

Dickens Annex Newsletter – April 2021

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Important Dates to Remember:

- April 2nd **Good Friday (no school)**
- April 5th **Easter Monday (no school)**
- April 14th Individual and Class photos
- April 15th PAC online meeting @ 7:30 pm
- April 20th Welcome to Kindergarten (tentative date)
- April 22nd Earth Day
- **April 26th District-wide ProD Day (no school)**



Thank You and Welcome

We would like to say a big thank you to **Sylvie Beddoes** who has worked as a Student Support Worker at the Annex for many years. Her contribution to this school has been greatly appreciated. We wish her the very best in retirement.

I would like to welcome **Kai Peters** who will be our new SSW. Kai will start at the Annex on April 5th.

COVID-19 Update

Please continue to check the **Daily Health Assessment** every morning. Remember to keep your child at home when they are sick. The health and safety of students, staff, and our families continue to be a top priority of Vancouver Schools. We greatly appreciate your ongoing support. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe.

The Ministry of Education has worked with Public Health and the BCCDC to create a daily health check website and mobile app (**BC K-12 Daily Health Checker app**) for students and their parents to complete before heading to school in the morning. The website and app will contain the most up-to-date BC health guideline information.

The design of the app was developed in collaboration with BC students to create an age-appropriate user experience. It will allow for students and their parents to make the best decisions on whether to attend school, not to attend school, or take other measures based on the information they provide.



Individual and Class Photos

Individual and Class Photos have now been approved by the VSB and we have scheduled a tentative date for **Wednesday, April 14th**. We hope to have these photos taken outside (weather permitting) so that we can comply with the VSB and Provincial Health and Safety protocols. More information will come to you shortly.

New Walkways

Over Spring Break the VSB Grounds department was busy putting in our new paved walkway around the west and north side of the building. These walkways will help to lessen the amount of mud and dirt that is brought into the school during our rainy days. As our spring showers come, please put these new sidewalks to good use.

From the PAC

Despite the challenges of this year with COVID, our PAC continues to work hard at supporting our students and our school community. Here are a few things to be aware of:



Cheer Gear

The PAC in partnership with Jackson's General Store has developed a new line of Cheer Gear for our school community. Check out the website at <https://charles-dickens-pac.square.site/> and be sure to put your order in before **Monday, April 5th**. All proceeds raised will go directly to funding school needs and programs

Family Scavenger Hunt

Be sure to sign up for the First Annual Dickens Scavenger Hunt from **Friday, April 2nd – Monday, April 5th**. Please visit the Dickens PAC blog at <https://dickenspac.blogspot.com> to download and print your MAP and CLUES.



PAC Meeting

There will be an online PAC meeting on **Thursday, April 15th** from 7:30-8:30 pm. Please email dickenspac@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

Bike to School Week

May 31st – June 4th is **Bike to School Week**, an annual program offered by HUB Cycling to encourage teachers, students, and parents to try biking to school as a fun and healthy alternative to driving. We have lots of bike racks outside for locking up whatever you ride to school, whether it's a bike or a scooter. Please note that we are not able to store bikes or scooters inside the school. Thank you for your cooperation with this. Visit www.bikehub.ca/btsw for more information.



Are You Moving?

We continue to make plans for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are planning to move or change schools this summer, please let the office staff know as soon as possible.