



Luuqinak'uuh/Grandview Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Luuqinak' uuh (Grandview) Community,

What a fantastic fall it has been so far. Although we introduced many new routines, and the school looks a little different, having the kids back in the building has been incredibly rewarding.

I am so proud of each of our students. They have shown us what it means to **SOAR** With **Support** for each other and our community as we navigate these changes, an **Open Heart** as work together to support the health and safety of others, an **Awesome Attitude** for coming back with pride and an incredible sense of fun, and **Respect** as we discover ways that we can take care of ourselves, others and this place, September was a **SOARing** success.

A big thank you to our staff who have worked tirelessly to make sure our school, hallways, classrooms and gym are clutter-free and safe. The team has demonstrated **Open Minds** and an **Awesome** attitude, as they have worked out all of these new transitions, lunch and playtimes, learning cohorts, etc. There has been a lot to organize and plan, and our staff have accepted this challenge fearlessly and with the best interest of kids at heart.

Although we have had to make changes to keep each other safe, it doesn't mean that we cannot find creative ways to keep celebrating our school traditions and all the things that make Luuqinak' uuh (Grandview) great. Assemblies are still on (all be it virtually). Now we can more easily invite parents to sign in from home every Friday at 11:15 AM. They can do this via their child's TEAMS' account. Please contact your classroom teacher for more information regarding how to do this.

The Terry Fox Run was a huge success. A big thank you to Shane and Ms. Huang for organizing. We were able to run safely in our learning cohorts, but maintain that same sense of community that has defined this event in years past. What a fantastic way to show our **Respect** for those affected by cancer by running together in Terry's name!

The Library continues to be under construction. We are hopeful that this will be completed shortly. In place of an in-person tour,

we will be sure to share the before and after photos with parents. We are excited to see the final result!!! A big thank you to The Future Play Grant for this opportunity.

PAC – If you are looking for a way to get more involved with our school and community, we encourage you to join us (virtually) at the PAC Parents Advisory Council AGM on October 15th at 5:00 PM. An email with a ZOOM link will be emailed to all parents and guardians. Everyone is welcome to join.

SOAR challenge update. This month I have challenged our community to show us how they SOAR by working our new safety measures with Support, an Open Heart and an Awesome Attitude and Respect. I am excited to say that, with 175 tickets so far, we are well on our way to reaching our 400 ticket goal. When we reach our goal, we will celebrate with a school-wide pyjama day.

I hope you all have a wonderful and restful long weekend.

Risha Golby



Supportive: (Community)

- We are kind
- We are encouraging
- We welcome and include others



Open Hearted: (Self)

- We are open to new ideas
- We are peaceful problem solvers
- We can ask for help when we need it

Awesome Attitude: (Spirit)

- We persevere
- We are courageous learners
- We understand the importance of own story

Respect: (Well Being) We care about the well being of:

- ourselves
- others
- this land

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE:

- Mon, Oct 12- Thanksgiving Day SCHOOL CLOSED
- Thurs, Oct 15- Earthquake Drill @ 10:05 AM
- Fri, Oct 23 - Pro D Day -NO SCHOOL
- Tues , Nov 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly
- Wed, Nov 11 - Remembrance Day SCHOOL CLOSED
- Wed. Nov 25 - Parent Conference—dismissal @ 2pm
- Thurs, Nov 26 - Parent Conference - dismissal @ 2pm

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSISTANT

Hello Parents and Guardians

I just wanted to introduce myself to all the new families. My name is Donna Mah and I am the Neighbourhood Assistant at Grandview. The Neighbourhood Assistant is a jack of many skills. My role is to support the families and students. I help with some transitioning, accessing community support, access to the school and community health support, family support, food security, help to organize events, and cooking with the students and the families. With COVID-19, is it more difficult to teach cooking this year but once we are in a healthier time, cooking with the students and families will resume.

If there is anything I can help with, feel free to give me a call or email me.

Stay well, be safe, and always be kind

Donna Mah

Neighbourhood Assistant

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SAFE ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

Reporting Student Absences:

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. **Please report prior to 9 am if your child will be late or absent to the following telephone & extension or by email only.**

Please call 604-713-5159 school code 33 # or

Email to: graattendance@vsb.bc.ca.

Please leave a message with the following information: Child's Full Name, Child's Division and/or Teacher's Name, indicate whether he/she will be absent or late, reason for absence and length of absence.

Please note: Students arriving at 10:45 and later are marked absent for the morning.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

Reminders for students who started on September 14th:

- ◇ School supplies fees \$35.00 for the school year (thank you to those who already paid)
- ◇ Student verification forms/package - please complete and return to school if you have not yet done so

Dear Families and Friends,

We held our Terry Fox Run yesterday. Although it looked different from past years, we had a great time! 2uuqinak'uuh/Grandview is proud to be playing a role in raising awareness and funds for cancer research. Donations can still be made online. If you're interested in supporting the cause, please visit: <http://www.terryfox.ca/GrandviewuuqinakuuhElementary>

Together, we are making a difference!
<https://secure.terryfox.ca/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?TeamID=915554>

