



McBride Annex Elementary

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November 2021 Newsletter

We have had a busy end to October and have all enjoyed this cool, crisp sunny weather. It is hard to believe that we have welcomed November into our midst already. Our Halloween Dance-A-Thon was a huge success and thank you all for participating.

*Andrea Greenhalgh
Vice-Principal*

PJ DRIVE - JAMS FOR FAMS

On Wednesday, November 10th our school will participate in a pajama drive being put on by West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation. We are asking every student to bring \$1 or \$2 to put towards a fundraiser to give children with cancer new pajamas for the holiday season (and their families too). Please see the attached notice for more information.

PHOTO RETAKES

Edge Imaging will be returning on Friday, November 5th at 1:00pm for any students who either missed or would like photo retakes done. A yellow form was sent home last week but if you have not sent it back please phone the office to indicate your child would like retakes.

GOAL – SETTING CONFERENCES

Families will be or have already received an invitation to a virtual goal setting conference this Wednesday or Thursday with their child’s teacher. We appreciate your willingness to discuss your child’s goals and to hear about their strengths and stretches within the school setting.

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.



ALLERGY REMINDER

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



REMEMBRANCE DAY

We will be having a Remembrance Day Assembly on November 10th at 11:10am for students and staff. 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.

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 before 9:00 am. You will then be able to leave a detailed message that Ms. Betty, our OAA will receive.



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 amount raised!

DAILY HEALTH CHECK

A reminder to all parents to screen their children prior to sending them to school each morning. We are acutely aware of the increase in respiratory illnesses currently circulating amongst us and thank all the parents for keeping their children home when actively coughing or congested.

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/News/Documents/Daily%20Health%20Assessment%20-%20Student%20Sept%202015%20003%5B3%5D.pdf>

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Begins on November 1st and runs until January 31st for all students born in 2017. Please visit the VSB Website for any info you might need.

LOST & FOUND

Our lost and found bin is getting full. If you are missing anything please remind your son/daughter to check the bin by the girl's washroom. We will also begin putting it outside, in our undercover area, on Friday mornings and afternoons.



PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting will be Wednesday, November 17th from 6:00-7:30 pm. Please watch for a Zoom link to be sent out from the PAC gmail account closer to the date.

PAC WEBSITE

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



November 3 & 4 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
(early dismissal both days)

November 9 – Virtual Assembly Dream Riders Zero
Waste - gym

November 11 – Remembrance Day – school is closed

November 16 – OWL in the classroom in Div. 1

November 17 – PAC Meeting 6:00 pm on Zoom

November 26 – Indigenous Focus Pro D Day – NO SCHOOL



Div. 2



Div.3



Div. 1



Div.4



McBride Annex School

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday, November 10th, the school will be taking part in a fundraiser for the West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation and will promote a Pajama Dress-Up Day. In honour of families who have had a diagnosis of childhood cancer or blood disorders in B.C. we are collecting donations to spread love and bring coziness to families during the holiday season with cozy pajamas. We hope that all children will participate in support of this event.

To participate the student will be encouraged to come to school in their pajamas and bring either \$1 or \$2 as part of their donation.

You can learn more about WCK on their [Website](#). If you care to make a bigger donation to this cause you can also [donate](#) off their website. WCK is a registered non-profit charity all donations through the website are tax deductible.

Kind regards,

McBride Annex Staff



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CANCER FOUNDATION



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2017 begins on November 1st.

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 1st** and **closes at 4 pm on January 31st**. 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 2022.