

**HENRY HUDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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Principal's Message

While thoroughly enjoyed by the students, last week's snowfall caused some stress amongst adults. There were 3 classes at Mt. Seymour and 3 classes at Kidtropolis in Richmond when the snow began falling – all classes returned to school by dismissal time and all students were picked up by 3:30 pm. In the event of snowfall, the district posts information on their site and local media always broadcasts school closure information. A school snow-closure day rarely happens in Vancouver.

The Kindergarten French Immersion and English program draws were conducted several days ago and parents were notified February 20th. The French Immersion class is full with an extensive wait list. We are in the process of filling the two English Kindergarten classes and anticipate the classes being filled by March 1, 2018. Apart from new Kindergarten registrants, there have also recently been several grade 1 to 7 students register for the upcoming school year who are now on the wait list for next year. The school is closed to all cross boundary applications. The school is now in the process of submitting the student population projection to the district. The district carefully reviews the projection and considers the waitlist when assigning staffing levels to our school.

In terms of the school building and grounds, the VSB painters have completed several jobs and many areas of the school are looking much better. A private contractor was recently at the school with the VSB looking at installing a slit drainage system to deal with the ongoing field drainage issue. To this date, I have not heard any updates regarding a start time for remediation work. Our school's PAC has been a key driver behind having the drainage issue remediated. While we wait for the work to begin, we certainly hope for dry weather.

Tonight the Hudson PAC is hosting an Earthquake Preparation session for parents. The session is in the school gym from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Information regarding the school and District's earthquake plans, in addition there will be someone presenting information from the City of Vancouver. I am looking forward to seeing many parents at tonight's session.

Thank you for your support.

Ian Cannon
Principal

**Overview of Upcoming
Activities & Events**

- Tue, Feb 27 – Div 5 & 6 – Robson Square Ice Rink
- Thu, Mar 1
 - Div 4 – Microsoft Store (Pacific Centre)
 - Div F15 – Maritime Museum
- Fri, Mar 2
 - Class photos
 - VCH Vision Screening – Kindergarten students
- Mon, Mar 5 – VCH Audiology Testing – Kindergarten Students
- Fri, Mar 9
 - Div F13 – Pacific Sprit Park
 - PAC Spring Fling Dance
- Mon, Mar 12
 - Div 4 – Museum of Vancouver
 - Div F12 & F13 (Gr 6's only) – Academie Duello
- Wed, Mar 14
 - Early Dismissal @ 2pm
 - Student-led conferences
- Thu, Mar 15
 - Early Dismissal @ 2pm
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- Fri, Mar 16 – last day of school before Spring Break
- Tue, Apr 3 – first day of school after Spring Break
- Fri, Apr 6 – Jump Rope Assembly
- Mon, Apr 9 – F12 & F13 (Gr 6's only) – Academie Duello



Medication Safety Presentation

On February 20 and 22, UBC Faculty of Pharmacy students gave 50 minute presentations to the grade 1 to 3 classes on the topic of medication use, safety, and the similarities in appearance to children's candy and vitamins. As part of their course of studies, various UBC faculties often offer information sessions for elementary students.

Musical Performances

Since the last newsletter, the students were able to enjoy performances by the Vancouver Highland School of Dance to commemorate Robbie Burns Day, and Grupo America who performed a selection of Latin American dances and provided the historical context of several styles of dance.

Architecture Project

The architecture project involving several classes working with French architect Maia Tarassoff came to a successful conclusion last week with all the students' work displayed in the upper hall. CBC Radio Canada was on site with a film crew and interviewed 3 students about the project. The students did a wonderful job sharing information. The story was later broadcast by the CBC and posted on their social media sites.

Elementary Trades Grant

Mr. Lerch's class just received a \$500 grant from the VSB Career Programs department. The funds will be to support student design projects that use the school's 3D printer.

Vancouver Coastal Health Vision and Hearing Screening

VCH will be at Hudson to provide assessments to the Kindergarten students on March 2 and 5. Parents not wishing their children to receive the assessments need to contact VCH at 604- . The Kindergarten assessments are a regularly scheduled event at all schools.

Reading Recovery

Reading Recovery is an intensive 1 on 1 reading program for grade one students who are experiencing challenges learning to read. Students in the program receive daily 1 to 1 instruction for 20 weeks. This District supported program is available in many of our District's schools. We are fortunate that Mme. Boyd is able to deliver the program to the grade one French Immersion students. Teachers qualified to teach the program receive on-going professional development and support on a monthly basis from the District. More information on the program may be found at <http://rrcanada.org> .

Technology Update

The additional set of laptops purchased by both the PAC and the school have arrived and are being mirrored for use by a VSB technician, the new laptops should be in circulation by the end of the week. As well, several new iPads have been placed in some of the primary classes.

Some Classroom Highlights

Division 4 (Mrs. Tso's class) has been busily working with Tiare Laporte on making longhouses to learn more about the First Peoples' culture. Earlier, students enjoyed making a bulletin board display of Winter Eagle masks.

Division 5 (Mr. Hunter's class) just recently wrapped up their Canada Unit. We learned lots of interesting things about our country. Pop quiz: do you know what year Nunavut became a territory or which two provinces are connected by the Confederation Bridge? How about the best place to see a polar bear? Can you guess what giant body of water Henry Hudson accidentally discovered while searching for the Northwest Passage?

Our Pyeong Chang Winter Olympic bulletin board is currently on display. We have created pictograms for the different sporting disciplines. Witness history in the making as Canada strives to surpass their previous Olympic record of 26 total metals, which was set right here at the 2010 Vancouver Games!

Community School Teams (CST)

Attention Hudson parents/guardians: Online registration will begin on Monday, Feb 19 for the following spring program:

Young Rembrandts will run April 13 - June 15, no class April 27 and May 18. Please register at: www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver

Paper registration will still be available for **MoreSports Soccer** which will run April 16 - June 11. Paper registration forms are available now.

Please don't delay in registering as all these programs fill up very quickly and spaces are limited.

Attendance and Safe Arrival

If your child will be late or absent, please contact us with this information:

- Your child's name
- Grade and Homeroom (if possible)
- When and how long your child will be absent

By phone: Call 604-713-5159, extension 37, or

By email: hudattendance@vsb.bc.ca

Student Sign-In/Out Procedure

If your child arrives after 9:00am, please ensure that your child signs in at the office. Similarly, if you pick up your child during the school day, please sign them out at the school office.

“The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all others, charity.” – Ben Franklin