



Issue 03

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Principal: Risha Golby

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Grandview Community,

The first month of 2020 has been an epic January, in terms of weather. I continue to be impressed by all of the incredible learning and growing that is happening in our school. I want to thank our parents and guardians for being patient and responsive to a rare (but exciting) snow day. It looks like February may bring some of the same weather, and I would like to remind everyone that the best place to check if there is a weather-related school closure is through local media sites and the Vancouver School Board website. I will do my best to email everyone, but the media is typically faster at getting this information out.

Weather aside, January has been a full month. Our month started off with a visit from our Superintendent, Susan Hoffman. She was greeted by our intermediates, who sang her the Coast Salish Anthem. Thank you so much to Tiare Laporte, our Indigenous Education Enhancement Worker, for helping our students shine with pride by sharing parts of their culture and community with Susan. I know that she was impressed with all the beautiful things that our students shared with her that day. I was especially touched by her conversation with one of our Gr. 3 students, who passionately advocated for a longer recess period. Way to advocate Tyson!

Our students also braved the weather to head out on some exciting field trips this month. Div. 6 and 7 enjoyed a day at Science World working behind the scenes with the Science World staff. Some of our Gr 6 and 7 students are currently participating in the CHILL learn to snowboard program at Cypress Mountain on Thursday nights. Thanks to Claire Shannon-Akiwenzie for being the teacher leader for this exciting opportunity.

Grandview students were treated to a performance of Flight of the Hummingbird from the Vancouver Opera. The feedback from the kids, young and old, was tremendous, and we so appreciate Vancouver Opera's continued support of our school.

Report Cards will be coming home with all students today. Six of our classroom teachers are piloting the new communicating student learning document. As a result, these report cards will look different, and will include:

Descriptive written comments addressing:

- student learning strengths
- areas for growth
- ways to support learning

As well, student proficiency scales for each subject area (in relation to grade-level expectations) will replace the use of letter grade in Gr 4-7. The following is a description of the proficiency scale language:

- BEGINNING to acquire knowledge, skills, strategies, and processes
- DEVELOPING the ability to apply knowledge, skills, strategies and processes
- APPLYING knowledge, skills, strategies and processes consistently
- EXTENDING knowledge, skills, strategies and processes creatively and strategically.

If your teacher is participating in this pilot, or if you have questions regarding the new B.C reporting standards, we look forward to your feedback. We will be providing the District feedback before full implementation begins in September 2020. If you have any specific questions, feel free to set up a meeting with me and/or your classroom teacher.

Sincerely,

Risha Golby

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE:

Mon, Feb 10 - Wed, Feb 12 - Arts Umbrella visit

Mon, Feb 10 - PAC meeting 5-7pm

Fri, Feb 14 - Pro-D Day (NO SCHOOL)

Mon, Feb 17- Family Day (NO SCHOOL)

Wed, Feb 19 - Thurs, Feb 20 - 2 Day Term 2 Conferences
Early Dismissal on both days at 2pm

Thurs, Feb 27 - Fire Drill @ 10:40 am

Fri, Mar 13 - last day before Spring Break

Mon, Mar 16 - Fri, Mar 27 - Spring Break

Mon, Mar 30 - School re-opens

MESSAGE FROM OUR LIBRARIAN

Dear parents/guardians,

Re: Request for materials

In the next few weeks, Divisions 6, 7 and 8 will be designing playgrounds using simple machines as part of Maker Space. We are hoping to build models of their designs and we need materials to do so.

If you have any of the following materials that you no longer need and would be willing to donate to the school, please send in with your child.

Screws	Bolts	Pulleys (small)
Spools	Dowels	Nuts

Many thanks,

Robyn Smyk

MESSAGE FROM OUR INDIGENOUS ENHANCEMENT WORKER

Starting next week Tiare will be offering smudging opportunity for students, families and staff in the longhouse on the south side of the school. She will be starting this coming Monday and will continue every Monday, after that, from 8:30 – 8:50 am. The only exceptions will be long weekends in which case she'll be there on the Tuesday. Please feel free to join her on any Monday that you can make it.

Tiare Laporte

GRANDVIEW SCHOOL

CODE OF CONDUCT

As a student at Grandview, I:

Take care of myself

Take care of others

Take care of this place

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.

Student Sign Out Procedure

When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you sign them out at the school office. If you do not sign out your child, they will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a 'missing' student and will commence a search of school grounds. If the school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent promptly, the school will call the Vancouver Police Department. Therefore, clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

**NURSE PRACTITIONER CLINIC AT GRANDVIEW
with KRISTINA PIKKSALU, NP**

Every Tuesday 9:30—11:30 am

DROP INS ARE WELCOME OR TO BOOK AN APPT.

CALL 604-875-2246

RICHER Initiative

**Responsive Intersectoral Children's Health,
Education, and Research Initiative**

WHO WE ARE

Community-based primary healthcare providers who meet the unique needs of children, youth, and families in Vancouver's inner city neighbourhoods, specifically Grandview/Woodlands, Strathcona, and Downtown Eastside

WHAT WE DO

- Primary health care clinic provided by Nurse Practitioners
- Assessment, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up of common, predictable health conditions affecting children, youth and their families
- Prescribe medications, order tests and provide referral to specialists
- Episodic illness care
- Mental health screening
- Developmental screening
- Link with specialists

Our approach provides important links to specialized healthcare services in partnership with families and their community-based support networks.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSISTANT

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful break.

We will start our parent cooking program on February 12th and 26th at 3:45pm. Please let me know a week in advance if you are interested.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Vancouver Opera for their kind donations to Grandview: for the dress rehearsal tickets to *The Barber of Seville* and the performance of *The Flight of The Hummingbird*. It was amazing! We are very grateful for the partnership. Vancouver Opera was also responsible for the photo booth at our Winter Celebration. Some of the photos are in our front entrance.

If any of the parents need any support or an ear, please feel free to pop into my office. I am just right beside the general office.

Have a great February!

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Grandview Highlights

