



# McBride Annex Elementary

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## January 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,  
It is hard to believe we have now welcomed 2020 into our midst. I trust that the holidays were a perfect blend of both relaxation and fun.  
We all welcome you and your family back and look forward to the excitement of the rest of the year ahead of us.

Andrea Greenhalgh  
Vice-Principal



### SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website: [www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/mcbride-annex](http://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/mcbride-annex) is now being updated on a more regular basis. The calendar option now has our long-range events entered into it (like when PAC sponsored activities like soccer, gymnastics and tennis are being held). This may help in families planning activities in the spring.

### ANNUAL HOLIDAY HAMPER

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Cedar Cottage holiday hamper. Cedar Cottage is always so appreciative of what McBride Annex does for families. We far exceeded the list that the family provided. What a heartfelt expression from our community. Thank you.

### OUTDOOR CLOTHING / CHAGE 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 rain coat 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.



### 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a parent session from 9:00-10:15am followed by the student’s presentations. More information will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. More information can be found on the website: [www.saleemanoon.com](http://www.saleemanoon.com)



### IN CASE OF SNOW

If the school is closed due to snow, the Vancouver School Board will contact radio and television stations to make an announcement regarding any closures. **Please do not call the school to determine if the school is closed.** A decision is made by 6:00 am. The VSB will post information about snow closures on its website at [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) and will inform local media stations.

CBC (690AM, 88.1FM)	CKNW (980AM)
CITY TV (Cable channel 13)	CKWX (1130AM)
BCTV / Global (cable channel 11)	CFHG (96.1FM)



### TUPPER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TEAM – SPORT BALL

The Tupper Community Schools Team (CST) will be offering Sport Ball in our gym for grades 1-3 from January 13<sup>th</sup> – March 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:00 pm. Please check your child’s backpacks this week for the flyer. There are limited spaces and it is first come first served policy.

### CITY OF VANCOUVER – New Parking regulations

Vancouver City Council has passed changes to the fees around **stopping violations** which will **double the fines for violations which occur in the vicinity of schools, 8:00-5:00 pm on school days**. This was passed December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 and came into effect **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**. The Council report notes that “to support the City’s Moving Towards Zero goals, (City) staff have identified a number of safety related parking offences, in particular those that impact vulnerable road users, where fine amounts should be increased to further discourage unsafe parking behaviour.”



## READY SET LEARN – MCBRIDE MAIN SCHOOL

Ready, Set, Learn will run from Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> to April 14<sup>th</sup> (excluding March 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>) from 9:00-11:00 am. If you have a pre-school aged child (ages 3-5) and would like to attend at the **Main School**, please call the Main School office to sign up – 604-713-4971.



### PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting will be Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 pm. There will be childcare available.

### SAVE THE DATES

**DANCE – A – THON / VALENTINE’S FAMILY DANCE –**  
Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00 pm.

**SPRING FAIR –** Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mcbrideannexpac@gmail.com) or sign up on the PAC bulletin board.



### 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 4:00 pm on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

### SINGLE USE PLASTICS



As a reminder PAC hot lunches no longer come with a single use spoon / fork / chopsticks for your child to use. Please send any necessary utensils with your child from home on hot lunch days. The school will no longer provide “spare utensils” for the children to use for hot lunches or any lunches. Thank you for your cooperation.

**PAC QUESTIONS** Any questions regarding PAC events please email the PAC at [mcbrideannexpac@gmail.com](mailto:mcbrideannexpac@gmail.com). McBride Annex PAC hot

lunch program website:  
<https://munchalunch.com.schools/McBride-Annex/>



- Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – Professional Day (school not in session)
- Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> – Grade 2 students to Arts Umbrella
- Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> – Report Cards go home

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	School re-opens 6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	PAC Meeting – library 6:00pm 14	15	Presentation whole school – Emergency Preparedness 11am 16	Grade 2 students to Arts Umbrella – Granville Island 17	18
19	Pro-D Day 20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	Report Cards Home 31	