

May 2022

Oppenheimer Elementary Newsletter

2421 Scarboro Ave, Vancouver, BC V5P 2L5 604-713-4570

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/david-oppenheimer>

Safe Arrival – 604-713-5159 ext. 62 OPPAttendance@vsb.bc.ca

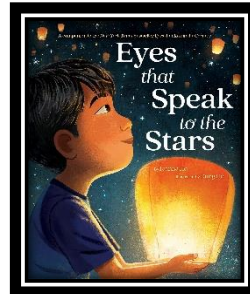
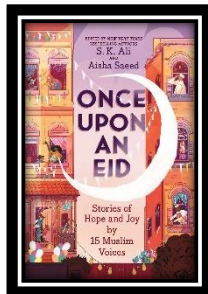
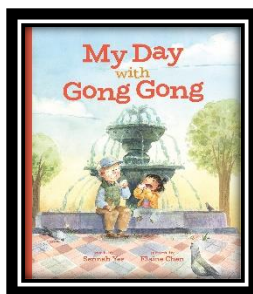
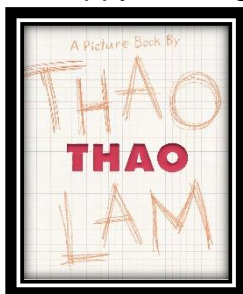
Principal: Hope Sterling
OAA: Deborah Pollastretti
OSB: Cathy Yoshida (Fridays)

Director of Instruction: Christopher Wong
Trustee: Estrellita Gonzalez
PAC Co-Chairs: Esther Moreno & Sara DiMarino

Dear Oppenheimer Community:

LIBRARY NEWS - From Ms. McKnight in the library

This month in the library we will be celebrating Asian Heritage Month by reading books by Asian authors and books celebrating the contributions people of Asian descent have made to the world. We will also be learning about Eid, as Ramadan comes to an end at the beginning of the month. Happy reading!



SEPT 2022 CLASS PLACEMENT

Thank you to all the families who sent in some extra information for us to consider when placing students in their classes for next school year. This opportunity is now closed, as the month of May signals the start of the long complex job of organizing classes. The entire staff spend many hours thinking, conferring, shifting and tweaking the classes. When building our classes, we consider many factors. First, we must be in compliance with district regulations for class size and numbers of designated students. Then we try our best to balance academic levels, numbers of ELL students, learning styles and gender, while trying to ensure each student has at least one friend from last year. This is all done while considering parent information. As you can imagine, this is an impossible job, but we do our best.

MAY EVENTS (May is so busy it almost looks pre-pandemic!)

May 5 is our big **EARTHQUAKE DRILL**. At 2 PM our population will duck and cover for 60 seconds. Then evacuate the school with all their belongings. We will assemble on the Grade 4 Soccer Field. **Division 16, Ms. Pewsey's class** will also be participating in our Reunification Drill.



May 11th @ 6:45pm.
See you on Zoom!



Friday, May 6

Dress for the weather!!



May 20, 2022

This means that parents will be invited to come to the field around 2:15 PM to line up at the check in at the North end.

Our PAC organized **WALK-A-THON** is taking place on Friday, May 6th. Intermediates start their warmup at 9:30 AM and Primaries start at 10 AM. I can't wait to see them all stretching and dancing with Dhyan, one of our former students. Intermediates will be walking around Fraserview Golf Course and Primaries will be walking around Bobolink Park. Thank you so much for your support in collecting and donating pledges! A huge thank you to the PAC for organizing this fun community building event! We are honoured to have some of our community members donating prizes and attending. If you would like to attend that day, you must be "attached" to your child's class. Each class will be allowed a maximum of 4 parent volunteers. Feel free to send a note to your child's teacher if you wish to attend. To donate online please visit: SchoolCashOnline.com: [Fee Details](#)

This will be our first in-person **WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN** event for 2 years! We have sent an email to invite all our new Kindergarten families to attend one of the two sessions. See dates below and check your email for further details.

We are excited to announce we will be holding an actual **SPORTS DAY** this year! Stations will begin at 10 AM. It will be slightly different from other years, as classes will rotate together through stations. Students will still be placed on one of the four teams, so we encourage you to send them in their team colours. Families are welcome to join us that day on the playground to cheer on your children! As this is the start of the long weekend, we are allowing students to leave at 2:30 PM on this day. If you are unable to pick up at 2:30 PM, we will supervise your children until the regular 3:03 PM pick-up time.

Warm Regards,
Ms. Hope Sterling, Principal

<u>May Dates to Remember</u>	
Thursday, May 5	2 PM Earthquake Drill
Friday, May 6	Walk-a-thon!!!
Thursday, May 12	Welcome to Kindergarten (A-J)
Friday, May 13	Welcome to Kindergarten (K-Z)
Wednesday, May 18	Immunization Clinic for K and Grades 1, 6 & 7
Friday, May 20	SPORTS DAY!
Monday, May 23	Victoria Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
May 24-27	PAC Sponsored Dance Session – Thank you PAC!

**Over the next few pages...
Take a walk down the Hallways of Oppenheimer.**

This month we are featuring Divisions 2!

Biography Poster Report

by Lylah

Person: Claus Philipp Maria Schenk Graf von Stauffenberg

This Person Is Famous for: (Shade in one or more categories.)

Leadership Science/Inventions The Arts Sports New Ideas Being First **Courage** Other

Portrait



Born: 11/15/1907 Died: 7/21/1944

Read All About Claus von Stauffenberg!

To learn more about this incredible person, check out this book I wrote:



Mini-Movie

If this person's story was turned into a movie, I would call it A Change of Heart.

The movie below shows three important scenes from Claus von Stauffenberg's life:



Captain Claus von Stauffenberg fighting on the frontlines in the Soviet Union.

Captain Claus von Stauffenberg and others discussing the assassination plan.

Captain Claus von Stauffenberg placing the bomb.

Quote to Quote

Something important this person said:

"Fate has offered us this opportunity and I would not refuse it for anything in the world!"

Life Lesson

Something important I learned from this person:

Sometimes you need to put others first. Think about how a choice may affect the future and act.

In Five Words

Five words that describe this person:

1. Courageous
2. Selfless
3. Rebellious
4. Heroic
5. Morally righteous

Final Fact

One last thing I want to tell you about this person:

Claus von Stauffenberg inspired many to fight and stand up against Hitler so that he's a hero.

Super Resources

To learn more about this person, here are some books, Web sites, and resources:

- Owlcation.com
- Britannica.com
- bbc.com
- wikipedia.org

Biography Poster Report

by Angela

Person: Class Philipp Maria Justinius Schenk Graf von Stauffenberg

This Person Is Famous for: (Shade in one or more categories.)

- Leadership
 Science/Inventions
 The Arts
 Sports
 New Ideas
 Being First
 Courage
 Other

Portrait



Born: 1928 Died: 1944

Read All About Class von Stauffenberg!

To learn more about this incredible person, check out this book I wrote:



Mini-Movie

If this person's story was turned into a movie, I would call it To Stop a Tyrant

The movie below shows three important scenes from Class von Stauffenberg's life:



Class von Stauffenberg begins to openly communicate with the German resistance.

The bomb goes off, killing four people but not Class von Stauffenberg.

Stauffenberg and his co-conspirators get arrested and executed by firing squad.

Quotable Quote

Something important this person said:

"We took this challenge before our lord and our king, and I must be done, because this was the only way to the ultimate end."

Life Lesson

Something important I learned from this person:

Always do what you think is right, don't let fear stop you.

In Five Words

Five words that describe this person:

1. Selfless
2. Courageous
3. Intelligent
4. Righteous
5. A leader

Final Fact

One last thing I want to tell you about this person:

Class von Stauffenberg was executed by a firing squad.

Super Resources

To learn more about this person, here are some books, web sites, and resources:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Class_von_Stauffenberg

Biography Poster Report

by Sophia

Person:

SOFKA SKIPWITH

This Person Is Famous for: (Shade in one or more categories.)

Leadership Science/Inventions The Arts Sports New Ideas Being First Courage Other

Portrait

(Draw a sketch or picture of your subject here.)



Born: October 28, 1907 Died: February 26, 1994

Read All About SOFKA SKIPWITH!

To learn more about this incredible person, check out this book I wrote:



Mini-Movie

If this person's story was turned into a movie, I would call it THE RUSSIAN PRINCESS

The movie below shows three important scenes from Sofka Skipwith's life:



Caption: Sofka is captured in Paris along with many others by the invading Nazis. Caption: Skipwith helping and caring for the prisoners at Vitkef. Caption: Skipwith writing each of the 250 Jews' names on small scraps of cigarette paper.

Quoteable Quote

Something important this person said:

"The thing that struck me about these prisoners was their air of resignation. They accepted death. They spoke little, never returned to my medical clinic in the park, no thought comes of being wrong."

Life Lesson

Something important I learned from this person:

"I learned to continue helping others even when you need help yourself."

In Five Words

Five words that describe this person:

- PASSIONATE
- PERSEVERING
- CARING
- STEADFAST
- LOYAL

Final Fact

One last thing I want to tell you about this person:

After the war, Sofka Skipwith became a human rights activist and talented educator.

Super Resources

To learn more about this person, here are some books, Web sites, and resources:

WIKIPEDIA
ACADEMIC PALMISTRY

Biography Poster Report

by Dasha

Person: Virginia Hall

This Person Is Famous for: (Shade in one or more categories.)

Leadership
 Science/Inventions
 The Arts
 Sports
 New Ideas
 Being First
 Courage
 Other

Portrait



Born: April 6, 1906 Died: April, 1982

Read All About Virginia Hall!

To learn more about this incredible person, check out this book I wrote:

Virginia Hall was born April 6, 1906 and at age 34 she drove ambulance. The reason behind this is because she was saving people, but not just ordinary people, Jewish people. She drove ambulances for the French Army taking wounded Jews to safety accompanied by her Jewish friend named Gerde la Tour.

Along her friend (Gerde la Tour) saved several frontline military transporters (as had before) wounded Jews to safety before occupying Nazi occupied France. After WWII ended Virginia Hall received the Distinguished Service Cross for her bravery in combat. Then, at 76 years old she died and her funeral place is at Glenview, Maryland, US.

Mini-Movie

If this person's story was turned into a movie, I would call it Virginia Hall's Story

The movie below shows three important scenes from Virginia Hall's life:



Caption: Virginia helping war refugees get to safety.

Caption: Virginia Hall standing next to the ambulance she used to help Jews.

Caption: Virginia Hall getting the Distinguished Service Cross.

Quotable Quote

Something important this person said:

"You can't change what you did before, but you can practice what you do now."
—Virginia Hall

Life Lesson

Something important I learned from this person:

Always listen to what you have to do to help people in need.

In Five Words

Five words that describe this person:

1. Individual
2. Daring
3. Something
4. Kind
5. Courageous

Final Fact

One last thing I want to tell you about this person:

Virginia Hall got the Distinguished Service Cross for being the most dangerous of all Allied spies.

Super Resources

To learn more about this person, here are some books, Web sites, and resources:

- <http://www.kidsfindity.com>
- <http://www.virginiashall.com>

Biography Poster Report

by Nash

Person: Nicholas Winton

This Person Is Famous for: (Shade in one or more categories.)

- Leadership
 Science/Inventions
 The Arts
 Sports
 New Ideas
 Being First
 Courage
 Other

Portrait



Born: 05/09/1909 Died: 07/01/2005

Read All About Nicholas Winton!

To learn more about this incredible person, check out this book I wrote:

Sir Nicholas George Winton was a British humanitarian and a stock broker by profession. He is best known for organizing the rescue of 669 children from Nazi-occupied Czech Republic. Sir Nicholas Winton planned 8 trains to bring Czech kids to safety in Great Britain. He had also served in the Royal Air Force from 1934-1934.

Most of the children that he had helped were Jewish. His accomplishments went unrecognized for around half a decade until 1988. Winton was dubbed the "British Schindler" by the press. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II for "services to humanity." The operation was later named the Czech-Wintontransport.

Mini-Movie

If this person's story was turned into a movie, I would call it Czech Kinder transport

The movie below shows three important scenes from Nicholas Winton's life:



Caption: The Nicholas Winton saved 669 people by

Caption: That Order of the White Lion award

Caption: Nicholas Winton turned 106 years

organizing 8 trains to rescue kids destined for Nazi concentration camps

is the highest order of the Czech Republic, old on May 19, 2005

Quotable Quote

Something important this person said:

"If something is not impossible, there must be a way of doing it"
- Nicholas Winton

Life Lesson

Something important I learned from this person:

To help the greater good and to always be humble.

In Five Words

Five words that describe this person:

1. Heroic
2. Courageous
3. Brave
4. Selfless
5. Humble

Final Fact

One last thing I want to tell you about this person:

Nicholas Winton had originally planned for 9 trains to leave the Czech Republic.

Super Resources

To learn more about this person, here are some books, Web sites, and resources:

[Wikipedia.com](http://wikipedia.com)
NicholasWinton.com
BBC.com