

syuwéñct NewsFlash

Our history
Our traditions

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OUR NAME!

Yes, our name has changed! And yes, if you look carefully at the way I have typed syuwéñct today versus how I typed it last week you will notice a subtle change. In working with our Hul'qumi'num language teachers we have been able to confirm what the official spelling of syuwéñct will be on all signage, uniforms – everything! This district is working on getting the Hul'qumi'num diacritics to our font library so that it is easy for all of us to get this right.

Exciting news: Our official ceremony to celebrate the transition to syuwéñct will be October 1, in a private ceremony between Snuneymuxw First Nation and a few invited guests. Our public celebration will occur on October 6. If you are visiting the school, you will see signage being changed, and an amazing addition to our foyer being constructed! I can't wait to share everything with all of you!

And yes, we are officially the **syuwéñct spirits**! Our new school colour is grey (like the gym floor) and our emblem/logo is amazing – I just can't share it yet until we get the okie dokie from the artist! Stay tuned!

CONSENT FORMS AND STUDENT VERIFICATION PAPERS

All good things take a little longer to figure out – much like the new student consent forms that have now been released in a digital format. You should have received 3 emails this afternoon with three separate consent forms. Some of you may have received 4 emails, with a duplication of a form. With over 100 000 consents being sent out today across the program got a little overwhelmed, resulting in my first attempt failing half-way through. It was easiest to resend the first document to everyone than to figure out who was missed – sorry for filling up your inbox!

Teachers have been anxiously awaiting these forms to be completed so that they can get all students using technology and take students for regularly scheduled marsh walks or other walking adventures. Please do your best to complete the forms as quickly as possible!

Thank you to everyone who has already returned the paper verification forms. We are updating our records with the new information. If things change later in the year, please just call, or send us an email.

CALENDAR UPDATES

Please note that all the events are on our school website <https://ct.schools.sd68.bc.ca/> thanks to Mrs. Lundine's careful attention to detail!

Monday	Sept 19 – National Day of Mourning for Queen Elizabeth II – Schools closed
Tuesday	Sept 20 – Our First formal Fire Drill
Thursday	Sept 22 – Individual Student Photos
Friday	Sept 23 – Terry Fox Run
Wednesday	Sept 28 – Open House 5:00-6:00 (in person)
Wednesday	Sept 28 – First PAC Meeting 6:00-7:00 (in person)
Thursday	Sept 29 – Orange Shirt Day
Friday	Sept 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – schools closed
Thursday	Oct 6 – syuwéñct Celebration
Monday	Oct 10 – Thanksgiving



TERRY FOX RUN – FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23

Come and join us as we run in honour of Terry Fox on Friday September 23 at 1:30. Our primary students will remain on the school grounds, while the intermediate students will travel around our neighbourhood.

We will be collecting donations for the Canadian Cancer Society as well. An invitation to donate will be sent next week through School Cash Online. We will also accept cash donations.

Students will need to have their “walking permission consents” completed via the new APP to participate in the run in the community

WHAT’S ON THE WALLS?

Now that we have been in school for a WHOLE WEEK we are beginning to see evidence of student work in the halls and in classrooms. After a quick tour at the end of the day today I was able to capture the following for your enjoyment. Our opening theme has been “This is us!”



Division 16, Grade 6/7 - Mr. Drown - Look closely to read the student's names in their mouths!



Div 15, Grade 6/7 – Ms. Westaway and Mrs. Nielsen “I can’t imagine my life without ...”



Ms. Tye is now teaching grade 4/5! Check out the maps her students completed already!

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