

SEXSMITH STARS NEWS



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Just a few more weeks to go before the spring break holiday!

Thanks again to Stan Tam and all his volunteers, both adult and children, who created a great Lunar New Year celebration at Sexsmith. We appreciate everyone rescheduling the event due to the weather.

The Science Fair held this week is an excellent presentation of student learning and represents a tremendous amount of work for both students and teachers. Inquiry learning, where students are investigating areas of interest by completing special projects, provide great learning opportunities. Some of our students will also be participating in the Science Fair at Science World this coming weekend. We are very proud of their achievements! A special thank you to Mr. Kay for helping to organize these events.

Thank you to the parents who provided feedback on the new report card. As mentioned, this is a pilot year and your comments are helpful as we go through this change and make adjustments to better meet the needs of our community.

New Online School Fee Payment System (see attachments for detailed information)

We are pleased to inform you that the Vancouver School Board is moving to an online system for parents to pay for any school fees (supplies, performance, field trip, etc.) You are now able to register – a simple process that takes only a few minutes – by visiting <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com> or visiting our website at <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/online-payment> and following directions to the School Cash Online page. You will need your child’s usual first name, last name, and birth date to register. Teachers will then alert the office when field trips need to be paid for and that charge will appear as an option when you log in. Cash and cheques will continue to be accepted, but we encourage everyone to use the new system as it is more secure and efficient. Please note that field trip permission notices will continue to be sent home for a signature regardless of how you pay.

PAC Gift Card Fundraiser

A reminder that gift cards can be purchased all year long and a percentage will be given to Sexsmith for future school projects. There is no additional cost to the purchaser. Please use this link: <https://www.fundscrip.com/Sign-Up.aspx?IID=2CBHHR>

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)

Spring Afterschool Programs at Sexsmith

Elementary Drawing Class -

Gr. 1-6 \$148 April 18 - June 6 (8 weeks) Thursdays, 3:05-4:15pm Library

The season of spring gives our artists new inspiration and lessons like the Bee Graphic and historical Model T. Every child will draw their lesson in detail and learn new techniques like how to add a little whimsy to our version of Aladdin's Lamp and some adorable Baby Dragons. Creativity, imagination and whole brain learning are all happening every week. Sign up today! All NEW Lessons Every Session!

Young Rembrandts – Educational art classes, lessons, and drawing programs for kids in Metro Vancouver, British Columbia. Call 604-448-8883. www.youngrembrandts.com

Moresports Multisport: Gr. K-1

April 26 – June 21: 8 sessions (No session May 17) Fridays 3-4PM

Freeze tag, Dodgeball, 4-corner soccer, Parachute & more! Come along to your elementary school gymnasium Fridays after school for an hour of active fun with your friends. Moresports Multisport focuses on developing your fundamental movement skills, team-building, and having fun. Participants are to meet in your elementary school gym at 3:00pm. Please come prepared with appropriate active wear, and bring a water bottle and a snack.

Moresports Dodgeball & Handball: Gr. 5-7

April 26 – June 21: 8 sessions (No session May 17) Fridays 4-5PM

Do you love to play Dodgeball or Handball?! Moresports Dodgeball & Handball is offered to grades 5-7 of any skill level. Join with your friends afterschool and improve your fundamental throwing skills. Focus will be on training agility, learning the official rules of BC dodgeball and having fun! Participants are to meet in the elementary school gym at 4:00pm. Please wear appropriate footwear, and bring a water bottle.

***NEW* Registration opens online and through the phone with Marpole-Oakridge CC on Thursday, April 4th.** A few spots will be held for in-person registration on Thursday, April 11th from 8:30-9:30am at the school front office.

Ongoing Pick Up and Drop off Concerns

- 1. Some parents continue to utilize our parking lot to drop off and pick up students during the busy times of 9:00 and 3:00. The actions of these few parents creates an unsafe situation as there is limited space for cars to turn around and an increase in students in the area. Please do not go past the roundabout and do not park in the limited spots we have available for school staff.**
- 2. We have had several complaints from parents that cars are stopping on 59th and blocking traffic as they drop off their child as well as having their child cross between cars. Children must not be crossing the road in the middle of**

the street. Please remember to go slow and respect traffic and parking rules at all times, particularly when dropping off and picking up students.

3. Our upper west side doors are locked for security reasons. Please do not knock on the door during class time to be let in. If you arrive late, you will need to go around to the doors closest to the office to enter the school.

PAC News

The PAC meeting was held on Thursday, February 7th at 6:30pm. Several parents attended. Minutes will be posted on the “Families” tab of the school website under “Parent Advisory Council”. The next meeting is on **Thursday, March 7th** at 6:30pm in the library. All parents are welcome to attend. If you would like to contact PAC or volunteer to help out with a program, please email sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com.

Ready Set Learn at Sexsmith Friday March 8 @ 11:00am in the gym

If you are 3 OR 4 years old, we would like to invite you to a special concert with singer Will Stroet. This concert is part of our Ready Set Learn activities planned for this year. Your child will have the chance to come and spend some time in the school with some of our primary students. The concert will last approximately 45 minutes.


Information from the Vancouver Public Library will also be made available for parents/guardians.

Hope to see you there. For more information about the artist you can visit: <https://www.willsjams.com/live-shows>.

Please RSVP by contacting the office at 604 713-4901 or email studentrecordssexsmith@vsb.bc.ca.

NEW SPRING SESSION FOR VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL @ SEXSMITH!

This comprehensive and progressive program allows students to learn how to play chess in the optimal manner by gradually increasing complexity. Within 1.5 class hour we will teach our students different chess concepts, solve a large variety of tactical exercises, play practice games and tournaments. In addition, our students can use a wide range of our own unique on-line resources and software for homework, class material and games.

	<p style="text-align: center;">Why Chess?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise both sides of your brain • Enhance academic skills of reading and mathematics • Improve your memory and concentration • Boost your creativity and problem-solving skills • Develop long term planning and foresight • Foster critical thinking and life skills 	<p style="text-align: center;">Program Dates</p> <p>11 Wednesdays, April 10 – June 19th. Join any time!</p> <p>Time: 3 pm – 4:30 pm</p> <p>Room: Library</p> <p>Program Fees: \$ 15 per class paid in full upon registration</p> <p>Registration</p> <p>Register online at Vancouver->Chess_in_Schools_->J.W._Sexsmith_ES">http://www.vanchess.ca/group_s_->Vancouver->Chess in Schools -> J.W. Sexsmith ES</p>
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Events and Activities for Parents

Parent Education Series - Child and Youth Wellbeing Workshops FREE series (register with password: vsb)

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

Raising Digitally Response Youth Parent Night May 2nd, 7 pm at Sir Charles Tupper. See flyer and link here for more info:
<https://tinyurl.com/y39nfcpa>

Encouraging Healthy Eating in Children: May 22nd [register here](#)



Important Dates in March

March 2 & 3	Science Fair at Science World
Thurs. March 7	PAC meeting @ 6:30pm in library
Fri. March 8	Ready Set Learn with Will Stroet @ 11:00am
Mon. March 11	Dental screening for kindergarten students (am)
Fri. March 15	Last day before spring break
March 18-29	Spring Break Vacation

Upcoming Important Dates in April

Mon. April 1	Classes resume
Thurs. April 4	VPD visits for basketball game and workshop with grade 6 & 7
Thurs. April 4	PAC meeting @ 6:30pm
Thurs. April 4	Online registration starts for MoreSports afterschool programs
Thurs. April 11	In person registration for MoreSports @ 8:30am -9:30am in front of the school office
Tues April 16	Class and Panorama photos
Wed. April 18	Young Rembrandts afterschool programs start
Fri. April 19	Good Friday – no school
Mon. April 22	Easter Monday – no school
Fri. April 26	MoreSports afterschool programs start
Mon. April 29	Professional Development Day – no school for students
Tues. April 30	Hip Hop Dance Performance @ 1:30pm

Please check our website sexsmith.vsb.bc.ca for the regularly updated school calendar