



# Spencer News

## Week of October 16-20, 2023

<p><b>MONDAY, October 16, 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<p><b>TUESDAY, October 17, 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, October 18, 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent/Teacher Interviews- <b>Early Dismissal @ 12:05 p.m. for students</b></li> <li>• <b>Scholastic Book Fair</b>- In-person 1:00-7:00 p.m. in school library</li> </ul>	<p><b>COMING UP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October 26: <b>Collaboration Day- Early Dismissal @ 12:05 p.m.</b></li> <li>• October 26: <b>PAC Halloween Event- 6:00-8:00 p.m.</b></li> <li>• October 27: School Pumpkin Run/Halloween-Fall Spirit Day</li> <li>• October 31: Halloween- more information to come</li> <li>• November 1: PAC mtg @ 6:30 p.m. in school library</li> <li>• November 3: Picture Retakes</li> <li>• November 8- <b>National Aboriginal Veteran's Day</b></li> <li>• November 10: <b>Remembrance Day observance @ school</b></li> <li>• November 11- <b>Remembrance Day</b></li> <li>• November 13: Remembrance Day observance- No School!</li> <li>• November 14: Professional Development Day (no school for students)</li> <li>• November 25: <b>Christmas Craft Fair 10:00-3:00 p.m.</b> Spencer School</li> <li>• November 30: First Light</li> <li>• December 4-15: Rhythm Resource (Drumming Classes for the school)</li> </ul>
<p><b>THURSDAY, October 19, 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent/Teacher Interviews- <b>Early Dismissal @ 12:05 p.m. for students</b></li> <li>• <b>Scholastic Book Fair</b>- In-person 1:00-7:00 p.m. in school library</li> </ul>	
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**Hello everyone!**

**The SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR is coming to our school! This is a fabulous opportunity for you to purchase some great new books (perfect time to start some holiday shopping!) The school benefits through a profit sharing agreement with scholastic and the money raised will be used to purchase new books for our library and classrooms. This is a fantastic FUNDRAISER for our school!**

**Please come visit us before or after your child's parent/teacher interview! Your support and generosity is appreciated year after year! Hope to see you at the BOOK FAIR!**

**WHEN: Wednesday, October 18 and Thursday, October 19**

**WHAT TIME: 1:00-7:00 pm**

**WHERE: Herbert Spencer Library**

**There is no virtual/on-line ordering!**

# Friday Fun Lunches



Please place all orders for the Fall Session before October 19, 2023 for the 2nd session

Oct 27	Nov 17	Dec 1	Dec 15	Dec 22
Kamini's Corner	White Spot	Subway	Pizza & Booster Juice	PAC Holiday Cookie

## Important info:

- Fun Lunches can be ordered online only at [munchalunch.com](http://munchalunch.com)
- New parents: click the “register family account here” button that can be found at [herbertspencerpac.com/fun-lunch/](http://herbertspencerpac.com/fun-lunch/) website. The website will guide you through the necessary steps.
- Returning parents: Login into munchalunch and you will be prompted to update your children’s classroom assignment before placing your order.
- New to Spencer but have an existing Munchalunch account: Update the school in their profile. No need to create a new account!
- Payments can be made online, or cash, cheque or
- **Subsidies are available. Contact Mme. Catherwood ([kcatherwood@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:kcatherwood@sd40.bc.ca)) to discuss**
- If you don’t have internet access, or need help ordering or have any questions, contact Caroline Marklund [cmarklund@me.com](mailto:cmarklund@me.com) – please put **FunLunch** in the subject line.
- If your child is sick or away for Fun Lunch day, you are welcome to come pick it up. Please call the office the morning of Fun Lunch. For health reasons, food cannot be kept until the following school day
- Sorry, there are no refunds for Fun Lunches
- Please send cutlery (when necessary) disposable cutlery will not be provided.

**Click below to order:**

<https://munchalunch.com/login.aspx>

View our Gourmet Foods by scanning the QR code below  
All of your favorites are just a click away...



**Herbert Spencer Elementary  
NEUFELD FARMS FUNDRAISER**

Orders In By: October 23 2023, end of day  
Pick up: November 2nd 2023, 7:30 pm



<https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2023-herbert-spencer-elementary-2f0e1a7912>

[www.neufeldfarms.ca](http://www.neufeldfarms.ca)

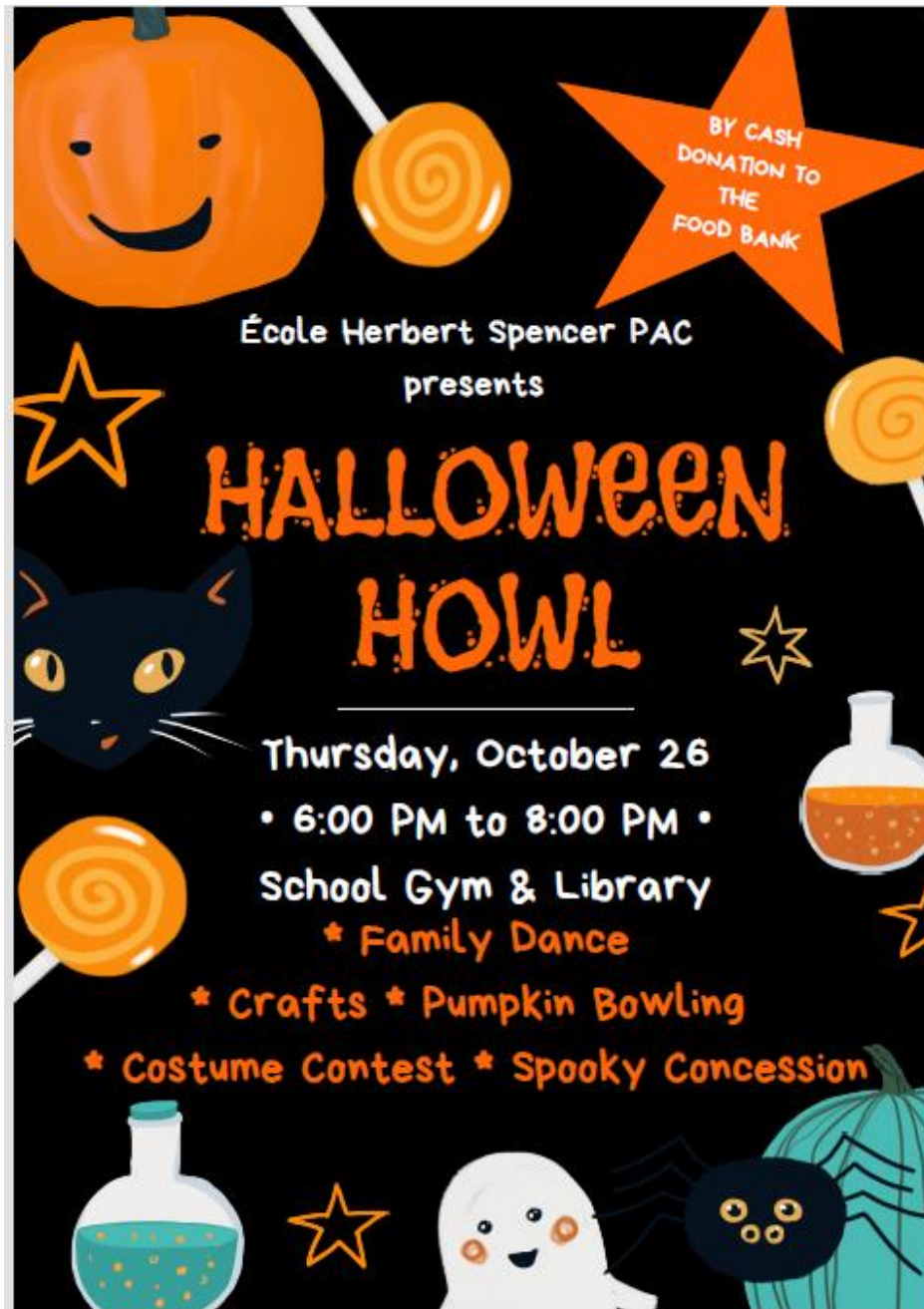
**Orders only complete/confirmed once  
payment has been received!**

Our PAC is having a [Neufeld Farm](#) fundraiser again this fall to help fill your freezers with yummy food and treats! We will be accepting orders until October 23, 2023.

Your delivery day will be on **Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at 7:30pm** at the school on 2nd Street.

Thanks,  
Herbert Spencer PAC

# PAC HALLOWEEN HOWL



The success of our events, including the upcoming Halloween Howl on Thursday, October 26th, depends on parent volunteers. The PAC is asking for parent volunteers to assist with supervising activities during the event. We are offering short shifts so that everyone can enjoy the event with their families!

Please lend a hand & sign up here:

<https://signup.com/go/ROBKjK>

# Make dental, hearing and vision checks part of a healthy routine

Health screenings help find issues early which can make treatment easier and more effective. It's important for your child to have regular eye exams and routine dental checkups. It is also important to recognize any hearing loss early as this is essential for speech and language development. Read on to learn when and how to access services for your child.

## Dental

Tooth decay is the most common, but preventable, childhood chronic disease. It is important to establish good oral hygiene at a young age and have children's teeth checked by a dentist regularly. To find a local dentist near you who is accepting new patients, visit the BC Dental Association's [Find a Dentist database](#). If you are a member of a low-income family and you do not have extended health coverage, there are several programs that can help you access [affordable dentistry for your children](#). You can also contact the dental program at your [local public health unit](#) and ask about resources available in your community.

## Vision

[BC Doctors of Optometry](#) recommends children receive their first eye exam when they are six to nine months old with a follow up exam at least once between the ages of two and five and then yearly once they enter school. You can find an optometrist accepting new patients near you at the College of Optometrists of British Columbia's [Find an Optometrist database](#). In B.C., basic eye exams, one per year, are free up to the age of 18. Some optometrists may charge a small user fee of about \$35 per visit so be sure to ask about any fees before you make an appointment.

## Hearing

Good hearing is essential for speech and language development and plays an important part in a child's social and emotional growth. It is important to recognize hearing loss early and seek out testing and treatment if needed. Fraser Health's Public Health community audiologists provide hearing services for children from birth to 19 years of age. If you have a concern about your child's hearing, referrals can be made by a parent or caregiver, a health care provider or education professional to your [local public health audiology \(hearing\) clinic](#).

Find more information on child health screenings and how to access free vision, hearing and dental exams on Fraser Health's website: <https://ow.ly/oK9z50PegZB>



# Homestay Family Recruitment

New Westminster Schools International Education Program is recruiting new homestay families who are interested in offering welcoming homestay accommodation for our visiting international students aged 14 to 18 studying at New Westminster Secondary School for one semester or a full school year. Most students are from Japan, Italy, China, Germany, as well as a variety of other European, Asian, and Central and South American countries. Being a homestay family is not the right fit for every household but for those who would like to welcome a young person to experience our country and community it can provide lasting friendships and opportunities for families to see the world in a new way.

To submit a homestay family application, please visit our website

<https://mytruenorth.ca/hsportalindex.php?db=newwestminster>

For more information, please contact the Homestay Manager Eva Shen at

[eshen@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:eshen@sd40.bc.ca) or 604-517-6280.





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<https://herbertspencerschool.ca/>

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