



# McBride Annex Elementary

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## February 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We begin February by celebrating the Year of Tiger. As we enter the Year of the Tiger, known for courageous action and rising to challenges, I hope we all continue to make this a year of action and sustaining our courage to overcome obstacles. Kindness is an inherent trait of February. We will be celebrating Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day, Black History Month, Pink Shirt Day, Family Day, and even Groundhog Day. Our PAC's family skate has been rescheduled to Family Day and what a perfect way for our community to come together and enjoy time together as a family. On a personal note, I would like to thank the McBride Annex community of families and staff for supporting me and my family as we navigate the unimaginable loss of our son and who succumbed to the effects of his cancer just over a month ago. The kindness you have shown means so much. Thank you.

Andrea Greenhalgh  
Vice-Principal

### STONE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Our school will be receiving our long-awaited stones to supplement our outdoor classroom learning. Last year the Federal government allocated Covid-19 money for outdoor learning spaces. Our school, along with many other VSB schools, purchased large stones that provide seating for students when learning outdoors. Our PAC has graciously agreed to pay for half of the outdoor learning area. The VSB Grounds Crew will be onsite on Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> to bring our outdoor classroom to life. The students will be invited to come watch the crane moving the stones into place. Our picnic tables were moved already to a new location. We will all be excited to learn in this space utilizing our existing picnic benches with the stones.

### COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING

Monday you should all have received your child's CSL report card. This is a snapshot of your child's learning thus far. All of our classes regularly communicate via your child's TEAMS site as well to give ongoing feedback of what learning is taking place in our school. We will have student-led conferences March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The format for this will be communicated closer to the time as we need to see what restrictions are still in place.

### SCIENCE WITH INGRID

Each classroom will have a science filled time on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. "Science with Ingrid" is coming to supplement the learning that is being done in each classroom. Thank you to the PAC for sponsoring this educational experience for our children.



### LUNAR NEW YEAR

Gong Hay Fat Choy to all our families celebrating the Year of the Tiger.

### VALENTINE'S DAY

Each class will be celebrating Valentine's Day but this year our celebration will look different. Please watch for direction from your child's teacher on the specifics for that division.



### PINK SHIRT DAY

Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> is Pink Shirt Day. A day on which Canadians are asked to wear pink to take a stand against bullying. Please watch for more information in the coming weeks.

### SPIRIT DAYS ARE COMING!

Thank you to the grade 2s and 3s who have been helping plan a monthly spirit day for McBride Annex. Mark your calendars for our first spirit day on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – Decorate Your Mask Day. Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> will be "Colour Day" (wear all one colour, wear many colours, or wear rainbow colours). Our grade 3s will come to each classroom to give ideas and examples.

### CITY OF VANCOUVER CONSTRUCTION

The City of Vancouver has informed us that the sidewalk along the west side of Windsor will be replaced over the coming week. The construction will be between 33<sup>rd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Please try to avoid using this area to arrive and /or leave the school over the next week.

## OUTDOOR CLOTHING/CHANGE OF CLOTHES

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. A friendly reminder to send new change of clothes after your child has brought home wet clothes and have used their extra clothing that is stored here.

## DAILY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Thank you to all parents who continue to be diligent at completing the daily health assessment for your child(ren). We thank you for keeping your children home when they have any symptoms that are found on the Provincial health assessment form. Please see the most up-to-date Daily Health Assessment attached with this newsletter.

## IN CASE OF SNOW

If the school is closed due to snow, the Vancouver School Board will contact radio and television stations to make an announcement regarding any closures. **Please do not call the school to determine if the school is closed.** A decision is made by 6:00 am. The VSB will post information about snow closures on its website at [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) and will inform local media stations. CBC (690AM, 88.1FM) CKNW (980AM)  
CITY TV (Cable channel 13) CKWX (1130AM)  
BCTV / Global (cable channel 11) CFHG (96.1FM)



## PAC FAMILY SKATE

We are happy to be able to reschedule our Winter School Skate to Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> (stat holiday, Family Day) from 10:15-11:15 am at Killarney Rink. This event is free for McBride Annex students and their immediate family members.

Our event will follow the community centre and public health guidelines. This includes limited capacity and proof of vaccination for 12 years old and up. We will communicate leading up to the event should things change.

Please RSVP ASAP as spots fill up fast:

1. number of people in your group
2. number of skate and/or helmet rentals

Bringing your own equipment is encouraged to free up rentals for others. A reminder that bike helmets are not permitted.

RSVP at: [mcbrideannexpac@gmail.com](mailto:mcbrideannexpac@gmail.com)

## PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting will be Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 pm. A Zoom link will be sent out from the McBride Annex PAC Gmail account closer to the date.

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

**FIELD HOCKEY** Message from Coach Steph: Your children and I had great fun this past fall learning to play Field Hockey. As I am a board member with the Vancouver Hawks Field Hockey Club, I wanted to share with our school community that registration is open for the Vancouver Hawks Junior U5 - U18 Spring league [www.vancouverhawks.com/juniorprograms](http://www.vancouverhawks.com/juniorprograms).

I am the head coach for the U5-U7 program (boys and girls born 2015-2017) that runs on Saturdays, 9:30 - 10:30am, at Eric Hamber field. It is always wonderful to see McBride Annex Kindergarten and Grade 1 students as part of this group. The U8 and U9 program (boys and girls born 2013-2014) runs on Monday nights at Eric Hamber field. Full program and registration details are outlined on the Hawks website.

If you have any questions about the programs, equipment or would like further information please don't hesitate to connect with me. I look forward to continuing to share my passion for field hockey with your kids.



Stephanie Nesbitt

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – K's & Gr.1 immunization clinic at school

Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> – PAC meeting (on Zoom)

Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – Decorate your mask day

Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> – Professional Day – school not in session for students

Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – Family Day – School Closed

Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Pink Shirt Day

Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – Class and Panorama Photos

Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – Student Led Conference (2pm Early Dismissal)

Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – Student Led Conference (2pm Early Dismissal)

Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – Colour Day

March 14<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break – school not in session

