

# Britannia Elementary School News



The PAC/ School are having a soap drive

If you can donate to our “Kindness Pantry for Families”:

we are looking for: new/unused soap i.e.

**Hand Soap (Bar or Liquid)**

**Dish Soap**

**Laundry Soap**

**Shampoo, Conditioner**

**& Body Wash.**

This is for our Kindness initiative.

“Everyone needs soap”

Please place your donations in the box by the Hub. Thank you.

**Community Corner**

All Britannia Elementary families are welcome in the Family Activity Room, a multipurpose space for families and students.

This space is for families to connect, relax and access donations from the **FREE ITEMS** cabinet & the stainless steel fridge. All are welcome.

Please continue to check the Lost & Found for your children’s lost items.

Stephanie—Neighbourhood Assistant



LEARNING TO STAND IN SOMEBODY ELSE’S SHOES, TO SEE THROUGH THEIR EYES, THAT’S HOW PEACE BEGINS.—Barack Obama



A big shout out to our volunteers who helped with the Bannock and our Meet & Greet!!

- Jordan Kandace Jenny
- Tomoko Carol Dawn
- Ramona Carol Fiona
- & the P.A.C.

Thank you for all your help. We appreciate you!!



## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS



- ◆ Thursday, October 31st—Halloween—Mortisha, Cecilia’s snake will be visiting
- ◆ Friday, November 1st—1st day of Kindergarten Registration for in catchment students
- ◆ Friday, November 1st—Spirit Day—PJ day—wear your pajamas to school today.
- ◆ Sunday, November 3rd —Daylight Savings—Clocks go back 1 hour
- ◆ Wednesday & Thursday, November 6 & 7—Early dismissal @ 2pm Communicating Student Learning Conferences.
- ◆ Thursday, November 7th—Remembrance Day Ceremony in Gym D @ 10:45 a.m.
- ◆ Friday, November 8th—No School—Professional Development Day
- ◆ Monday, November 11th—No School for Remembrance Day
- ◆ Thursday, November 14th—Photo Retakes in the morning



**Principal:** Ms. Tricia Rooney

**Administrative Assistant:** Miss Cecilia Mason



**Kindergarten registration for children born in 2015 begins on November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (French Immersion, Montessori, etc.) and/or a cross boundary placement.

The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **Friday November 1<sup>st</sup> and closes at 4 pm on Friday January 31<sup>st</sup>**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

Applying for Kindergarten is a **2-Step process**:

Step 1: Completion of an online application form.

Step 2: Bringing supporting documentation, along with your child, to your neighbourhood English catchment school.

Supporting Documents Needed:

- Proof of residence in Vancouver**—Rental or Lease agreement + Recent Bill / or Property Tax statement
- Child’s birth certificate**—Long form with parent’s names
- Immigration documentation**—if applicable
- Immunization records**
- Court Orders/Documents**—if applicable
- Supporting Documents**—IEP’s, Assessments etc .

If you want to apply for a Choice program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for Choice programs and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2020.



**1 Apply Online**



**2 Visit your catchment school with necessary documents**



**From the Library Shelf**

It has been an exciting start to school year! First and foremost, thank you to all the families that participated in our 1<sup>st</sup> Family Read event. I hope you enjoyed the books your child(ren) brought home.

The newest addition to the Library HUB is our Lego wall! It brings a smile to my face each day when I see students of all ages building and creating new items for it. We will be holding a **LEGO DRIVE** during the Scholastic Book Fair. **If families would like to donate a cup (or 2) of extra LEGO, there will be a box outside the Library HUB to do so during the Book Fair.**

The **Scholastic Book Fair** countdown is on! Classes will be able to get a sneak peek of the books prior to the fair opening. Please visit the fair during parent/teacher conferences on **Wednesday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>**. We will be featuring again the **Teacher Wish List**, please look to see what books your child's teacher would like to add to their classroom collection. Please be patient during the fair as our Library Monitors will be volunteering to help.

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 have received their **BOOK BAGS** by now. The book bags are to be used to bring their library books home to read and share with their family. Please encourage your child to share their book with you, as well take care of their book by bringing it back daily or weekly to exchange for a new one.

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

**Hello to Scott Vandeloo—he is our new YFW!**  
**We welcome him to our amazing community.**

**Halloween Safety and Seasonal Activities**

**Please do not bring any toy weapons of any kind on Halloween.**

**Halloween Safety Tips:**

Halloween is a fun and exciting time for children. Although Halloween activities should be fun and safe, children can also be hurt at this time. However, by following these safety tips, you can help keep your children safe at Halloween.

**Costumes:**

Make sure that drivers can see your child. Use costumes with bright fabrics and decorate costumes with reflective tape. Give each child a flashlight to carry.

To prevent falling, your child's costume and shoes should fit properly. Costumes should not be longer than your child's ankle.

All costumes accessories like swords or knives should be made of soft, flexible material.

Your child should wear face paint or make-up instead of masks. Make-up and face paint is better than masks because they don't block your child's ability to see. If your child is wearing a hat, wig or scarf, tie them securely so that they won't slip over your child's eyes.

HAVE FUN!!

**CHILD CUSTODY ORDERS/COURT ORDERS**

**Please provide any custody/court orders as soon as possible to the office as they help up keep our children safe.**

**Thank you**

**Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)**

**The Next PAC meeting** November 7th , 2019—Thursday @ 9:15 am. **ALL PARENTS WELCOME**

**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.**

**DONATIONS**

If you, your family, or outside agencies would like to donate to the School or to the PAC, these are the following links to be used:

**School**

<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/1869/196/false/true?fundDestination=E-Britannia%20Elementary>

**PAC**

<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/1869/196/false/true?fundDestination=E-Britannia%20Elementary%20PAC>

**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**