



# syuwé'nc̓t Elementary

## NewsFlash

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### THE MONSTER BALL!

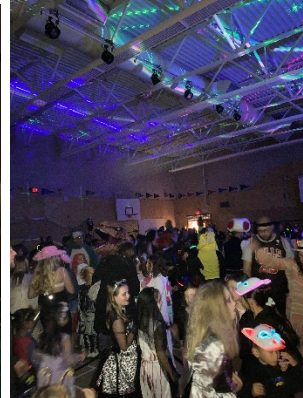
Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the first PAC-Sponsored community event since 2019! We had an amazing turnout on Wednesday night, with excellent support from parent and staff volunteers and donations from our community sponsors (City of Nanaimo, Dairy Queen – Country Club, Save on Foods – Country Club, AlSCO). We finished the night bubbling with excitement over what our next adventure could be! We have reserved Wednesdays for school use in our gym, giving us lots of options for future events. Here are some glimpses at the fun!



The lighting effects were magic!



Popcorn!



Dance!



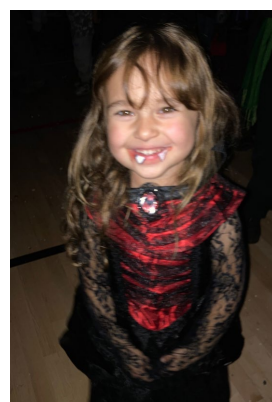
Mario!



Super Hero!



Yikes and yikes and more yikes!



Cuteness overload!

### CHILD GOING TO BE AWAY?

Email [info.CT@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:info.CT@sd68.bc.ca) or call us at 250-729-0450.

Our new name populates in the email message 🤖





Photo bomber!



Friends



and friends!



PacMan



Poser!



Ummm



Unicorns do exist!



I'm tired ... can we go home yet?

## DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

We knew it would happen. We live in a rainforest and Mother Earth has given us the gift of rain! Here are some reminders about how we handle the weather here at syuwéñct!

- ✓ We go outside in almost any type of weather. [Dress for the weather!](#)
- ✓ ☎ Phone calls home for dry clothes, shoes, etc. are rare. Bring extra clothes to change into on wet days. [Dress for the weather!](#)
- ✓ We border a beautiful wetland, known as the Northfield Marsh. Our field and surrounding area gets super wet and muddy and your children love to explore this extended wetland. [Dress for the weather!](#)
- ✓ Kids are kids – the unexpected happens! Be prepared! [Dress for the weather!](#)
- ✓ Even us adults have to adjust to being outside multiple times in a day, so we too must [dress for the weather!](#)



## SPIRIT WEAR ORDER DUE NOVEMBER 3

The first order for our syuwéñct Spirits spirit wear was emailed out on Tuesday through School Cash Online. Please do your best to use the online ordering system, as it really helps to reduce errors in sizes, etc. Questions? Email [diane.charles@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:diane.charles@sd68.bc.ca).



Yes! Students can wear costumes on Monday. Our Halloween Assembly will be at 9:00 am, hosted by Div 12 and 13.

- Please: leave all replica/fake weapons at home
- Please: have a plan for what should be taken off for the outside recess breaks
- Please: Limit the number of treats that come to school on Monday and for the rest of the week – 2 is tons!
- Please: Reinforce putting wrappers in the garbage cans!



NO FIREWORKS

**PLEASE!**  
**OUR SCHOOL YARD IS NOT A PLACE FOR FIREWORKS!**

Additional security will be canvassing the area on Monday!

### 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	Oct 31 – Halloween Fun!
Thursday	Nov 3 – Div 6 & 7 to the Fish Hatchery
Thursday	Nov 3 – Deadline for ordering Spirit Wear (round 1)
Wednesday	Nov 9 – PAC Meeting on Zoom
Thursday	Nov 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly
Thursday	Nov 10 – Munchalunch day!
Friday	Nov 11 – Remembrance Day Holiday

Save the date: Winter Concert for Primary divisions will be Dec 14!



Join the Facebook Group!

Family and Friends of syuWén'ct Elementary School stay in touch with all that is going on.

<https://munchalunch.com/login>

For returning families

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/syuwenct>

For new families



## Halloween safety tips from the RCMP

"Halloween is without a doubt the one event that so many children wait anxiously to arrive each year. Tons of candy, getting dressed up in crazy costumes, and going door to door to receive treats of all kinds. "It is also a time where accidents can occur, and a fun-filled night can turn into a truly forgettable one" said R/Constable Gary O'Brien.

The following tips are provided to enhance your Halloween safety:

- If your child can't see their feet with their mask on, they're going to fall. How about using face paint this year? If your child is set on wearing a mask, make sure the holes around the eyes are wide enough so they it does not interfere with walking (see attached photo)
- Ensure the length of the costume does not interfere with your child's ability to walk
- Does the costume illuminate? If not, a couple of strategically placed reflectors will do the job
- Parents- Besides taking along a hot coffee, how about bringing a flashlight with fully charged batteries
- Keep your young ones in sight at all times and if you can, only cross streets at intersections
- Some homes do not participate in Halloween, so only go to houses where the front porch light is on
- Parents- always give the candy a once over before allowing your kids to dive in
- Motorists: Slow, Slow, Slow, head on a swivel and be prepared to stop unexpectedly
- Before you decide to have a fireworks party, you must have a permit in hand that is issued by the City of Nanaimo Fire Chief.

Lastly, firecrackers are an explosive device and are prohibited.

Here is a picture of R/Cst O'Brien giving a two-thumbs up to show that his mask fits properly and allows him to see his feet.



Happy Halloween!