




# Spencer News

## Week of November 6-10, 2023

<p><b>MONDAY, November 6, 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<p><b>TUESDAY, November 7, 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, November 8, 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National Aboriginal Veterans Day</b>- observed in Canada in recognition of aboriginal contributions to military service particularly in WWI, WWII and the Korean War</li> </ul> 	<p><b>COMING UP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 13: Remembrance Day observance- No School!</li> <li>• November 14: Professional Development Day (no school for students)</li> <li>• November 17: PAC Friday Fun Lunch</li> <li>• November 25: <b>Christmas Craft Fair</b> 10:00-3:00 p.m. Spencer School</li> <li>• November 30: First Light</li> <li>• December 4-15: Rhythm Resource (Drumming Classes for the school)</li> <li>• December 15- PAC Friday Fun Lunch</li> <li>• December 15- First Term Report Cards</li> <li>• December 22- Last Day of School before Winter Break</li> <li>• December 25-January 5- Winter Break</li> </ul>
<p><b>THURSDAY, November 9, 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<p><b>FRIDAY, November 10, 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Remembrance Day School Observance</b>-Remembrance Day Assembly/Gallery Walk</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Saturday, November 11, 2023</b></p> 	

# 2024/2025 Registration Information

It's time to register new students for the 2024-2025 school year! Please read the following information carefully.

**NOTE: You only need to register your child if they are not already attending school in the district. You can safely ignore this message if your child is a student in a district school or if they are transitioning between elementary, middle, or high school.**

New registrations for the 2024-2025 school year will open on **November 6, 2024** and close on **January 26, 2024**. As long as you register before **January 26, 2024**, the day you register will not affect your chances of getting into your catchment school.

1. Although we do our best to place new students at their preferred schools, it is regrettably not always possible. Our district has significant capacity challenges because of limited space in schools and a growing student population.
2. If the number of requests for a catchment exceeds the number of available spots, the district reserves the right to use a lottery system to determine placements.
3. The district will confirm all enrollment requests by the end of **March 2024**.

For more information, [learn more about capacity status at our schools](#).

## How to Register a New Student as a Parent or Legal Guardian

1. Book a 10-minute appointment with our Registration Team.
2. If you need a translator for your registration appointment, please let us know in advance and we will do our best to accommodate your request.
3. [BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT ONLINE](#)

**NOTE: We do not accept bookings before November 6. Please ensure you choose appointments on days and times from November 6, 2023 until January 26, 2024.**

For more information on registration, including the forms and guides, [visit the district website's Registration section](#).

## What to do on the Day of Your Appointment

1. Visit our Registration Team at the Welcome Centre located in New Westminster Secondary School (enter through the south side of the building at **820 6th Street, New Westminster**).
2. Bring a completed [registration form](#) and copies of the documents outlined in the [Document Guide for Parents and Caregivers](#). **OR** Bring original versions of the documents outlined in the [Document Guide for Parents and Caregivers](#) and our team will help you print, photocopy and complete the required paperwork.
3. If you do not have the suggested documents outlined in the Document Guide, our team will be happy to speak with you confidentially to find a solution.

## Key Dates

1. **November 6** – Registration opens.
2. **January 26, 2024** – Registration closes.
3. Looking for a list of other important registration dates, including Programs of Choice enrollment info? [Download a list of key dates for the 2024-2025 school year](#).

# Reminder: Clocks Turn Back 1 Hour Sunday

## PAC Winter Greenery Fundraiser

**Winter Greenery Fundraiser with Growing Smiles.** This is a great opportunity to order beautiful fresh wreaths, poinsettias, decorative arrangements and more this holiday season to spread some cheer! **Order deadline is November 17 and delivery will be Monday, December 4.**

Please visit the website below for more information regarding Winter Greenery Fundraiser and to order:

<https://herbertspencer.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>



Holiday Wreath



There are a variety of sizes & different pot colors. Plants received may not look like the ones shown.

Poinsettia - Red



There are a variety of sizes & different pot colors. Plants received may not look like the ones shown.

Poinsettia - White

# Christmas Craft Fair

We are very excited that our annual Herbert Spencer Christmas Craft Fair is back and coming up on Saturday, November 25th. We are asking for your help to volunteer for this very important fundraiser. There are spots on Friday and Saturday that need to be filled to make this a successful event.

If you are able to help, please sign up for a [Craft Fair Volunteer Spot here](#) ...there are jobs in the morning and afternoon on Friday the 24th and throughout the day on Saturday the 25th.

To all you bakers out there: We also need baked goods for the bake sale that also takes place at the craft fair, so please sign up [here to donate Bake Goods](#).

Please look at both forms and lend a hand any way you can. This is a very festive and fun event to volunteer for and we look forward to seeing you there!

We really appreciate your help!!

In addition to volunteering, if you are on Facebook/Instagram, please help us get the word out about the Herbert Spencer Craft Fair by liking and sharing our pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/HerbertSpencerChristmasCraftFair>

<https://www.instagram.com/herbertspencercraftfair/>



# Friday Fun Lunches



Please place all orders for the Fall Session before **November 9, 2023** for the 3rd session

Nov 17	Dec 1	Dec 15	Dec 22
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>**

# Halloween



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# Ghostbusters and Thriller Dances



## City Builders from Divisions 18 and 19





## School Windows

Thank you to the PAC for having Jackie Knauer paint our windows with a "Winter Theme". We hope to have Jackie back in the Spring to paint our windows for the new season. [customartbyjackie.com](http://customartbyjackie.com) / [@customartbyjackie](https://www.instagram.com/customartbyjackie)



# **Wellness Information for November**

## **Protect children from respiratory illnesses this winter**

Respiratory illnesses tend to increase as we spend more time indoors. Common colds, the flu and COVID-19 spread through tiny droplets as people who are sick breathe, talk, cough or sneeze. When other people touch these droplets and then their eyes, mouth or nose before washing their hands they may become sick.

There are a handful of steps both children and adults can take to protect themselves and limit the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water is not available.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- If you have symptoms, stay home and stay away from people at higher risk of serious illness.

## **Flu and COVID-19 vaccinations**

The best way to protect others and reduce the risk of getting sick with the flu and COVID-19 is to [get immunized](#). The flu and COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and available for free to anyone aged six months and older.

It is much safer to get the vaccines than to get the illnesses. Register your children with the Get Vaccinated system so that you can be invited to book their vaccinations when they are due.

Learn more here:

<https://ow.ly/5WWe50PYIYC>



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<https://herbertspencerschool.ca/>

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