



## Communication from False Creek School and PAC to Parents, Students, and Staff



### Important Upcoming Dates

**Friday, January 14,**

- Black Excellence Day

**Monday, January 17**

- Professional Day
- No school for students

**Friday, January 28**

- Report Cards go home



## Greater Vancouver Food Bank

Happy New Year False Creek Families! Thank you so much for raising 500 pounds of food donations! Food Banks Canada values food donation at \$2.62/lb. So, you provided **\$1,310** in non-perishable items in support of your community. Additionally, we raised \$832.80 in online and cash donations!!

That is an incredible amount of support and they are so appreciative of the commitment, time, and energy that has gone into making this happen.



Our contributions are helping the Greater Food Bank achieve their mission to provide healthy food to those in need.

Thank you to everyone at False Creek Elementary, once again, for supporting this valuable community service!

## Black Excellence Day, Friday, January 14

On Friday, January 14, we are recognizing Black Excellence Day at False Creek Elementary. **We will be wearing black shirts on Friday** in support of anti-racism and in recognition of the ongoing struggle for civil rights fought by black and racialized Canadians. January 15 is the birthday of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. Therefore, Vancouver schools will be recognizing this day on

the Friday before.





## Lost and Found



Our Lost and Found is once again overflowing with your children's clothing items!!! Item that were lost from Sept-Dec are now being displayed on tables in front of the gym. **We will be putting the lost items outside on tables in the**

**morning and after school for this week only (January 12-14).** Unclaimed items will be donated to charity. Please come by and have a look...before it's too late!! **See last page of newsletter for Lost and Found Pictures.**

## Library News



Happy New Year!

I look forward to all the reading and learning that will be happening in the library during the new year! In addition to the special projects and collaborative units being taught in the library, I have been busy adding to our beautiful collection of books.

Thank you for ensuring that the children return their library books on time and are kept in great condition upon return. Overdue notices will be sent out to families at the end of each month to help you with your search of any missing books. J

The library appreciates any donations of books that can be added to our collection. If you have any books that you believe would be a great addition to library, please send them with your child to school! Thank you, in advance!

Below is a link to our new library website! Take a look!

Happy Reading,  
Ms. Jade Lee

<https://msleelibrary.weebly.com>

## Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI)



**THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI) IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY!**

The Vancouver School Board has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Year Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies.

Grade 7 students are invited to complete the MDI during class time between: **January 11<sup>th</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

For more information and to view the questionnaires:

<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/>

Parent FAQs:

<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/parent-guardian-resources/>

If you don't want your child to participate, please contact your child's teacher, fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter, or contact the MDI project staff at [mdi@help.ubc.ca](mailto:mdi@help.ubc.ca).



## Message from our Environment Committee

Please send students to school with reusable masks. We are going through a lot of disposable masks, which end up in the landfill. Two ways to prevent loss of your child's masks are to label them with their names and attach a string/band to them (so they hang off their necks and don't fall out of their pockets).



## 2021/22 Student Learning Survey



The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

The [2021/22 Student Learning Survey](#) is now available until April 29, 2022 for students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12, **as well as parents**, staff and principals/vice-principals. The student and staff surveys are available in English and French, and the parent survey is available in 18 languages. For more information on the SLS, refer to the [SLS Administration Manual](#).

We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well

as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at [http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey). Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until April 29<sup>th</sup>.





