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## **Newsletter #3 November 1, 2019**

Office hours are 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT NOTICE. PLEASE HAVE SOMEONE TRANSLATE IT**

**這是一份重要通告·請找人為你翻譯· 중요 공지 - 영어를 읽지 못하는 분은 번역을 부탁드립니다.**



### Reminders/Calendar

November 6	Photo Retakes
November 6	PAC Meeting 6PM in Library
November 7	Remembrance Day Assembly (10:45 am)
November 8	Professional Day-No school for students
November 11	Remembrance Day-School CLOSED

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy November everyone. We have survived the building excitement of Halloween and now will be able to take a deep breath for a day or two before diving into Remembrance Day preparations. Please take note of the dates above in planning ahead for child care needs over the next month. Also, we are heading into wet, colder weather. Please ensure that your child comes to school prepared to be outside for recesses and also consider sending a change of clothes with younger ones as they tend to splash around in puddles more.

A reminder that we provide supervision for the twenty minutes before and after classes. We are noticing many students arriving very early and staying late without a parent present. We endeavour to keep everyone safe and hope you can support us in that commitment.

I'd also like to draw your attention to a couple of websites regarding social media.

The first is a link to an article about posting pictures of other peoples' children:

<https://www.common sense media.org/privacy-and-internet-safety/what-should-i-do-when-other-people-post-pictures-of-my-child-online>

The second website is a great resource that has an indepth parent section to help you wade through the waters of social media that your child is already swimming in:

<http://mediasmarts.ca>

With respect,  
Bruce

## PAC MEETING DATES

Our PAC does amazing work raising extra funds that enable us to do many things with students that would otherwise be impossible. Some examples of things PAC has supported in the past year are: purchasing ukuleles for the music program, supporting our physical education program with supplies, and purchasing 10 ipads for the school.

All PAC meetings are at 6pm in our school library.

- November 6, 2019
- December 4, 2019
- January 8, 2020

All fundraising events have been updated on the school website. More information is on the following website:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/chief-maquinna/Families/Parent-Advisory-Council/Pages/default.aspx>

Current PAC Fundraisers:

2019 Artona Family Photo Night - **Wednesday, November 13 & Thursday, November 14**

2019 Western Direct Frozen Food Fundraiser - **ORDERS DUE: Thursday, November 14**

2019 Purdys Chocolatier Christmas Fundraiser - **ORDERS DUE: Tuesday, November 26**

## **STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING**

**Please remember to report absences by dialing 604-713-5159 and then entering the school code 49. Students who arrive at school AFTER attendance is taken are reminded to come to the office to get a welcome slip so their teacher knows we have recorded their arrival.**

## **HOT LUNCHES**

Hot lunches continue to be served on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A special thanks to Ana and her team for taking care of this program-not only do our students get a variety in their lunches but the program raises a lot of money for our PAC.

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE/E-MAIL**

Please notify the school immediately if you change your address or phone number during the school year. You would be amazed at the number of “not in service” messages we receive when trying to contact families. This also applies to any Emergency Contact you provide the school. Please ensure that the names and phone numbers are current and in working order. We need all parents' email addresses as we would like to continue our environment sustainability program by reducing paper and photocopying ink. If you change addresses you need to provide us with proof of the new address (utility bill, bank record, purchase/rental etc.).

## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Kindergarten registration for children who are 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2019 begins today. Students who are registered before January 31, 2019 have priority for space in their catchment schools; if you are planning to apply for a choice program, your child **MUST** be enrolled by January 31. Registration for all VSB schools is now online. Please see the attached information sheet.

## **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

*You can have fun and still be efficient. In fact, you will be more efficient!-Charles Swindell*

***We live, work and learn on the traditional lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Coast Salish people. We wish to acknowledge the history of our neighborhood and community as we have all benefited from the richness of their teachings.***



**Kindergarten registration for children born in 2015 begins on November 1st.** All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (French Immersion, Montessori, etc.) and/or a cross boundary placement. The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **Friday November 1st and closes at 4 pm on Friday January 31st.** Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

Applying for Kindergarten is a **2-Step process:**

**Step 1:** Completion of an online application form.

**Step 2:** Bringing supporting documentation, along with your child, to your neighbourhood English catchment school.

**Supporting Documents Needed:**

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records
5. Court Orders/Documents (if applicable)

If you want to apply for a Choice program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for Choice programs and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2020.



**1 Apply Online**



**2 Visit your catchment school with necessary documents**

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than available space\* at the school, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

**Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1st and January 31st**

1. **In-catchment** Kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining Kindergarten spaces.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
4. Between January 31st and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

**Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st**

In-catchment Kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31st will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

**Note:** There will be **no priority** given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**For more information on kindergarten registration visit:**

<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

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