Skwo:wech Stream

October 16, 2026

Important Dates

Student Learning Conferences – Wednesday, Oct 21 & Thursday, Oct 22

- Early dismissal 12:05 both days
- Math Games in the gym on Wednesday afternoon
- PAC Book Swap/Sale in the gym on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon

PAC Meeting – Thursday, Oct 22

- 7:00 pm meeting – in person
- Email skwowechpac@gmail.com for babysitting

Professional Development Day – Friday, Oct 23

- School closed for students

Subway PAC Fun Lunch – Wednesday, Oct 28

- Order by Oct 19th - www.munchalunch.com

Family Reading – Friday, Oct 30

- 9:00 - 9:20 am

PAC Halloween Howl – Friday, Oct 30

- Annual Halloween event will be held in the gym on Friday, Oct 30 from 6:00-8:00pm free
- Pre-order tickets and/or pizza on www.munchalunch.com to skip the ticket line-up!
- **Sign up for a volunteer shift**
- **Sign up to provide baked goods for our Musical Cakes game**

Updates

PAC Book Swap/Sale

- This year the PAC is collecting donations to raise money for a new sensory room for our school
- We are excited to share used books by donation - we will ensure that all kids will have access to some free used books
- Our sale will be during conferences on Wednesday, Oct 21 and Thursday, Oct 22

Halloween Considerations

New Westminster Schools celebrates diversity and inclusion, and Halloween is a wonderful time for students and staff to creatively express themselves in all manner of costumes. Before doing so, however, we want to share the following reminders:

- Students who wear a costume to school must be easily recognizable and identifiable to staff and other students. No masks that fully cover the face are allowed.
- Costumes that are in poor taste (e.g. meant to cause shock or dismay), ones that ridicule, demean, or are otherwise intended to hurt or offend individual identities, cultures, etc., or contain hurtful, inappropriate images/language that promote discrimination, violence, alcohol and drug use, etc. are strictly forbidden. For more information on how to select costumes, visit: https://www.parents.com/holiday/halloween/navigating-questionable-halloween-costumes/
- Replica weapons (e.g. guns, knives, etc.) are strictly forbidden.
- Always follow the school's code of conduct.
- Possessing or using firecrackers/fireworks at school is strictly and always forbidden.

PAC Halloween Costume Swap

- Drop off your gently used costumes in the box by the office
- No donation is required to participate
- Come browse anytime to pick out a new (to you) costume

PAC Neufeld Fundraiser – Order by Monday, Nov 2

- Stock your freezer and support Skwo:wech Elementary! Our Neufeld Farms fundraiser is now open. Share the link with family and friends to help make it a success!
- Pick up and location: November 10 at 4pm at 331 Richmond Street
- Link: https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2026-skwowech-elementary-1d19973925

StrongStart Program

- *StrongStart BC* is a free early learning program for children from birth to five years old and the parents, caregivers, or guardians who care for them.
- Led by qualified Early Childhood Educators, StrongStart offers engaging play-based experiences including stories, songs, art, movement, and hands-on activities that support children's language, physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development.
- StrongStart is also a wonderful opportunity to connect with other families, build friendships, and become part of a caring community.
- Free for all families.
- Locations:
    - Skwo:wech Elementary School - 331 Richmond Street, New Westminster
        - Morning session 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Mon, Tue, Wed, and Fri
        - Afternoon session 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Mon, Tue, Wed, and Fri
        - Explore Outdoors on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Sapperton Park
    - Queensborough Middle School - 833 Salter Street, New Westminster
        - Morning session 9:00 to 11: 30 a.m. on Tuesday to Friday
        - Explore Outdoors on Mondays from 9:30 to 11:30 am at Grimston Park

Thrive Together Playgroup – New Westminster Family Place

- Our weekly Thrive Together Playgroup offers a smaller, supportive setting for children age 0-6 and their caregivers/parents who may benefit from extra encouragement with social connections, communication, play and everyday routines.
- When: Thursdays | 12:30–2:30 pm
  New Westminster Family Place – Quayside

112–960 Quayside Drive, New Westminster
Free | Weekly registration | No diagnosis required

- Register: https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/thrive-together-playgroup-weekly-registration-3772883/

Hallowe'en on the Quay 2026

- Saturday, October 31– New Westminster Waterfront
- Link to more information online

Grade 5 Year-End Celebration - PAC Planning Committee

- Looking for volunteers from Grade 5 families to help with fundraising and planning for this special end-of-year event.
- If you're interested in getting involved, please complete this form.

***FuelUp!* School Lunch Program**

- The October menu is now live. If you require help with setting up your account or ordering, please email new.westminster@thelunchlady.ca. Questions on subsidies or feedback, please email Fuelup@sd40.bc.ca
- Orders must be submitted at least 2 business days in advance. For example, the first day for lunches is Monday, Sept 21, so orders must be submitted by 10:00am on Thursday, Sept 17. Info: https://newwestschools.ca/programs-services/fuel-up/overview/