



McBride Annex Elementary

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October 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

October has started with summer like weather which has given us greater opportunity to learn and play outside. We are certainly taking advantage of the gift of sunny weather. Our field hockey program has completed the first of three weeks and we again want to thank, Stephanie Nesbitt for her gift of time and expertise. The kids adore her! Congratulations and thank you to our incoming and returning PAC executive and to all those who attended the first PAC meeting of the year. We appreciate all you do for us as a school.

Andrea Greenhalgh
Vice-Principal

MEET THE TEACHER HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to all the families that were able to log in to our Allstudents@McbrideAnnex Teams sight last Thursday. The session was recorded and is saved in the file tab of the site. The teachers and staff were introduced, and we went over some highlights of our year so far. We went over some reminders such as: phoning the school office if you are needing to pick up your child early from the classroom, keeping socially distanced from each other and staff when outside before and after school, reminders to pay school fees and return all verification forms, and what the inside of our school currently looks like.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Thursday, September 30th we celebrated Orange Shirt Day to remember in the injustices of Residential Schools in Canada. Each class read books and discussed how every child matters.

TERRY FOX RUN

Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held in mid-October. We will be sending home pledge forms for donations to the Canadian Cancer Foundation. Our run will be done with the students and staff, but we won't be able to invite the parents to join us this year. Please watch for the pledge forms to arrive. All donations will need to be done online this year and the information will be provided with the pledge form. Thank you all for accommodating this change but continuing to support the Cancer Foundation which is near and dear to so many of us.

SAFE AND CARING SCHOOLS

The Vancouver School Board's Safe and Caring Schools Safe and Caring Schools information: Please view these online at the following website

www.vsb.bc.ca/student_support/safe_caring/pages/default.aspx

Responding to Cyberbullying: A Guide for School Communities

What is the difference between Peer Conflict, Mean Behaviour, and Bullying?

www.vsb.bc.ca/student_support/safe_caring/bullying/documents/sbfile/180828/v

Ministry of Education ERASE resources

www.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase

The ERASE/ Report It Tool – please share with your children www.erasereportit.gov.bc.ca

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website: www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/mcbride-annex is being updated on a regular basis. The calendar option now has our long-range events entered into it. There is also a COVID-19 document file that the district regularly updates with any new documents / videos.

OUTDOOR CLOTHING / CHANGE OF CLOTHES

With the increased focus of being outside our students are expected be outside for all recess and lunch hours regardless of the weather. Please ensure they are dressed appropriately.

The teachers will also be conducting as much learning, as possible, in our school garden area as well.

Please ensure your child brings outdoor clothing to school that suits the weather. If the weather is rainy students will need rain boots, a rain coat and a hat or umbrella. If the weather is cold students will need boots, a warm jacket, mittens/gloves and a hat. Children do go outside for recess and lunch on all days so they need to be prepared for the weather. When children return inside after playing outside their shoes are often wet and muddy. If possible, please provide indoor shoes for your child that can remain at school so that they have clean and dry footwear to put on after recess and lunch.



REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling 604-713-5159 ext. 50. An email can also be sent mbraattendance@vsb.bc.ca



PAC MEETING

Our PAC meeting dates have been set for the year. The next meeting dates are **Tuesday, September 29th**, **Wednesday, October 21st** and **Tuesday, November 24th**, and **January 20th**. All meetings will be at 6pm and for now they will be held on Zoom. The Zoom link will be shared prior to the meeting to all parents. We look forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten and new to the school families to our PAC.

PAC QUESTIONS Any questions regarding PAC events please email the PAC at mcbrideannexpac@gmail.com.

Dates to Remember

Monday, October 12th - Thanksgiving Monday – no school
Wednesday, October 21st - PAC meeting at 6:00pm on Zoom
Friday, October 23rd - Provincial Wide Professional Day – school not in session
Wednesday and Thursday, October 28th and 29th - Student Conferences via TEAMS – school dismissed at 2:00pm both days



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL	13 PAC Meeting – library 6:00pm	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 PAC Meeting 6:00pm ZOOM	22	23 Pro-D Day NO SCHOOL	24
25	26	27	28 Parent/Teacher Conference (Early Dismissal 2:00pm)	29 Parent/Teacher Conference (Early Dismissal 2:00pm)	30	31 Halloween