



Henry Hudson Elementary School

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Friday, October 8, 2021

Message from the Admin Team

Happy October! It is incredible to think how quickly this month has progressed! We have really enjoyed seeing our students ease into their new classroom communities and adapt to our updated Health and Safety Requirements. A big thank you to our families for your help with this, and for continuing to do those daily health checks.



Important Dates

Monday, October 11	Thanksgiving (Students not in attendance)
Tuesday, October 12	Primary Cross Country Mini-Meet @Camosun Park
Wednesday, October 20	Intermediate Cross Country Mini-Meet @Camosun Park
Thursday, October 21	The Great Shake Out Earthquake Drill
Friday, October 22	Professional Development Day (Students not in attendance)

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSAs)

The Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) will be conducted in Grade 4 and 7 classrooms across BC from October 4 until November 12th, 2021. The FSA is an annual provincial assessment of numeracy and literacy skills. Students will also complete numeracy and literacy graduation assessments in Grade 10 and 12. The results of the FSA’s are helpful to the Ministry, school district, and the school as they provide a snapshot of how our students are doing in these two areas. Individual student results will be available to parents/guardians, teachers, and students. Individual results are not made public, nor are they used on the child’s report card. If you have any questions about these materials, how the FSA will be conducted in our school, or the implications for your child, please contact the school principal or vice-principal.

Cross Country Update

It’s been wonderful to see our cross-country runners out on Monday afternoons after school. They are so enthusiastic and impressive! Students from grades K-7 are joining in and showing great determination – all levels of runners are doing their best. I’m very grateful to our volunteer teachers. We could not have the team without them!

Volleyball

Volleyball is open to all grade 6 & 7 students. Practices are on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:00am-8:45am in the gym.

Diversity Club

Diversity Club is back! Are you wondering what Diversity Club is? It is a safe space where kids can talk about topics like personal identity and empowerment, anti-bullying, allyship, and the LGBTQ2S+ community. The club meets on Thursdays at lunch from 12:05pm-12:50pm in the art room. Come out and get to know other students who share your interests, take part in projects, and plan events for the school like Pink Shirt Day and Pride Month.

Orange Shirt Day

Staff and students participated in Orange Shirt Day on September 29th. As a school we are committed to the First Peoples Principles of Learning and are excited to welcome our new Indigenous Support Worker (Ms. Jennaya Hayden) to Hudson. She will be working with individual students, classes, staff, and our parent community. We look forward to collaborating with our community for some upcoming projects.

Terry Fox Run Update

On October 1st, students participated in the Terry Fox Run in a variety of ways onsite at Hudson and offsite at Vanier Park. We want to thank the Hudson community for helping us raise \$1000 for the Terry Fox Foundation.



Halloween

Some classes will engage in Halloween activities later this month. Students may wear costumes on Friday (Oct. 29) if they wish. We will be doing a costume parade through the halls on that day as well. Please know that replica weapons are not to be brought to school, and costumes must be in line with our school Code of Conduct. Costumes that promote any form of discrimination or are culturally insensitive are of course not appropriate. Here is a great site from UBC on having an inclusive Halloween experience: <https://equity.ubc.ca/resources/inclusive-halloween/>

Forms

Packages have been sent out to all families for each student containing important forms for you to sign and to return to school. It is important that the Student Verification Information sheet is reviewed and updated. If you have not already returned your forms, please do so as soon as possible.

Safe Arrival

We will continue to use the district Safe Arrival line to report student absences. This is effective immediately. Please call **(604) 713-5159** and enter school code **37** for Safe Arrival (there is a prompt). You will then leave a message for the office. It is vital that all absences are called into the school prior to 9am. If you prefer to send an email, please use hudattendance@vsb.bc.ca When leaving a message or sending an email, please include your child's full name (first and last), their division, as well as how long the child will be absent.

Fees

General School Supply Fee \$35

Agendas \$6 (some divisions only)

As a reminder, the Vancouver School Board will not deny a child access to the school supplies required for his or her educational program because of financial hardship. Nor will any child be excluded from activities where a fee is charged. If at any time there is a financial challenge, please contact the school Principal, (srondestvedt@vsb.bc.ca). All requests will be treated confidentially.

We will continue to use SchoolCashOnline to accept payments for all fees to the school. Please use link below for how to use SchoolCashOnline, how to sign up if you do not have an account, and a FAQ.

<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

[https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student Support/General Resources/school-fees/Pages/OnlinePayment-Faqs.aspx](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student%20Support/General%20Resources/school-fees/Pages/OnlinePayment-Faqs.aspx)

Parent Visitors

Schools in Vancouver will continue to welcome in-person visitors by **appointment only**. If you would like to make an in-person appointment or drop something off for your child, please call the office (604 713 5441). All visitors are required to wear a mask, complete a daily health check, and follow all COVID-safety guidelines.

Dressing for the Weather

At Hudson, students are outside for **ALL** recesses. It is important that students dress for the weather. This includes having jackets, water-proof gear, and boots when it rains, and sun protection for sunny days. Please try to send your child with their weather appropriate gear when they come to school to avoid calling the office to arrange for delivery to your child throughout the day. Some teachers will ask students to have two pairs of shoes at school.

PAC Information

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the first PAC meeting of the year earlier this week. Congratulations to the elected PAC Executive! We appreciate you stepping forward to donate your time to support the Hudson community. The next Parent Advisory Council meeting will be on **October 26th at 7pm** on Zoom. All Hudson parents/guardians are welcome! Please check the PAC website for more information on updates.

hudsonpac.ca

Activities

A big thank you to the PAC activities volunteers for coordinating some wonderful activities for Hudson students at lunch and after school. This term we have soccer, choir, and musical theatre. If you are interested in registering your child in these activities, please check out the PAC Activities page for more information.

<https://www.hudsonpac.ca/activities/>

Hudson Spirit Wear

Hudson Hawks spirit wear is now on sale through October 15! Place your order online via the link below and orders will be delivered to your child's classroom to bring home - please ensure their name and division is entered when ordering. Spirit day takes place the first Friday of each month. Staff and students are encouraged to wear their Hudson Hawks spirit wear or red clothing.

<https://www.paddlevancouver.ca/collections/henry-hudson-elementary-school>

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We humbly acknowledge that we live, work, and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples – skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), selfíwítulh (Tseil-Waututh), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) nations.