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February 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy Lunar Year! Welcome to the year of the Rat!

February is a jam-packed month for us at the Annex. We start and end the month with PAC sponsored events. Thank you to all our parents / families who provide our children with such rich activities at McBride Annex.



Andrea Greenhalgh
Vice-Principal

GLOBAL DAY OF PLAY

On Wednesday, February 5th our students will be participating in their 2nd annual Global Day of Play. <https://www.globalschoolplayday.com>

The students will have the opportunity to “choose” areas of the school that they would like to play in throughout the day. There will be teachers and volunteers to watch over the students in each area. The goal is for the students to engage in unstructured play, so the adults are there to mainly supervise.



BOX PROJECT WEEK

Start collecting your boxes! McBride Annex will be using the book by Ashley Spires, *The Most Magnificent Thing* as a catalyst to building our own creations throughout the week of February 10th. We will start with a kick-off assembly on Monday the 10th and culminate with a school wide showing of our finished products on Thursday, February 13th.

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

All of our grade 3 students will be participating in the Ministry of Education’s Student Learning Survey. A parent login code and instructions will be sent home to the grade 3 parents if they wish to take part in the Ministry Learning Survey as well.

VSB 2020/2021 BUDGET

The proposed VSB budget timeline has been posted on the VSB website. Please feel free to take a moment to look through our proposed balanced budget. www.vsb.bc.ca

SALEMA NOON – BODY SCIENCE

The PAC has booked and paid for Saleema Noon’s Body Science program once again for our school on Monday, February 3rd. There will be a parent session from 9:00-10:15am followed by the student’s presentations. More information can be found on the website: www.saleemanoon.com

OUTDOOR CLOTHING / CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Please ensure your child brings outdoor clothing to school that suits the weather. If the weather is rainy students will need rain boots, a raincoat and a hat or umbrella. If the weather is cold students will need boots, a warm jacket, mittens/gloves and a hat. Children do go outside for recess and lunch on most days, so they need to be prepared for the weather. When children return inside after playing outside their shoes are often wet and muddy. If possible, please provide indoor shoes for your child that can remain at school so that they have clean and dry footwear to put on after recess and lunch.



Vancouver START SMART Preschool

The preschool on our site has asked us to let families know that: START SMART Preschool has three openings in their current Monday / Wednesday / Friday 4 year old class that runs from 12:30-3:00pm. If you are interested or know of a family please contact their registrar at douglas@startsmartpreschool.ca or phone Rebecca at 604-441-6363.

PINK DAY

Pink Day began in 2007 when two students in Nova Scotia took a stand for a fellow student who was being bullied for simply wearing the colour pink. Today we recognize Pink Day as more than just an anti-bullying day. It is also a day to promote inclusion for all. Please encourage your child to wear as much **PINK** as possible on Wednesday, February 26th. Our grade 3 students will be leading an assembly at 2:30pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

HOLIDAY HAMPER

We received a lovely card from the family that we supported this past December thanking us for making their December so much happier. Thank you again for the generous donations.



READY SET LEARN – MCBRIDE ANNEX SCHOOL

Ready, Set, Learn will run at McBride Annex for preschool aged children. The program will run from 1-3pm on Thursday April 23rd, 30th, May 14th (not the 7th), and potentially May 21st and 28th.



PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting will be Wednesday, February 19th from 6:00-7:30 pm. There will be childcare available.

Dance-a-thon / Valentine's Family Dance –

Your child has brought home a pledge form for our Dance-a-Thon which will happen at our Family Dance on **February 12th, 2020 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm**. This is a “bring your own water bottle event”

SPRING FAIR - Saturday, May 30th from 11:00-3:00 pm. PAC is looking **for volunteers** to help make this the best Fair yet. Please contact the PAC email mcbrideannexpac@gmail.com or sign up on the PAC bulletin board.

PAC QUESTIONS Any questions regarding PAC events please email the PAC at mcbrideannexpac@gmail.com. McBride Annex PAC hot lunch program website: <https://munchalunch.com.schools/McBride-Annex/>

Dates to Remember

Monday, February 3rd – Saleema Noon presentations for all students as well as a parent session at 9:00am

Friday, February 14th – Professional Day – school not in session

Monday, February 17th – Family Day – school not in session

March 11-12th – Student Led Conferences 2pm dismissal



February 2020– McBride Annex

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Saleema Noon Presentations 9-10:15am	4	5 Play Day	6 Green Thumb Theatre 9am	7	8
9	10 Box Project Assembly 1:00pm	11	12 Dance-A-Thon Valentine's Family Dance 6-7pm	13	14 Pro D Day NO SCHOOL	15
16	17 Family Day NO SCHOOL	18 Main School Ready, Set, Learn 9-11am	19 PAC Meeting 6-7:30pm	20	21	22
23	24 Gymnastics begins (whole week)	25 Main School Ready, Set, Learn 9-11am	26 K's Immunization (am) Pink Shirt Day Assembly 2:30pm	27	28 Gymnastics ends	29