



# Dr. George M. Weir Elementary

## School News

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**February**  
**2020**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

To create a safe, accepting and challenging learning environment that provides all students with opportunities to build self-confidence to reach their potential and to value learning.

**RESCHEDULED BUSING MEETING - Wednesday, February 12, 2020**  
**6:30 pm in the Weir School Gym**

This will be an information meeting hosted by VSB District Staff to explain this service to families. Many of our VSB Multi-cultural Workers will be present to provide translation for those who might need it.

\*At the end of the meeting you will have the opportunity to sign-up for this busing service. It is very important to attend and sign-up if you are not planning to walk or drive your children to their swing site school. The busing service to and from MacCorkindale & Champlain will begin on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**(Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> will be a Non-Instructional Day for Weir students - no school for students).**



**February Activities:**

**Gymnastics**—Today is the final day of our 3 week gymnastics program in our regular gym classes. Once again this program has been a great success enjoyed by students.

**“Spring Concert”** - we wanted to have a small concert before the move to give the divisions who didn’t take part in the Winter Concert an opportunity to perform. The Weir Strings will be doing their final performance and Divisions 8, 9, 10, 11 13 and 15 will be taking part. The concert will be at 7:00 pm in our gym on Wednesday, February 19th. No tickets are required for audience admission. See you there!

**Week of Dance**—February 24-28th. All classes will be practicing throughout the week in their grade groups. There will be a performance on Friday afternoon (we will do an informal “hands up” survey of students that week to ask how many parents plan to attend so we know how many audience chairs will be needed).

**Contact Information**

|                           |                   |   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Principal:                | Heather Gascoigne | 604-713-4771                                |
| Vice-Principal:           | Cindy Neufeld     | 604-713-4771                                |
| Administrative Assistant: | Svetlana Ivezic   | 604-713-4771                                |
| Extra Clerical:           | Vail Thomas (Fri) | 604-713-4771                                |
| Director of Instruction:  | M. Kassis         | 604-713-5000                                |
| Trustee Liaison:          | Oliver Hanson     | 604-713-5000                                |
| Pac Chair                 | Hailey Wong       | weirpac@gmail.com<br>www.weirpac.weebly.com |

IMPORTANT NOTICE - PLEASE TRANSLATE!  
 ĐÂY LÀ ĐIỀU QUAN TRỌNG, XIN NHỚ NGƯỜI THÔNG DỊCH DỪM  
 AVISO IMPORTANTE! POR FAVOR PIDA QUE SE LO TRADUZCAN  
 這是重要的通告, 希請人譯讀。

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### 2019/20 Bell Schedule

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Warning Bell     | 8:55 am          |
| Start of the day | 9:00 am          |
| Recess           | 10:50 – 11:05 am |
| Lunch time       | 12:00 – 12:47 pm |
| End of the day   | 3:00 pm          |

### SUPERVISION TIMES:

**Before School: 8:40—8:55 am**

*There is no supervision on the school grounds before 8:40 am*

**Recess & Lunch**

**After School: 3:00—3:20 pm**

*Students are expected to be picked up or to leave by 3:20 pm unless they have a parent/adult supervising them outside.*

### NEW REPORTING FOR STUDENT ABSENCES

Student safety is of paramount importance in the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences before 9:00 am. If your child will be absent or late from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on the school line **604-713-5159 Ext 92**. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

**To Report Your Child's Absence – Please Call 604-713-5159 Ext 92.**



### Rain or Snow, Weir Goes Outside

It has been very cold outside! Be prepared for the weather. Students should be ready to go outside at recess and lunch every day. Students need to get some fresh air and be physically active to keep their mind and body in a learning state all day.

### ARE YOU SICK?

There has been a lot of sickness in our school this season. Please remember: to stay home if you have a fever or are vomiting.



### *School Parking Update*

Vancouver City Council has passed changes to the fees around **stopping violations** which will **double the fines for violations which occur in the vicinity of schools, 8am-5pm on school days**. This was passed Dec. 3 2019 and came into effect **Jan 1, 2020**. The Council report notes that “to support the City’s Moving Towards Zero goals, (City) staff have identified a number of safety related parking offences, in particular those that impact vulnerable road users, where fine amounts should be increased to further discourage unsafe parking behavior.”



### **Read our Newsletters On-line!**

We are trying to reduce the amount of paper that we use/copy so each edition of our newsletter will be sent to you via email if you have an email account. If you miss an edition, it is posted on our school website at: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/dr-george-m-weir>. Each edition includes a monthly calendar of events so you will know what is happening around the school. Make sure to let the office staff know if you change your email address. Please note: A few paper copies will be available in the office.

| FEBRUARY 2020 |   |                                     |                                       |  |  |     |
|---------------|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|-----|
| Sun           | Mon   | Tue                                 | Wed                                   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat |
|               |   |                                     |                                       |  |  | 1   |
| 2             | 3   | 4                                   | 5                                     | 6  | 7  | 8   |
|               | GYMNASTICS WEEK 3/3                                   |                                     |                                       | Hot Lunch—<br>Pizza  | LAST Volunteer<br>Orientation<br>8:45 am   |     |
| 9             | 10  | 11                                  | 12                                    | 13   | 14   | 15  |
|               |   |                                     | Busing Meet-<br>ing 6:30 pm in<br>Gym | Hot Lunch—<br>Japanese Hot<br>Movie Night—<br>6:00 pm      | <b>District Pro-D<br/>Day—NO<br/>SCHOOL FOR<br/>STUDENTS</b>                           |     |
| 16            | 17  | 18                                  | 19                                    | 20   | 21   | 22  |
|               | <b>FAMILY DAY—<br/>NO SCHOOL<br/>FOR<br/>STUDENTS</b> |                                     | 7:00 PM<br>Spring Concert             | Hot Lunch –<br>Subway                                      | Class/Group<br>Photo Day!  |     |
| 23            | 24  | 25                                  | 26                                    | 27   | 28   | 29  |
|               | 2020/21 Kinder-<br>garten Interview                   | 2020/21 Kinder-<br>garten Interview | Pink Day “Say<br>NO to Bullying!”     | 2020/21 Kinder-<br>garten Interview<br><br>Hot Lunch—Pizza | CHANGED —<br>School<br>Immunizations<br><br>Afternoon<br>Student Dance<br>Performances |     |
|               | WEEK OF DANCE   |                                     |                                       |  |  |     |

| MARCH 2020 |  |  |   |   |                                      |     |
|------------|--|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Sun        | Mon  | Tue  | Wed                                       | Thu                                       | Fri                                  | Sat |
| 1          | 2  | 3  | 4   | 5   | 6                                    | 7   |
|            |  |  | Early Dismissal<br>2:00pm—<br>Conferences | Early Dismissal<br>2:00pm—<br>Conferences |                                      |     |
| 8          | 9  | 10   | 11  | 12  | 13                                   | 14  |
|            | PAC Meeting<br>6:30-7:30 pm                        |  |   | Hot Lunch                                 | 3:00pm Dismissal for Spring<br>Break |     |
| 15         | 16   | 17   | 18  | 19  | 20                                   | 21  |
|            | SPRING BREAK                                       |  |   |   |                                      |     |
| 22         | 23   | 24   | 25  | 26  | 27                                   | 28  |
|            | SPRING BREAK                                       |  |   |   |                                      |     |
| 29         | 30   | 31   |   |   |                                      |     |
|            | <b><u>NO SCHOOL<br/>FOR WEIR<br/>STUDENTS!</u></b> | <b><u>FIRST DAY AT<br/>NEW SCHOOL<br/>SITE</u></b> |   |   |                                      |     |