive, New Westminster

This free registered playgroup is designed for caregivers & children who may benefit from extra support. In partnership with specialists from Kinsight's Supported Child Development (SCD) and Infant Development Program (IDP).

Register: www.bit.ly/4muB7Lm



Spanish Parents Support Circle | Fridays 12:00-2:00 PM @ Quayside | 112-960 Quayside Drive, New Westminster

This free registered weekly support group is for Spanish-speaking parents organized & facilitated by Parent Support Services Society of BC. **Register:** azucena.martinez@parentsupportbc.ca



Thrive Parents Support Meet up w/ guest Pediatric Occupational Therapist Deb Lightman

Thursday, March 26, 2026 6:30 - 8:30 PM @ Quayside | 112-960 Quayside Drive, New Westminster

This free, registered monthly peer support meet-up for parents and caregivers of neurodivergent children to connect, share, and feel supported. This month we'll discuss getting back into routine after spring break - bring your questions! Light snacks and calming fidgets provided - adults only. **Register:** <https://NWFPThriveParentsMar2026.eventbrite.ca>



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Family Place programming is designed for caregivers and children aged 0-6. We offer play and early learning for your little ones in a caregiver-participation setting. There is no cost to participate in our programs, and no pre-registration for drop ins.



DOUGLAS COLLEGE

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

Active and educational programs for children & youth 6-14

Choose from writing, acting, art, computers, basketball, soccer & more!

Programs run from **March 16-27**

Use the QR code to register now!



✉ youthcamps@douglascollege.ca

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

AT THE FRDC

March 16-20

Rooted in the River

March 23-27

River Explorers

@thefrdc

www.fraserriverdiscovery.org
788 Quayside Drive, New Westminster, BC

Fraser River DISCOVERY CENTRE
The Voice of the Fraser



For more information about our camps, check out our website:
<https://fraserriverdiscovery.org/spring-camps/>

To register for camp, fill out our booking form:
<https://form.jotform.com/240585185855265>