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October 01, 2021

Dear Killarney Families:

I hope you and your family are doing well as we have reached the end of the first month in the 2021-2022 school year. Our whole school community—students, parents, and staff deserve a big thank you for working together to quickly settle classes. This is more important than ever as the school has moved to a semester system in which students receive daily instruction in 4 classes for the first half of the year before moving on to 4 new courses in the second half of the year. Besides our regular instruction in courses, extracurricular offerings have also opened up with athletics starting up again along with student clubs. Overall, students are very pleased to connect socially with their friends as they progress through the learning opportunities provided at school. Now that we have settled into a more normal school routine, we will send out a letter to parents and students at the start of each month rather than the bi-weekly letters of last year. This of course will be in addition to any emerging information which will be communicated as needed on the school website and through email.

Sincerely,

Kal Gill, Principal

2021-2022 COUNSELLORS & ADMINISTRATORS

Principal: Mr. K. Gill
Vice Principal: Mr. T. Myring (gr. 12)
Vice Principal: Mr. B. Soong (gr. 8/10)
Vice Principal: Ms. S. Underwood (gr. 9/11)

Counsellors

Grade 8: Ms. S. Glynianyi
Grade 9: Mr. O. Goncalves
Grade 10: Mr. H. Clark
Grade 11: Ms. A. Sum/Mr. R. Ferguson
Grade 12: Ms. T. Romano

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Semester One Timeline

September 8, 2021 – January 28, 2022

- October 15th – Interim Report (comment and work habit for all grades except for grade 12”s who will also have a mark)
- November 19th – Mid-semester Report
- November 25th – Parent-Teacher Conferences (format to be determined)
- February 9th – Final Semester Report

Flexible Instruction Time (FIT)

Besides the semester system, another new feature of our schedule this year is FIT time on Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Each FIT period is 50 minutes long and it provides time for students to work independently on class work from any of their 4 subjects or to get help from a specific teacher. To build a culture where students are using this time productively and are in a learning space, students remain in their 1-1 class for the Tuesday FIT and with their 1-3 class on Thursday. Some of you may remember I-time from the past when students could voluntarily come in before the start of the school day. The difference here is that the flexible time is built into the school day and is part of instructional time for the day.

VSB Education Plan 2026

The Vancouver School District’s Education Plan 2026 will be a roadmap that will lead the District to improve outcomes for students. The plan will focus on the District’s core goals to support student achievement and well-being. Like strategic plans, the Board of trustees will develop goals and objectives that will guide the District for the next five years. Students, families, staff, and the public are asked to share their expectations and aspirations for Vancouver schools by completing a short survey found at edplan2026.vsb.bc.ca. The survey is open from September 27th to October 11th.

Daily Health Check

Parents are reminded that they need to conduct a [daily health check](#) of their children before sending them to school. If your child is sick, then they need to stay home.

Masks

Students are reminded to please bring their masks with them to school. Re-usable masks were provided to every student at the start of the school year. A limited supply of disposable masks are available from the office.

World Teacher Appreciation Day

October 5th is World Teacher Appreciation Day. Thank you to Killarney’s dedicated, professional teaching staff who are providing outstanding learning opportunities for our students!

School Photos and Retakes

All students are encouraged to get their photo taken On October 1st. This free photo is used for student identification cards and also appears in the yearbook. Photo packages for purchase are also available at <https://artona.com/order>. Retakes of photos will be on the morning of October 12th.

Shakeout BC Earthquake Drill

The school will practice its emergency readiness plan for an earthquake on October 21st as part of the province-wide Shakeout BC drill.

Yearbook 2021-2022

Each year the school produces an outstanding, award-winning yearbook which documents the life of the school for the year. The deadline to purchase the 2021-2022 book at a discounted early-bird price of \$40 is October 29th. After this date, the price rises to \$50. So, save some money and order your book now!

Language Challenge Exams

The Delta School District is again offering the Language Challenge Exams for grade 11 and 12 language courses. This year, they will be offering Language Challenge Exam for the following courses: French 11/12, Japanese 11/12, Korean 11/12, Mandarin 11/12, Punjabi 11/12 and Spanish 11/12.

Interested students (grades 10-12 only) must hand their completed application package to **their** Counsellor by October 29th at 3pm.

Student Application Package:

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2021/09/Challenge-Exam-Application-Package-2022.pdf>

Additional details can be found here:

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/secondary/challenge-exams/>

Mini School Parent Information Night

The Mini School parent information night is on October 28th at 6pm. Those parents interested in having a child apply for a seat in the September 2022 grade 8 cohort are encouraged to attend. The Killarney Mini School is shifting to a Computer Science focused experience for highly motivated students. Students will experience an enriched math, science and information technology curriculum for the junior high school years, and then be able to focus on a specialty area for grades 10 – 12. The specialty areas include:

- Programming (Machine Learning/Artificial Intelligence)
- System Administrator
- Network Administrator
- Cyber Security
- Robotics

Our intention is to encourage Killarney Mini School students to display intellectual curiosity, develop as critical thinkers, give back to their community, explore issues in depth, and develop into well rounded individuals who gain resilience. These outcomes (or qualities) will offer them skills they can take to real world employment and leadership, post-secondary and beyond.

Meet You at the Club

Killarney clubs are up and running for the year. So far, we have the following clubs in operation:

1. Key Club – Sponsor Mr. Lee
2. Female Empowerment Club – Sponsor Ms. Sum
3. Model United Nations Club – Sponsor Mr. Ferguson
4. Strategy Games Club – Sponsor Mr. Malloff and Mr. Solmes
5. SPCA Club – Sponsor Ms. Ferraro
6. Illustration Club – Sponsor(s) Mr. Malloff
7. Pro-Arts Club – Sponsor(s) Mr. Malloff
8. Environment Club – Sponsor(s) Ms. North
9. Girls for Business Club – Sponsor(s) Ms. Kokan
10. BC Children’s Hospital Club – Sponsor Mr. Bui
11. Killarney Pride Club – Sponsor(s) Mr. McGuire
12. Killarney Theatre Club – Sponsor(s) Mr. Rocchetta and Ms. Mattock
13. Killarney Japan Club – Sponsor(s) Ms. Takizawa

Let's Play

In the Fall season we have the following school teams which are in operation:

Girls Volleyball-Bantam, Juvenile, Junior, and Senior teams
Boys Volleyball-Senior team
Cross-Country
Soccer- Senior Boys team
Basketball Pre-season Training – Senior Boys, Senior Girls, Bantam Boys
Girls ice Hockey

Please note that spectators are not allowed for any practices or games for indoor sports--that includes parents and students from other schools.

Killarney Parents Advisory Committee (KPAC)

All parents with children attending Killarney are invited to participate in meetings of the Killarney Parents Advisory Committee. This group is valued member of our community which serves as a liaison between parents and the school. It also supports the school through gaming funds provided to PAC's from the provincial government. Meetings are held monthly via ZOOM. The next meeting is on October 27th at 7:00 pm.

Weir Elementary

As was the case last year, Killarney is still hosting 5 divisions from Weir Elementary. This year a mix of students in grades 5-7 are getting an advance look at their big feeder school while work continues on seismic upgrading of their regular school site.

Contact the School

Please contact the teacher, the counsellor, or the grade administrator if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress with learning. This letter and my previous bi-weekly letters are posted under the Important Updates section of the Killarney website.

Stay up to Date!

Please check the [google calendar](#) and the [student bulletin](#) on our website to stay up to date on what is going on in the school.