



# McBride Annex Elementary

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## November 2020 Newsletter

*We have had a busy end to October and a full first week of November. It is hard to believe that we have welcomed November into our midst already. Thank you to all the families who took part in the Teams Goal-Setting conferences last week – a first for us all. Our Halloween Dance-A-Thon was a huge success and thank you all for participating.*

*Andrea Greenhalgh  
Vice-Principal*

### TERRY FOX RUN

Our annual Terry Fox Run was held on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. It was a smaller event than normal but the loud music playing for us all helped keep us motivated to run and raise awareness of Terry Fox and The Terry Fox Cancer Foundation. We raised \$150 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Well done McBride Annex!

### GOAL – SETTING CONFERENCES

A big thank you to all families and to our teachers for navigating a goal-setting conference virtually. The school was a quiet place compared to a normal evening with conferences. A day when we are so used to seeing each other in person, and having the school alive with families chatting in the hall. Thank you for accommodating your child's conference on- line with Teams.



### PARKING

A reminder that there is a no parking / no stopping zone on St. Catherines Street during school hours. The Staff Parking Lot is not a place for student drop-off / pick up. Please do not park your car in this lot even for a couple of minutes.

### SAFE ARRIVAL

Thank you to all the parents who are now following our Safe Arrival protocol. If your child is going to be absent or late, please call 604-713-5159 ext. 50 or email [mcbraattendance@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:mcbraattendance@vsb.bc.ca) before 9:00 am. You will then be able to leave a detailed message that Ms. Betty, our OAA will receive.



### REMEMBRANCE DAY

We will be having a Remembrance Day Assembly on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am for the Kindergarten / Grade 1s and then at 11:20 for the Grade 2s and 3s. We will live stream the Assembly on our All Students @ McBride Annex Teams site if you'd like to watch. Each child in the school will receive a Poppy to wear to the Assembly and if you wish to donate to the Vancouver Poppy Fund each classroom will have a donation box to collect any donations. Thank you.



### HALLOWEEN DANCE-A-THON

Thank you to the PAC for sponsoring our dance-a-thon. The dancers were fantastic, and we were so fortunate to have DJ Rock'n Beau to keep us entertained. Thank you all for the donations to the PAC, and we will let you know shortly about the final tallies!

### ALLERGY REMINDER

Please note that our school is an allergy-aware school, which means that nuts should be excluded from snacks and lunches.



### PUBLIC HEALTH / VCH COVID-19 FLOW CHART

Please see the attached flow chart of how the VCH notification process unfolds for a positive COVID-19 notification. This flow chart will be shared widely and can be found on the VSB website.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Begins on November 1<sup>st</sup> and runs until January 31<sup>st</sup> for all students born in 2016. Please visit the VSB Website for any info you might need.



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2016 begins 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 District programs (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or a cross boundary placement. The priority registration period for kindergarten opens on **November 1<sup>st</sup>** and **closes at 4 pm on January 29<sup>th</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

Step 2: Verifying documentation

- Contact your English catchment school office to set up an appointment to bring your supporting documentation
- Bring supporting documentation to your English catchment school office during your scheduled appointment

Supporting Documents Needed:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records
5. Court orders/documents (if applicable)

If you want to apply for a District program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for District programs and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2021.



## LOST & FOUND

We are putting out our Lost & Found bin every Friday morning and afternoon in the undercover area. This past week saw a bit of a surge in donations so please have a look each Friday for lost items.



## PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting will be Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 pm. Like last year, the PAC has decided to try alternating between Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The hope is to allow more families to attend on alternating nights. Please watch for a Zoom link to be sent out from the PAC gmail account closer to the date.

## VIRTUAL FAMILY BAKING (Save the Date)

December 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30 pm the PAC will be hosting a virtual holiday cooking class with a professional chef. More information and recipes to follow.

## PAC WEBSITE

Any questions regarding PAC events please email the PAC at [mcbrideannexpac@gmail.com](mailto:mcbrideannexpac@gmail.com).



- November 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 11 – Remembrance Day – school is closed
- November 24 – PAC meeting on Zoom
- November 27 – Indigenous Focus Pro D Day – NO SCHOOL
- Nov 23-Dec 6 – Virtual Scholastic Book Fair
- December 11 – Virtual Family Baking 6:30-7:30pm