

## Dickens Annex Newsletter – April, 2019

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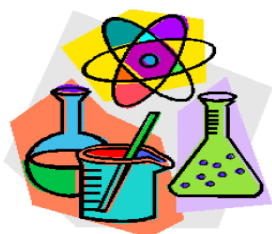
Vice-Principal (Annex): Jim Embree

Director of Instruction: Aaron Davis

PAC Chairs: Amy Stanley and Heather Garnett

### Important Dates to Remember:

- April 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 3 presentation (Transition to Dickens Main)
- April 5<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Conduct Session @ 9:15
- April 8-12<sup>th</sup> Week of Dance
- April 10<sup>th</sup> Field Trip: Salmon Girl performance
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Fire House Demonstration for Grade 3s
- April 18<sup>th</sup> Author Shannon Stewart visit
- April 18<sup>th</sup> Spring Stations
- April 18<sup>th</sup> Grade 3 Egg Drop @ 2:30 pm
- **April 19<sup>th</sup> Good Friday (no school)**
- **April 22<sup>nd</sup> Easter Monday (no school)**
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> Science in Action 3:00-4:00pm
- April 24<sup>th</sup> Grade 3 visit to Dickens Main
- April 26<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten hearing and vision testing
- **April 29<sup>th</sup> District-wide ProD (no school)**



### After-School Program

Tupper Community Schools Team (TCST) will be offering an after-school program called **Science In Action** every Tuesday after-school from 3:00 - 4:00 pm from April 23 until May 28th. Brochures were sent home earlier this week. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the school office if you would like to enrol your child.

### Spring Celebration and Grade 3 Egg Drop

Dickens Annex will have a special afternoon on **Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**. All students in Grades K-2 will be creating Spring art. All Grade 3 students will participate in a very special activity. They will be designing a contraption using **school provided materials** to keep a raw egg from breaking when dropped off the school roof. This will be a great event you will not want to miss. All parents are welcome to meet us outside the school at 2:30 pm.



### Grade 3 Stuffies

Once again the students in Grade 3 will be making "Stuffies" on May 7, 14 and 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. We need scraps of material that are at least 8 ½ X 11 or larger as well as parent volunteers who can sew. If you are interested please contact [galitmastia\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:galitmastia[at]gmail.com)

### News from the School Garden

Gardening season has started. Now that the snow has melted, we are eager to get our hands in the dirt again. We are planting quick-growing vegetables outside to enjoy before the summer break and starting some indoors to transplant outside in a month or two.



### News from the Library

Thanks for supporting the Scholastic Book Fair. Dickens Annex retains up to 50% of our sales, depending upon the total amount of sales made and how we choose to use the profits. These funds help to purchase new books for the library.

### Walk-a-thon

It's time to talk about the 2018-2019 Walk-a-thon. Did you know that the Walk-a-thon has been an annual tradition here for the last 10 years? The funds raised by this event have been used to support the many programs and activities that enrich all students' education.

Last year we raised \$3,736.70 and the money was used to go towards extra materials and supplies, field trips, and performances. This year, it would be great if we could break **\$4,000.00**. **Our Walk-a-thon will take place on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. **Mark your calendar, bring your family, and let's make this the best year ever.**



### Bike to School Week

May 27-31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.bikehub.ca/btsw) for more information.

### West Coast Family Centre

Westcoast Family Centre has just moved close to Dickens Annex and is offering two workshops to support families going through a separation/divorce. The Parent's class starts April 2<sup>nd</sup> while the Children's "Let's Talk About Feelings" group starts next Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. For more information see the brochures that are posted in the hallway or call 604.254.5457



## Reporting Student Absences

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist our school, we ask parents to notify us of student absences. If your child will be away from school, please phone or email the school to report this absence as early as possible. 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.

On behalf of our Office Team here at Dickens Annex, thank you very much for following our district-wide Safe Arrival Program. In order to help us keep track of the students in our building, please continue to report your child's absence in the following ways:

<b>To Report Your Child's Absence via Telephone:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Call 604-713-5392</li><li>2. Record your message (include child's full name, grade and division)</li></ol>	<b>To Report Your Child's Absence via E-mail:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. E-mail: pawong@vsb.bc.ca</li><li>2. Type your message (include child's full name, grade and division)</li></ol>
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**Please report the absence to the Safe Arrival Program even if you have already notified your teacher.**

## MoreSports: Basketball

Learn the FUNdamentals of basketball – dribble, pass and shoot through progressive skill development, role playing and active participation. This program is designed for beginners to intermediate. Come show off your skills while learning from the best Midtown Tigers Coaches in the area. This program is offered at **McBride Elementary School**. Brochures are available in the school office.



Gr. 2-3 Basketball Coed 9:00 am - 10:00 am    April 13<sup>th</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Gr. K-1 Basketball Coed 10:30 am - 11:30 am    April 13<sup>th</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup>



## MoreSports: Mini Soccer Program

No experience necessary. Come and play in a fun, low pressure, skill building experience for boys and girls who want to play with friends and school mates in a supportive soccer environment. Includes a Midtown Soccer Jam T-shirt. Soccer shoes and shin guards are not provided but are recommended. Each session includes practice time and game play. This program is offered at two different locations (**Robson Park Field** and **Memorial Park Turf Field**). Brochures available in the school office.

Gr. K-1 Soccer Coed    9:00 am - 10:15 am    April 13- June 8<sup>th</sup>  
Gr. 2-3 Soccer Coed    10:30 am - 11:45 am    April 13- June 8<sup>th</sup>

## Spring Fling

The 2019 Spring Fling is coming soon, and we are looking for leads for the following fun positions:

- Cotton Candy
- Music & Entertainment
- Face Painting
- Cake Walk

For more details, check out the posters in the hallway or contact lauraporee@mac.com



*Cherry Blossom Tree  
by Austin Div 6*



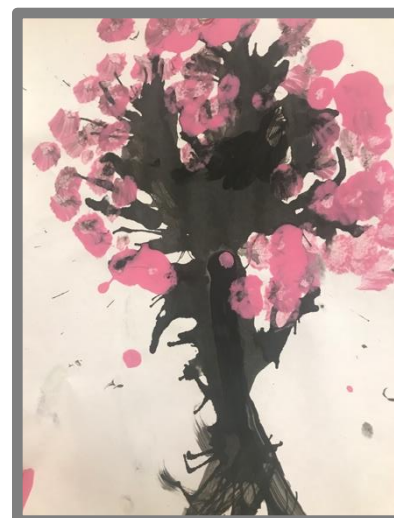
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by Keshin Div 5*



*Sunshine by Keith Div 1*



*Cherry Blossom Tree and Treehouse by Div 5*



*Cherry Blossom Tree  
By Jonah Div 6*



*Imaginary Bug of the Amazon Rainforest  
by Hailey Div 5*



*Birds in the Sunset  
by Anna Div 1*