

Dickens Annex Newsletter – June 2019

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Important Dates to Remember:

- June 14th Sports Day
- June 18th Stanley Park Field Trip 9:15 am
- June 20th PAC General meeting @ 7:00 pm
- June 21st National Indigenous People's Day
- June 21st Camp Read
- June 25th Talent Show @ 2:00 pm
- June 26th Grade 3 Farewell Assembly
- June 27th Last Day for students
- June 27th Report Cards home
- June 28th First Day of Summer holidays
- Sept 3rd First Day back to School



Walk-a-Thon

A big thank you to all of our students, staff, and families who participated in our annual Dickens Annex Walk-a-Thon in May. We are excited to announce that we reached both goals! We raised over **\$4,025.00** and our students and families walked a total of **1044 laps**. **We are so thankful** for your generous donations! The money will be used for field trips and special events at the Annex. In honour of the great effort, we will have an Ice Cream Party on the afternoon of June 14th, a dress up day (TBA), and watch out for one of our staff members who will be dressed up as a chicken for the day.

Summer Experience 2019

Interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), cooking, dance, academic upgrading and much more? VSB Summer Experience 2019 offers a wide range of courses for elementary students including Adventures in Art, Getting ready for Grade 1 and 4, Author Studies, Environmental Crusaders, Genius Hour, Hooked on Reading and Writing and so many more. Most courses are funded by the Ministry of Education. Brochures are available outside the school office as well on the VSB website. Some spots fill up quickly, if you are interested in these classes for your children, be sure to register online as soon as possible. Information brochures are located in the main hallway.



“Play-First Lunch” Pilot Program

From **May 27th- June 7th** the Annex piloted a “Play-First Lunch” program for two weeks. We will be asking our students, teachers, support staff, and supervision aides to give us their feedback. We would be interested to hear from you as well. Please feel free to pass on your thoughts to staff, or email the school at pawong@vsb.bc.ca



Class Placement Information

At this time, schools are in the beginning stages of planning for the 2019-2020 school year. This process involves working to best support our students to have a smooth transition to next year.

As you know, our staff understands their students in the school context and engage in a rigorous class placement that involves thoughtful collaboration. We approach each placement decision carefully. Each student’s social, emotional, and academic needs are considered. In addition, we consider social connections, students as English Language Learners, students with special needs, leadership abilities, cohesive student groupings, previous classroom history, as well as class- size and composition (Ministry/VBE guidelines).

Please note that class placement letters requesting a specific teacher are not being accepted by the school.

Next Year 2019-2020

During the months of May and June, we will start making plans for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are planning to move and change schools this summer, please let the office know as soon as possible.

The school calendar was sent to you in an email at the end of May. Paper copies are available outside the school office.

The Vancouver School Board will continue its service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2019-2020 will be \$35.00



Lost and Found

Please remember to look through the pile of clothing and lunch container items that have been collected in the bins outside the hallway. Also, please remember to thoroughly clean your child’s cubby before the end of the school year. Any remaining items will be recycled over the summer.

School Cash Online

In September, the Vancouver School Board will now be offering **School Cash Online** at Dickens Annex as its preferred method of payment for all school fees. Please see the attached letter for more information.

Dickens Annex Talent Show

It's show time. This year the Dickens Annex Talent Show will take place on **Tuesday, June 25th at 2:00 pm** in the gym. All parents are welcome to attend and watch this special event. Please talk to your classroom teacher if you have any questions.



Library News

The end of the school year is fast approaching. All books and library bags are now due back. If you are moving to a new school in September, you may keep your bag if you wish.



Camp Read and Book Swap

On Friday, June 21st, we will have our Camp Read and Book Swap. Students and staff are encouraged to wear their pajamas and curl up with a great book all morning. Have some books at home you'd like to pass on to another student? Bring them to share and take home some new ones (or new to you). More details will be shared with your children before the date.

School Garden

We are looking for volunteers to help water the garden throughout the summer. If you are available and interested, please talk to our Librarian, Lorraine Sharpsteen.



Thank you to Our Volunteers

Thank you to all of our volunteers that help to make the Annex a special place to be. Once again this year, we have a very special group of retired folk who volunteer with our **One-to-One Literacy Program**. Since September they have come to the Annex one morning a week to read with our students. A special thank you goes out to **Laurie Rice, Joy Nucich, Carol Colton, and Maynard Embree**. We greatly appreciate all that you do for our students.

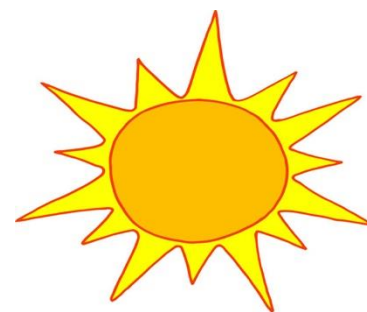
Retirements

It is hard to believe that **Lorraine Sharpsteen** and **Frie De Vera** will be retiring this year. Lorraine started working with the VSB in 1988 and has been at Dickens Annex for 11 years. Frie has worked at the Annex for 16 years. Both have been an important part of the school community and have been a great influence on the lives of our students. They will both be missed at Dickens Annex. We wish them the very best as they start this new chapter of their lives.



Sports Day

We would like to invite families to come and enjoy Sports Day on the morning of **Friday, June 14th**. This event will take place rain or shine from (9:00-12:10 pm). Students are reminded to bring a regular RECESS snack and LUNCH. If your child will not be attending school on this day, please let us know in advance. Please remember to keep younger siblings supervised at all times.



The shape of the day will take place as follows:



- 9:00 am **School will begin at our regular time.** All students please report to their classroom for attendance.
- 9:15 am **Teams will proceed to their Team Teacher leader** to kick off our Sports Day Parade to the Undercover Area for team cheers.
- 9:30 am **WHEELS PARADE** – Any **student** wishing to participate may **decorate** their bikes or scooters and bring them to school for a Wheels Parade. Please note: all students who participate must wear a helmet. Due to safety concerns, only current Dickens Annex students are to participate in the wheels parade and stations.
- 9:45-10:00 Running Races

- 10:00-10:30 Stations
- 10:30-10:50 RECESS - All students must bring their own RECESS snack please.**
- 10:50-11:40 Stations
- 11:40-12:10 Tug of War
- 12:10 Sports Day is over
- 12:10-1:00 LUNCH -This will be a regular lunch day. All students must bring their own lunch.**
- 1:00-3:00 Regular classroom activities resume.

Important Information:

- School will be session all day until 3:00pm
- There will be no **School Assembly** this day.
- There is no CONCESSION STAND (see below for Coffee/Tea details).
- If you take your child home **before or after** lunch, please let your child's teacher know and **SIGN THEM OUT IN THE OFFICE.**
- *Please let us know if your child **will not be** returning after lunch.*

Sports Day Morning Coffee News

The school will organize a Coffee and Tea Station for adults



Please bring your own "mug" if possible!
Thank you.