

We would like to acknowledge that we live, work and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples – sḵw̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish), selílwitlh (Tseil-Waututh), and x̓m̓əθk̓ʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) nations

Stephen Leung—Principal
Marianna Cianelli—Administrative Assistant
Jessica Thornburn—Extra Clerical

September 13, 2019

WELCOME BACK!!!

Mark Your Calendar!

Sept. 17th	Div. 7 Swimming 10:30am-11:30
Sept. 19th	Meet the Teacher Night Welcome Back Potluck 4:30pm-6:30pm
Sept. 23rd	PRO D - School Not in Session
Sept. 30th	Orange Shirt Day
Sept. 30th	Student Photo Day 9:00am

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Please visit Van Horne Website at

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/vanhorne/Pages>

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SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Reporting Student Absences:

Please note, like all schools in the Vancouver School Board, Van Horne Elementary has a Safe Arrival Program when reporting your child's absences.

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling **604-713-5159 Ext. 90**. 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.

Student Sign Out Procedure

When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you sign them out at the school office. If you do not sign out your child, they will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a 'missing' student and will commence a search of school grounds. This is very important during an emergency situation when someone, who may not be your child's classroom teacher, must take attendance and account for all students. If the school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent promptly, the school will call the Vancouver Police Department as per the Vancouver School Board procedures.

Students going home for Lunch

Students going home for lunch should sign out and sign back in at the office. A letter signed by the parent/guardian should be given to the school if they are going home for lunch. **(Parent Packages with all forms have been sent home)**

Dear Van Horne Families

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

The new school year has started off smoothly as the kids settle into their new classes, new routines, and have new kids to make friends with. There have been a few changes from last year to this year that I would like to highlight here.

First of all, I would like to say goodbye to Ms. Shelley Koke. Shelley was our wonderful music teacher for many years and she ended up also doing some work in our library and working as a resource teacher. Thank you to Ms. Koke for the great years she provided our kids at Van Horne. Of course we are going to welcome a few new members too. Ms. Lauren Hauszner is teaching a newly created grade 6/7 class. Ms. Debby Tsai will be teaching 4 days a week with Ms. Wilkin, a grade 2/3 class. Ms. Becky De Jager will be teaching 3 days a week with Mr. Jovick's grade 2/3 class.

While we welcome back all our returning students, I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families. We have new students in every grade and once again a large contingent of kindergarten kids! Our new families should be aware that at Van Horne we strive to be a supportive community and if there is any question or needs, please do not hesitate to reach out to our community.

Finally, I want to mention that our school has grown to almost full capacity. We have grown to over 400 students this year which tells me that Van Horne is a great place to be and people in our community recognize that and are excited to be here!

Please contribute to our community by making it the best place it can be for the kids, the staff, and the parents and our community as a whole.

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Stephen Leung

Dear Parents,

Please have a short discussion with your child(ren). If they should ever be waiting to be picked up and whomever is picking them up is late, please come to the office. We, at the office, will phone home and we will keep them safe until they are picked up.

STUDENT'S SAFETY ENSURED

Supervision is provided by school staff on regular school days at 8:40am —9:00 am and in the afternoon from 3:00pm-3:20pm. Students not picked up on time will be brought to the office. Please note the office closes at 3:30pm. Our 3 supervision aides supervise students from 10:35am—10:50am at recess and 12:00pm—12:47pm at lunch in the lunchroom and on the playground. Please do not send your child to school before 8:30 a.m. unless their teacher has requested.

SHAUGHNESSY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CELEBRATING 100 YEAR BIRTHDAY: If you attended Shaughnessy Elementary school please note that they are celebrating their 100 year birthday. Please contact that school for additional information.

**SCHOOL FEES AND AGENDA FEE INFORMATION
ALONG WITH OTHER IMPORTANT CONSENT FORMS:**

The **School Supply Fee** will be \$35 per student in grade K-7. All school fees need to be paid online via our School Cash online system. If you have not already done so please register for online payment at <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com> The fee is due by Monday, September 30th 2019. The Vancouver School Board offers this service to parents to purchase basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices to pass the cost-savings on to families. This fee covers the cost of supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, rulers, scissors, glue sticks, erasers and exercise books. Since teachers sometimes require additional items for the students to work with, you may be asked for a few specific supplies as the year progresses. Note that the Vancouver School Board will waive the fee if there is a need due to financial hardship. If you would like the fee waived, please contact Mr. Leung either in writing or in person.

Your child's 2019-2020 Student package has been sent home with your child. Please complete and sign all forms, complete payments online and return all necessary documents to your child's homeroom teacher **all stapled together**. Please do not take apart. You can keep the Green checklist at home.

Students in Grades 1-7 received agendas. Agenda fees are \$6.00 per student. This item has been added to our School Cash online system. Please pay for the agendas online.

Please do not combine payments with other siblings class.
**Additional fees for separate programs/books such as Music, Jump Math, Wordly Wise and Field Trips will be sent home from individual teachers. Going forward all payments need to be made online. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

LEADERSHIP ROLES - 2019-2020

Sir William Van Horne Elementary School has a variety of Clubs, Sports and Leadership Roles. We encourage you to contact our school office or your child's teacher to learn more about the activities, sports and clubs your child can participate in.

We are so excited for the 2019 - 2020 school year as many students have already signed up for Leadership Roles. We have many students in Grade 4-7 that will be actively involved in the many Leadership Roles at Van Horne: **Office Monitors, PA Announcers, Playground Leaders, Library Monitors, Safety Patrol, AV Crew, MC for our monthly assemblies and Student Council.** Monthly calendars will be posted in front of the main office and students are reminded to check the calendar. If your child has not yet signed up and would like to please see Ms. Cianelli in the main office.

MORNING FITNESS PROGRAM WITH COACH R.

MILLER: Students in Grades 4-7 are welcome every morning at 8:15am. Mr. Miller will meet the students in the back field. Come out and have some fun and be active!

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: NUT ALLERGY

Some of the Primary and Intermediate students have **severe life threatening allergy to nuts** and nut products.

Exposure to even the smallest amount of a nut product could cause anaphylactic shock, and without immediate emergency medical assistance, loss of consciousness and death.

We must request that parents **DO NOT include nuts and nut products in lunches or snacks.** The smallest amount of peanut butter or other nut product on the hand of a classmate, parent or staff member could be transferred to a door handle, skipping rope, or ball. Therefore, protection of the anaphylactic child requires that the school establish guidelines for all food products, not only those directly consumed by the anaphylactic student.

VAN HORNE TECHNOLOGY POLICY:

Technology can be an important part of the student learning experience. Van Horne is able to provide students with access to technology when required by the teacher.

Our policy:

In general, we ask that students do NOT bring technology, such as tablets and smartphones etc. to school.

The reasoning:

The school is not able to safeguard these devices and is not able to replace them should they be lost, damaged, or stolen.

There have been many incidences of students using these devices out on the playground during recess or lunch, unsupervised, to access internet sites etc. The school takes seriously student safety and access to websites in this manner cannot be supervised and thus poses a risk.

While the school district has firewalls, the firewall is not able to guarantee 100% safety.

However:

Some teachers MAY, on occasion, ask their students to bring technology for projects etc.

Also, some parent(s)/guardian(s) may want their students to have access to a phone for safety reasons.

With this in mind:

Bringing technology to school is a decision parents must make.

If brought to school, technology should stay in backpacks and not be accessed during school hours, unless directed to by teachers at school.

For our purposes, we will count the minute students step on school property until 3pm as "School Hours".

Teachers will teach responsible use of technology to students.

Action:

If a student is seen accessing these devices without permission from school adults, students will be given one request to put them away. Non-compliance or repeated offences will result in the device being secured by the classroom teacher or Principal and parents will need to arrange to pick up the devices personally.

Parents, please discuss this with your child.

This will also be reviewed with all students by school staff at our next assembly.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF TRAFFIC

All parents are encouraged to follow the stopping and parking regulations around the school particularly at 9:00am and 3:00pm. There should be absolutely **no** cars on the school side of Ontario Street (front of the school) at any time as this is a very important Vancouver bike route and cross walk entrance to school. Also the street signage on both 42nd and 43rd is very clear regarding parking areas. Please take the time to park a little farther from school and walk to drop-off or pick-up your child. This extra work will go a long way to ensure the safety of all.

Please note our Safety Patrollers will also be out there after they receive their formal training.

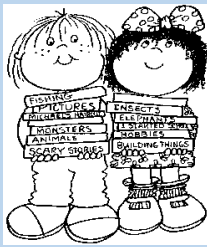


Under the guidance of our school nurse, the school has established an emergency plan for the student. Our objectives are to establish and maintain, to the extent possible:

- classrooms attended by the student which are free of any nut and nut products that place the student at risk of anaphylactic shock; and
- school practices which reduce the possibility of exposure to products which cause anaphylactic shock (eg. hand-washing routines).

Thank you for supporting us in this health concern.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR October 18 - 24th, 2019



Students and parents will be able to shop from our Scholastic Book Fair fundraiser during the week of conferences. There will be a great selection of books for all!!!

There is an entry form to fill out which will be sent home with your child in the next few weeks. Your child can enter to win \$25 worth of books for themselves PLUS your child's classroom will also receive \$25 worth of books.

You may also choose to purchase a book for your child's classroom - each classroom will have a wish list of books they would like for their classroom that will be displayed at the book fair.

Van Horne will receive a credit based on the amount sold at the book fair to buy new resources for the school library and literacy programs.

Thank you for your support!!!

Ms. Judy Cottrell Librarian

VAN HORNE PAC:

Please join us for the Welcome Back Potluck and Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday, September 19th 4:30pm - 6:30pm. Come out with your family and meet the Van Horne community of parents, staff and teachers.
4:30pm-5:45pm Potluck behind the school in outdoor covered area
6:00pm Meet in School Gym for presentation
6:15pm Go to your child's class to meet your teacher.

Please visit www.vanhornepac.com website for more information

First PAC Meeting of the year is on Tuesday, September 24th. First timers and seasoned vets alike are invited to our first PAC meeting of the year. This meeting will set the tone for the rest of the year as we brainstorm and discuss what sort of PAC we want to be in order to help our kids and our school flourish. Please visit www.vanhornepac.com to learn how a PAC can build community, support teachers and improve your child's educational experience.

HOTLUCH PROGRAM: Hot Lunch is on Tuesdays and Thursdays, to create an account for new families visit www.munchalunch.com/schools/VanHorne to sign up to help at hot lunch go to www.vanhornepac.com/hotlunchvolunteer

CROSS COUNTRY!! The Van Horne Cross Country Team is open to students in grades 2-7. Practices will be held twice a week: **Tuesday and Thursday from 3:05pm - 3:45pm** Students are to meet coaches in the gym at 3:05. Practices will take place rain or shine, on the back field, in the gym and at Columbia Park. First meeting was Friday, Sept. 13 at recess, many students were there interested to join and have taken home a permission form.

Please have your child wear appropriate athletic clothing and running shoes. It is also recommended that students bring a water bottle. **Practices start on Tuesday, September 17th.**

There will be 3 Mini Meets after school. **Parents are responsible for driving or finding transportation for their child to and from all Meets.** Students must attend a majority of practices and at least 2 Mini-Meets to attend the District Cross Country Meet. Students may still participate on the Cross Country Team if they can't attend the Meets.

Dates of Cross Country Mini-Meets:

Tuesday, September 24th at Montgomery Park (5970 Selkirk Street)

Wednesday, October 2nd at Quilchena Park (33rd and Valley Drive)

Tuesday, October 8th at Balaclava Park (West 31st between Blenheim and Carnarvon St.)

****All Mini-Meets start at 3:35 and should finish close to 4:30**

Final District Meet: Thursday October 17th at Trout Lake Park. 12:45-3:00. Cross Country students will be dismissed from class by lunchtime on this day.

If it is pouring rain and a Meet is cancelled, that information will be posted on the school website as soon as we hear news from the Meet organizers.

Thank you,

Mr. Bilodeau, Ms. Phillips, Ms. Hill
Van Horne Cross Country Coaches

WILDCAT WEAR: We are once again offering Wildcat wear to be purchased. More information will be provided to parents/guardians on how to purchase.

KIDS PLUS ACCIDENT INSURANCE PROGRAM: The kids plus student accident insurance program has changed and is now called The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP). This coverage is still provided by Industrial Alliance and is a voluntary plan which offers coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan is ideal for supplementing costs not covered by provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans.

Families can register online to participate in the Plan by using the URL provided below:

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

There is no administration required on the part of the school. If any of your families have questions about the program they can contact Industrial Alliance directly using the following contact information:

Phone: 1.800.266.5667 Email: solutions@ia.ca