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## **Newsletter #3 November 3, 2020**

Office hours are 8:15 am to 3:15 pm

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

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### Reminders/Calendar

November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly (10:50 am)
November 11	Remembrance Day-School CLOSED
November 27	Professional Day-NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

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. Due to covid restrictions we are very intent on sending our students outside and not calling any indoor recesses. We are planning a virtual Remembrance Day Assembly for November 10 beginning on the Whole School Team at approximately 10:50AM. If you wish to join us, feel free to log in using your child's login (teachers will be "broadcasting" the assembly in their rooms. We are also hopefully as many Option 4 students as possible will also join us for the assembly.

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. PAC is continuing to pursue fundraising even in the midst of the pandemic. Please consider a direct contribution as was outlined in the letters sent home. Purdy's Chocolate order forms will be coming home shortly-PAC is working on safe distribution.

All PAC meetings are at 530pm on Zoom.

- November 17, 2020
- December 15, 2020
- January 19, 2021

## **STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING**

**Please remember to report absences by dialing 604-713-5159 and then entering the school code 49.**

## **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, 2021 began on Monday. Students who are registered before January 31, 2021 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. We will be calling families who register to make an appointment to come in to the school with documentation (because of COVID, no non VSB employees may be in schools without an appointment).

***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 2016 begins on November 1.**

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 (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or a cross boundary placement. The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **November 1 and closes at 4 pm on January 29**. 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: Verifying documentation

- Contact your English catchment school office to set up an appointment to bring your supporting documentation
- Bring supporting documentation to your English catchment school office during your scheduled appointment



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 District program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for District programs and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2021.

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 1 and January 31**

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 31 and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

**Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31<sup>st</sup>**

In-catchment kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31 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.

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

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

\* Available Space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the District (Administrative Procedure 300).