

# SEXSMITH STARS NEWS



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Happy December!

We want to again thank Vandana Nagpal and all the parent volunteers for the Diwali celebration. Attached to this newsletter is important information about the new reporting structure called "Communicating Student Learning". On Wednesday December 12 and Thursday December 13, Parents will have the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss your child's progress. **A reminder that dismissal both days is at 2:00 pm.** The mid-term written report will go home Friday February 1. If you have any questions about the new reporting process please discuss those with your child's teacher. If we find there are common concerns we will send out an FAQ document in early January.

### Internet Safety/cyber bullying

The use of the internet by children is both a fantastic learning opportunity and an activity that has many possibilities for problems to occur. We regularly emphasize with students that online and in school behaviour needs to be safe, respectful and friendly but this does not always happen. We encourage parents to monitor home computer use and set firm limits on the use of the internet. For more specific information on home use of the internet by children please see the article/brochure links below:

<http://www.parenting.com/article/keeping-your-child-safe-on-the-internet>

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/blogs/sxs/Lists/Posts/Post.aspx?ID=100>

### Ongoing Pick Up and Drop Off Concerns

Please remember to **not double-park, not block access to the parking lot, not use the parking lot to pick up or drop off students and not park in staff parking spaces at any time during the school day.** It is extremely important to **go slow** and use the utmost caution when driving anywhere near the school. Your cooperation with these requests is greatly appreciated.

### Call for Library Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering in the library we are in need of parent volunteers. The library is open from Tuesday to Friday each week. Please contact Ms. Greig for more details.

## School Closure for Snow and other Emergencies

Information regarding school closures in the event of snow, or other emergency situations, will be provided to the following radio and television stations by 6:00 a.m. on the morning of the closure. (School closure information is also available online at <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/severe-weather>.)

CBC (690 AM or 105.7 FM), CKNW (980 AM), CKWX (NEWS 1130 AM),

FAIRCHILD Radio (CJVB AM 1470/CKHG FM 96.1),

BCTV (Global) (cable channel 11), CITY TV (cable channel 13)

## PAC News

The PAC meeting was held on Thursday November 8 at 6:30pm. Many parents attended. Minutes have been posted on the PAC tab of the school website. The next meeting is on Thursday December 6 at 6:30pm in the library. All parents are welcome to attend. **We want to make parents aware that the majority of our current PAC executive will be moving on to secondary school with their children at the end of this year. We encourage other parents to get involved now so that the transition to the next PAC executive is a smooth one.** If you would like to contact PAC or volunteer to help out with a program please email [sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com)

## Kindergarten Registration for 2019-20



**Kindergarten registration for children born in 2014 began on November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (French Immersion, Montessori, etc.) and/or a cross boundary placement.

The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup> and closes at 4 pm on Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup>**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants. Applying for Kindergarten is a **2-Step process**:

Step 1: Completion of an online application form. (link available Nov. 1)

Step 2: Bringing supporting documentation, along with your child, to your neighbourhood English catchment school.

Supporting Documents Needed:

Proof of residence in Vancouver, Child's birth certificate, Immigration documentation (if applicable)  
Immunization records, Court Orders/Documents (if applicable)

## **Sexsmith Afterschool Winter Term Programs**

### **Drawing Classes: Gr. 1-6 (Young Rembrandt)**

#### **Program Theme: Cartooning**

Thursdays, Jan 17 - Mar 7 @ 3:05 - 4:15PM

Library

Registration Methods: Online. [More information to come.](#)

### **Moresports**

Fridays, Jan 11- Mar 15 (No Program Jan. 25 & Feb 15); GYM

3:00 - 4:00 - **Active Imagination Games: Gr. K-1**

Polar bear Freeze tag, Fireball Dodgeball, Pirates and Ninjas, 4-corner countries soccer & more! Keep your mind and body active with Moresports Active Imagination Gym Games on Fridays. Moresports Active Imagination Games focuses on developing your fundamental movement skills, team-building, and having fun. Participants are to meet in their elementary school gym at 3:00pm. Please come prepared with appropriate active wear, and bring a water bottle and a snack.

4:00 - 5:00 - **Volleyball: Gr. 4-7**

Calling all Volleyball-enthusiasts! The highly requested Moresports Volleyball is here! Moresports is offering an after school volleyball program for intermediates to practice their skills and learn how to work together as a team. From serving, passing to striking, your fun and friendly coach at Moresports Volleyball on Fridays will teach you some basic volleyball skills. Participants are to meet in their elementary school gym at 4:00pm. Please come prepared with appropriate active wear, and bring a water bottle and a snack.

Registration Methods:

1. **On-Site:** Wednesday, December 19 @ 8:30 AM & 3:00 PM in the school office foyer
2. **Phone:** Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre - (604) 257-8180 ext.1
3. **Online:**

[https://ca.apm.activecommunities.com/vancouver/Activity\\_Search/192118](https://ca.apm.activecommunities.com/vancouver/Activity_Search/192118)

[https://ca.apm.activecommunities.com/vancouver/Activity\\_Search/192124](https://ca.apm.activecommunities.com/vancouver/Activity_Search/192124)

\*Phone and Online registration will open on December 20\*

## **Punjabi Classes at Sexsmith**

Punjabi classes are taking place every Monday in the library from 3:00 pm until 4:45 pm. To register or for more information please contact Mrs. Power at 604-274-2148.

## **Events and Activities for Parents**

### **Parent Education Series - Child and Youth Wellbeing Workshops**

#### **FREE series (register with password:vsb)**

Depression in Children and Youth: January 10th, 2019 [Register here](#)

Responding to Challenging Behaviour: February 12th, 2019 [Register here](#)

Supporting Your Child with ADHD: April 16th, 2019 [Register here](#)

Encouraging Healthy Eating in Children: May 22nd, 2019 [Register here](#)

## Important Dates in December

Tues. Dec. 4	Tribal Visions Dance Performance
Thurs. Dec. 6	PAC meeting @ 6:30pm
Tues. Dec. 11	Hearing Screening for kindergarten students
Wed. Dec. 12	Parent Teacher Conferences <b>dismissal at 2:00pm</b> conferences 2:15 – 6:00pm
Thurs. Dec. 13	Parent Teacher Conferences <b>dismissal at 2:00pm</b> conferences 2:15 – 6:00pm
Fri. Dec. 14	All money and chocolates returned to school
Thurs. Dec. 20	Online Registration for afterschool programs opens
Mon. Dec. 17 to Thurs. Dec. 20	Winter Sing-a-long 9:00 – 9:45am
Fri. Dec. 21	Breakfast with Santa
Fri. Dec. 21	Prize draw for chocolate sales
Mon. Dec. 24 – Jan. 4	Winter Break

## Upcoming Important Dates in January

Mon. Jan. 7	First Day after winter break
Wed. Jan. 16	First day of Chess sessions in library at 3:00pm
Mon. Jan. 21	Professional Day – no school for students
Tues. Jan. 29	PAC sponsored Performance – Inclusive Improv
Fri. Feb. 1	Mid Term Reports go home

Please check our website [sexsmith.vsb.bc.ca](http://sexsmith.vsb.bc.ca) for the regularly updated school calendar