

Dickens Annex Newsletter – May, 2019

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Important Dates to Remember:

- May 2nd Big One @ 2:00 pm (Earthquake Preparedness Drill)
- May 3rd Walk-a-Thon @ 2:00-3:00 pm
- May 7, 14, 21st Grade 3 Stuffy making
- May 8th Grade 3 Parent Orientation at Dickens Main @ 6 pm
- May 14th Welcome to Kindergarten 9:30-11:30 am
- **May 17th District-wide ProD (no School)**
- **May 20th Victoria Day (no school)**
- May 23rd Grade 3's visit Dickens main @ 2:30 pm
- May 24th Volunteer Appreciation Assembly
- May 27-31st "Play-First Lunch" pilot at the Annex
- May 27-31st Bike to School week
- May 30th Spring Fling @ 4:00-8:00 pm



Walk-a-Thon

Thank you to all of our students, staff, and families who participated in our annual Dickens Annex Walk-a-thon today. Our school goal was to complete over 1,000 laps and to raise money for programs and additional activities at the school. The office will continue to collect pledge forms and money next week. Stay tuned as we will tally up the laps and reveal the amount of money raised.

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.



“Play-First Lunch” Pilot Program

“Play-First Lunch” is a change in the traditional scheduling of lunchtime and playtime. As the name implies, students go out to play first and then eat lunch after. Some of the benefits include the following:

- Improved student behaviour on the playground and in the classroom
- Less litter on the school ground and inside the school
- Students are more relaxed and focussed on eating rather than thinking about getting outside to play
- More food eaten; increased fluid intake
- Students return to the classroom more quickly and are settled and ready to learn



From **May 27th**- **June 7th** the Annex will be piloting this program for two weeks. We would like to hear feedback from students, parents, and staff to evaluate how this “Play-First Lunch” fits with our school schedule and student needs. A letter will be sent home prior to the starting date. Feel free to let us know your thoughts.



Big One @ 2 pm Earthquake Drill

This past Thursday, Dickens Annex staff and students participated in the district-wide Big One @ 2 Earthquake Preparedness Drill. Students reviewed and practiced what to do in the classroom, and how to evacuate safely and efficiently. It is also important that you have a Home Preparedness Plan. The Ministry of BC has a household guide that is very informative. Feel free to check out resources at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/make-your-plan>

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. Thank you.



Grade 3 Stuffies

Once again the students in Grade 3 will be making “Stuffies” on May 7, 14 and 21st from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. We are still in need of 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 [galitmastai\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:galitmastai[at]gmail.com)



Bike to School Week

May 27-31st 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.

DO YOUR BEST, HELP OTHERS, FIND JOY

Charles Dickens Elementary

1010 East 17th Avenue



May 30, 4-8pm

Silent Auction

Face Painting Cake Walk LIVE MUSIC

Games Bouncy Castle Marketplace FOOD

Bake Sale DUNK TANK PETTING ZOO!

This is our main fundraiser to support field trips, activities and classroom supplies, and is a great celebration of our school and community!



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