

**HENRY HUDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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Principal's Message

Dear Families,

As we continue to enjoy the warm and sunny weather, the students are eagerly awaiting the reopening of the school field next week. Considering we have had just over 400 students using a very limited outdoor space at recess and lunch, they are to be commended for positive play and being mindful of each other. As well, with limited space this year, our PAC and Community Schools Team have not been able to offer as many lunchtime and after school activities.

This month, the grade 4 and 7 students have been completing the Ministry of Education's annual Foundation Skills Assessments (FSA). The assessments are designed to provide a snapshot of how the students are doing in the areas of literacy and numeracy. This year many of the students have been exempted from the FSA due to parental requests. Province results are made available and are used by an organization to rank schools based on this very narrow and limited data. The school does collect student achievement, behavior and attendance data throughout the school year and we are not dependent on FSA results to help guide teaching practice.

Recently the intermediate grade students were able to interact with BC Attorney General David Eby when he visited Hudson on October 5. Mr. Eby was very engaging as he spoke to the students about his role, how the Legislature works and answered student questions regarding many issues currently in the news including proportional representation. The intermediate students were also able to participate in a morning of math activities with mathematics students from UBC.

On the September 28 Professional Day, school staff were on site participating in a selection of workshops including a communications session with presenter Mario Govorchin and a session using online technology for classrooms. The next professional day is on October 19. The October date is a province-wide professional day, staff will be attending various workshops on a variety of topics.

On October 20, you have the opportunity to elect individuals for School Board. Please take the time to research the candidates and vote for those you feel will have the greatest positive effect on our school system. With so many new candidates and others not running for re-election your votes are extremely important. When you exercise your right to vote you are being an excellent role model for your children who will then be more likely to be active voters themselves.

With the opening of school registration for the 2019-20 school year on November 1st, the VSB will be implementing a new online registration service for parents. Please visit the Student Registration Page on the Vancouver School Board website (www.vsb.bc.ca) for more information. While grades 1 to 7 students can register up to mid-June, 2019, Kindergarten students should register by January 31, 2019. The Hudson French Immersion program only accepts new students for the Kindergarten and Grade 1. To apply for Kindergarten choice programs, please apply online between January 15 and February 5. Grade 1 choice program applications are done in person and are due at the end of March. Cross boundary applications are accepted in February. Parents are welcome to contact the school if they have questions.

Thank you for your support.

Ian Cannon
Principal

**Overview of Upcoming
Activities & Events**

- Thu, Oct 11 – Div 4 – Field trip to Microsoft Store
- Fri, Oct 12 – Div 6 – Field trip to Maritime Museum
- Tue, Oct 16
 - Div 3 – Field trip to Museum of Vancouver
 - Div F16, F19K – Field trip to Vancouver Writers Festival
- Wed, Oct 17 – Div 5 – Field trip to Vancouver Writers Festival
- Thu, Oct 18
 - Div 8, F16, F17 – Hi Touch Science in-class presentation
 - Div 6, 7 – Field trip to Vancouver Writer's Festival
- Fri, Oct 19 – Provincial Pro-D Day (school is not in session)
- Mon, Oct 22 – Div 9 – Field trip to City Farmer
- Tue, Oct 23 – Div 7 – Field trip to City Farmer
- Wed, Oct 24 – Div F13 - UBC Department of Land and Food Science
- Thu, Oct 25 – Div F19K – Field trip to City Farmer
- Fri, Oct 26 – Div 10 – Field trip to City Farmer
- Thu, Nov 1
 - Div 11K, 12K, F18K – Field trip to Van Dusen Gardens
 - Div 1, 2, F15 – Field trip to BC Ballet
- Tue, Nov 6 - Div 5, 6, 7 – Hi Touch Science in class presentation
- Wed, Nov 7 – Early dismissal @ 2:00pm and parent conferences
- Thu, Nov 8
 - Remembrance Day Assembly
 - Early dismissal @ 2:00pm and parent conferences
- Fri, Nov 9 – Curriculum Implementation Day – no school in session

Playground Supervision

The playground is supervised from:

Before school	8:40 am to 9:00 am
Recess	10:40 am to 11:00 am
Lunch	12:25 pm to 1:00 pm
After school	3:00 pm to 3:20 pm

Medications

If your child has allergies or any medical conditions, please complete a “Care Plan”. If your child requires medication to be administered, you will need to have the prescribing doctor sign the “Request to Administer Medication”. The forms are available at the office.

Attendance

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 email: hudattendance@vsb.bc.ca, or

By leaving a voice message: Call [604-713-5159](tel:604-713-5159), extension 37

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.

Terry Fox Run

The school’s recent Terry Fox run was very successful – the students raised \$603! Thank you Division 2 for organizing the event and collecting the funds.

Volunteer Driver Forms

Parents able to volunteer their time driving students to field trips and sports events need to complete a “Volunteer Driver Form” available from the office. The document provides extra insurance for the driver and is valid for the entire school year.

We Play

Thanks to the efforts of two parents, there is now sports equipment available for families to use after school and on weekends. The equipment is located in the wooden storage bin near the planter boxes on the edge of the grass field.

From the Library ... How to Check Your Child's Library Account

Most students in Intermediate grades know how to check their own Library accounts and should do so on a weekly basis. For parents with primary aged children, you can login to their account to see what books they have signed out and when they are due back in the Library.

1. Go to Henry Hudson School website: hudson.vsb.bc.ca
2. Move cursor over the Library tab – a drop down menu will appear
3. Click on **VSB Library**
4. Click on **Login** located in the top right corner on the blue band
5. Enter your child's student number* and the **password: student**
6. Click on **My Info** to see what books are signed out and when they are due back in the Library.
7. Remember to **Logout!**

**Your child's student number is on their previous report card or can be obtained from your child's teacher.*

Henry Hudson Volleyball Teams

Practices:

Wednesday 8-8:45am

Fridays 8-8:45am

Games begin in November, schedule TBA

Practices have started for our Volleyball Teams and we are excited to have a large turnout of students! We are still accepting students who would like to join the team. School teams are FREE to join and are a great opportunity for students to try a sport, develop their skills, and have fun with friends.

Being part of a team does mean making a commitment to attend all practices on time. Please let one of the coaches know if you cannot attend a practice or game. We are looking forward to a great season! Permission forms available at the office.

Coaches: Ms. Tso, Ms. Dawson

- Volleyball Clinics for Grade 5-7 students on Friday, October 19th (Provincial Pro-D Day) Half or Full Day sessions.

Community News

Celebrate Diwali, the Hindu celebration of light at the Kitsilano Community Centre from 5 PM on Nov 4. Activities include Bollywood dancing, henna tattoos, diya painting, chai from Trudy Ann, refreshments from Jolly's, as well as Panago Pizza! A great event for the family! \$10 registration is inclusive of activities and treats.

"Besides love and sympathy, animals exhibit other qualities connected with the social instincts which in us would be called moral." — Charles Darwin

Fun Photos – UBC Math Games and Kindergarten Visit to the Pumpkin Patch



Poetry inspired by the book *Wishes, Lies and Dreams* by Kenneth Koch – Division 2 (Mme Michelle's Class)

I am born somewhere.
I am lost nowhere.
I have wishes.
I have doubts.
I am space and
I am sea.
I am small
I am big.

James Guite

My face goes round and round.
My legs go side to side.
My eyes go upside down.
My name is Flabby Tabby.
They call me Flabby Tabby because I have a tabby
yellow cat
That goes "cow instead of "meow".

Issabella Patel

I am a boy of carrots.
I go to a school of tomatoes.
My teacher is made of brussel sprouts.
The students are made of peas.
The desks are made of potatoes.
And the principal is made of broccoli.
The library is made of celery sticks.
My name is made of cucumbers.
My friends are asparagus.
Now I am a boy, a plain boy.
A plain boy of carrots.

Kodo Thorn

I am a girl of peaches.
I go to a school full of cucumbers.
My teacher is made of berries.
M students are grapes.
The desks, are apples.
The floors are orange juice and some are grape juice.
The principal is a blueberry.
The chairs are bananas.
The library is a cranberry.
My name is made out of watermelons.
My friends are all strawberries.
I am a girl, a normal peach girl.

Juliet Zhang

I am a panda with a crown
But I'm not from my town.
The town was broken down.
So now I have a frown.

Anastasia Kurilyak

I am a clock.
I am Vancouver.
I am the world.
I am the Milky Way.
I am the universe.
Without me, the universe wouldn't be a thing.
Who am I?

Radley Slusar

I dream of being an engineer fixing cars.
I dream of living in a mansion with 25 rooms.
I dream of sailing across the world with my cat in the
hat.
I dream of living in Japan with my family.
I wish my family lives forever with me.

Ryota Milum

In the deep fog, I could not see.
But then I saw, the school is a tomato.
The students are seeds, slowly growing to spread out and make more tomatoes.
But Jimmy, he became an orange.

Ava Bradshaw

I walk around, I talk to the ground.
I stop and frown and admire my crown.
Then I trip on the ground and start turning brown.
Bu then I sigh and look up at the sky and see me.
I start to get up and go to a shop where I leave and start to go home to my knee.

Hudson Krug