

# Britannia Elementary School News



### Important Dates

- ◆ June 18—Fieldtrip for divisions 7, 8, 9 &10
- ◆ June 20—Welcome to Kindergarten
- ◆ June 20—Volunteer Tea
- ◆ June 25—Report Cards distributed
- ◆ June 26—Gr 7 Leaving Celebration (time & place TBA)
- ◆ June 27—Last School Assembly
- ◆ June 27—Last day for students
- ◆ Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019—First day of School
- ◆ Returning Students 2018-2019—Grades 1-7 come for 45 minutes from 9-9:45 a.m. on the first day. Please go to your last year’s classroom.
- ◆ New Kindergartens 2019-2020 —Please follow the schedule and classroom information you will receive via Canada post this summer.
- ◆ The Breakfast and Hot Lunch programs begin on the first Thursday, September 5, 2019

If you are NOT planning to return to Britannia in September, please let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you!

### STUDENT PLACEMENT 2019-2020

Staff members spend considerable time carefully placing each student. Multiple factors are addressed, from friendships to academic, social and emotional strengths and struggles.

**Staff assignments are confidential** until published in September newsletter as numbers and organization can change over the summer months, so please do not ask staff what grades they will be teaching.

Thank you for trusting staff’s professional judgement and decision making.

Sincerely, Tricia Rooney, Principal

“If we all do one random act of kindness daily we may just set the world in the right direction.” ~ Martin Kornfeld.

Principal: Ms. Tricia Rooney
Administrative Assistant: Cecilia Mason



**PAC CORNER**



\* **Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) - The Next PAC meeting** Executive Elections & Meeting  
Thursday, June 6th @ 9:15 am.



\* **The PAC hosted the Bike/ Scooter or Walk to School Week** from May 27-30. Every morning, before class started, a PAC member was outside the HUB talking to students and tracking their walk or ride to school. It was fun seeing how many students participated and showed school spirit!



\* PAC has a Facebook page—check it out <https://www.facebook.com/brit.elem.pac>



\* If you want to label your child’s items our **PAC is doing a fundraiser through Oliver's Labels.**  
**Check it out on the website [oliverslabels.com/britannia](http://oliverslabels.com/britannia)**



- ★ School Policy:
- ★ Cell phone/electronic uses: only to be used under the direct instruction of the staff for educational purposes.
- ★ Cell phones should remain in the student’s bag/backpack from 9am to 3pm
- ★ Cell phones brought to school are the sole responsibility of the parents.



**COMMUNITY CORNER**

- Be sure to check the Family Activity Room for any clothing, shoes or food donations and to see if the coffee is “on”—sit and relax for a bit or take one to go.

**PAYING IT FORWARD**

**FIELDTRIP**

- ◆ A Fieldtrip donation box is located at the office for those who can help us supplement fieldtrip costs. We pride ourselves with providing our students a variety of fieldtrip experiences.

**SPCA**

- ◆ **Thank you all for your donations** —The SPCA accepts new and gently used towels, blankets & pillow cases. They cannot use items such as sheets, sleeping bags or pet beds. **If you have clean gently used blankets or towels that you wish to donate please bring them in for this drive. Look for the labeled bin located outside the Hub. This donation drive will be continuing until the end of the school year.**

Stephanie  
Neighbourhood Assistant



### FROM THE LIBRARY SHELF

As we near the end of the school year, I would like to thank the students, families and staff of Britannia for such an amazing first year of our new Library Learning Commons, "The Hub". In the past year we have hosted 2 Scholastic Book Fairs, numerous PAC and staff meetings, weekly Book Buddy reading volunteers and provided many students with a place to belong. With over 4300 books circulated to students, we have continued to support our school goal to:

"Enhance the love of reading for all students."

Please note that **ALL BOOKS are due back by JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

***Any overdue books that are not returned will be subject to the replacement cost of the book.***

If you have questions about a lost book, please come to see me as soon as possible.

Please visit the VPL Britannia Branch to support your child over the summer and ask about their summer reading club.

Wishing you all a safe and happy summer!

We continue to accept book donations to the HUB. Specifically, non fiction and early reader chapter books. Please be sure they are in excellent used condition.

Happy reading

Ms. Robinson

Teacher Librarian

### **Student Absences & Late Arrivals**

Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling **604-713-5159** **Our school code is 13.** Messages will be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

**If your child arrives late they must sign-in at the office before going to class.**

### **Student Supervision**

Supervision is provided by school staff at the following times:

**Monday—Friday**

**8:45 - 9:00 am    3:00 - 3:15 pm**

**In order to ensure your child's safety, students should not arrive before 8:45 am and should be picked up no later than 3:15pm.**

**School Office Hours**

**8:00 am—3:30 pm**



Vancouver School Board  
School District No. 39

May 29, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Vancouver School Board will now be offering School Cash Online at **Britannia Elementary** as its preferred method of payment for all school fees, including everything from field trips to yearbooks. This secure system helps parents/guardians and community members pay school-related fees safely, quickly and easily online.

The new system puts all the school fees available to your student online for purchase, keeping you informed of your child's activities and needs. We will post items through the system and assign the relevant fees to your child. You can then choose to purchase these fees online with one of three different methods, including credit cards. You can also stay informed and keep track of which school fees require your attention. The system strictly adheres to Canada's privacy and anti-spam legislation and meets the latest industry standards for payment security.

You are now able to register – a simple process that takes only a few minutes – by visiting <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com> or visiting our website at <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/online-payment> and following directions to the School Cash Online page. You will need your child's usual first name, last name and birth date to register.

This payment process will begin for Britannia Elementary in September 2019.

Should you encounter any difficulties, you can use the parent help desk at **1(866) 961-1803** or by visiting [schoolcashonline.com/home/support](http://schoolcashonline.com/home/support).

Sincerely,

Tricia Rooney

Principal

## Britannia Elementary Community School



### 2019 - 2020 School Calendar

DESIGNATION	DETAIL
<b>SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW</b>	
Number of Days in Session	188
Number of Days of Instruction	181
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non-Instructional Days 1 Administration Day (June 26)
<b>Special Provincial Closing Dates &amp; Vancouver School District Closure Days</b>	
School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 3, 2019
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14, 2019
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11, 2019
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 20, 2019
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 23, 2019 – Friday, January 3, 2020
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 6, 2020
Family Day	Monday, February 17, 2020
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 13, 2020
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27, 2020
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 30, 2020
Good Friday	Friday, April 10, 2020
Easter Monday	Monday, April 13, 2020
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2020
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 25, 2020
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 26, 2020
<b>Non-Instructional Days (school not in session)</b>	
Monday, September 23, 2019	Professional Development Day
Friday, October 25, 2019	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 8, 2019	Curriculum Implementation Day (District Wide)
Friday, February 14, 2020	Curriculum Implementation Day (District Wide)
Monday, April 27, 2020	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Friday, May 15, 2020	Indigenous Focus Professional Day (District Wide)
<b>Goal Setting Conference Dates:</b>	
Wednesday, November 6, 2019	2:00 pm dismissal
Thursday, November 7, 2019	2:00 pm dismissal
Wednesday, April 1, 2020	2:00 pm dismissal
Thursday, April 2, 2020	2:00 pm dismissal