

SEXSMITH STARS NEWS



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy May!

On Thursday May 2 we will be practicing our Earthquake drill. Students will be out on the field at 2:00pm and will be dismissed as normal at 3:00pm. We will be practicing our reunification process again this year, thank you to the few parents who have agreed to participate with us.

As noted below we will be having our Welcome to Kindergarten event on Tuesday May 7 for all children registered to start kindergarten at Sexsmith in September.

Parents of intermediate students are invited to attend our **Heritage Fair on Wednesday May 8 from 3:00pm – 4:00pm**. Students will be presenting their research in each of the upper floor classrooms.

Sport's Day will be held on Friday May 24. With Sport's Day programming running through recess and lunch, students are able to be **dismissed after a late lunch at 1:30pm**. Thank you to the PAC for organizing the lunch and snacks.

Finally, in early June teachers will sit down and create preliminary lists for each class for next year. Many factors are involved in that process- numbers of students per grade, individual student needs, ministry and district policies, contractual agreements, etc. We want parents to know that this process is undertaken with the utmost care to make sure students are placed in the best possible environment for their individual learning and social needs. If parents wish to have input that is **relevant to the personal educational needs of their child** they may send a letter to me by June 1. Requests based on teacher choice or the mistaken belief that split classes are somehow inferior will not be considered. For further information about split classes please see this [information page](#). **Please note that only written submissions will be considered.**

I hope you have a great month.

New Online School Fee Payment System

A reminder that you are now able to register – a simple process that takes only a few minutes – by visiting <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.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. A "Pay Fees" button is now installed on our school website for easy access to the system. Cash and cheques will continue to be accepted for school fees, 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 and to indicate that you have paid online.

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>

Welcome to Kindergarten

On Tuesday May 7, Sexsmith will host our annual Welcome to Kindergarten event. Registration starts at 10:30am, with the program starting just before 11:00am. This is a government sponsored program to introduce school readiness skills to our incoming kindergarten students. Participants rotate through several stations doing activities and receive a bag of materials to take home to practice over the summer. The Vancouver Public Library and the South Community Health Centre will both be available to present information. The program is open to all kindergarten students registered at Sexsmith for September 2019. Please RSVP by contacting the office at 604 713-4901 or email studentrecordssexsmith@vsb.bc.ca.

Ongoing Pick Up and Drop off Concerns

1. **Please do not go past the roundabout adjacent to our parking lot when dropping off or picking up students and do not park in the limited spots we have available for school staff.**
2. **We have had several complaints that parents 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.**

PAC News

The PAC meeting was held on Thursday, April 25 at 6:30pm. Several parents attended. Minutes will be posted on the "Families" tab of the school website under "[Parent Advisory Council](#)". The PAC AGM will be held on Thursday June 13 @ 6:30pm in the library. All parents are welcome to attend. **Online volunteer lists are now available to sign up [here](#).** Volunteers can communicate any issues with the coordinator by clicking on the blue button below the sign-up sheet labelled "Contact the sign-up sheet manager". As well, if you would like to contact PAC please email sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com.

One Day Tie-dye workshop for grades 3-6 Thurs. May 30

The Community Schools Team is offering a one day Tie-dye workshop for students in grades 3-6 Thursday May 30 from 3-4:15pm. Cost is \$10. Registration information will be distributed on Tuesday May 7.

Royal Soccer Club Summer Soccer Programs

The Royal City Soccer Club, a registered non-profit community organization, is proud to host their 27th annual popular grassroots summer soccer day camps. The program is designed to promote personal development, team building and of course, FUN! Uniquely designed to offer a soccer focus in the morning and a leisure swim with other organized activities in the afternoons to all children aged 5-13, the program operates during all weeks in July and August. Check out the website at www.royalsoccer.com for more information or call 1-800-427-0536. (Please note that this program is not affiliated with the Vancouver School Board – this notice is shared with parents as a courtesy)

Hosting an International Student

Host an International Student - Join Langara Homestay



Langara College invites you and your family to join our highly regarded Homestay Program by hosting a VSB international student this year. Students come from Europe, Asia and South America - usually stay for five to 10 months, and are keen to experience life with a Vancouver family. Generous reimbursement is provided. Please call 604.323.5696 or email homestay@langara.ca for more information.

Events and Activities for Parents

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 May

Wed. May 1	School wide dance performance at Winona Park
Thurs. May 2	Big One at Two – Earthquake Drill
Tues. May 7	Welcome to Kindergarten – registration @ 10:30 am/Program 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wed. May 8	Heritage Fair – Students present work 3:00pm-4:00pm in classrooms
Fri. May 10	Filipino Cultural Presentation
Fri. May 17	Professional Development Day – no school
Mon. May 20	Victoria Day – no school
Fri. May 24	Sports Day dismissal at 1:30pm
Tues. May 28	Immunization Catch-up Day (K, 6)
Thurs. May 30	Tie dye workshop 3:00pm – 4:15pm (grades 3-6)

Upcoming Important Dates in June

Thurs. June 6	Final afterschool drawing class
Fri. June 7	PAC Fun Fair 3-5pm
Thurs. June 13	PAC AGM @ 6:30pm
Fri. June 21	Final session for Moresports afterschool program
Tues. June 25	Grade 7 graduation
Thurs. June 27	Last day for students

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