



**LIVINGSTONE**  
ELEMENTARY

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## November 2022 News



At David Livingstone Elementary School we acknowledge that we live, work, learn and play on the traditional and unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples the *sk̓wx̓wú7mesh* (Squamish), *seɬíwítlh* (Tseil-Waututh), and *xʷməθkʷəy̓əm* (Musqueam) nations.

**Principal: Sharon Vieira**

**Trustee: Carmen Cho**

**Director of Instruction: Janis Meyers**

**Superintendent: Helen McGregor**

**Chair - Navneet Nathoo ○ Vice Chair - Lindsay Clayton**



November 1, 2022

Dear Livingstone Families,

Thank you to all our families and teachers for connecting during our goal setting conferences. It was really uplifting to have our families back in the school and meeting with staff to share stories of student success and next steps to support their learning. Our Halloween parade was a success inside, I am sorry that we weren't able to hold it outside at Memorial Park. The children were all very excited and did a great job of sharing their costumes in our hallway parade.

On November 10<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our Remembrance Day assembly in the gym. I am afraid our gym is too small a space for families to join us so this will only be for students and staff this year. Our Remembrance Day Assembly will feature students' visions on how to bring peace to our world's many different communities. We will showcase student drawings, writing and videos presentations that all give voice on how to build a peaceful future for everyone. Ms. Presly will lead the choir in singing *A Candle for Peace and Peaceful* On the trumpet, Ms. Presley will play the *Last Post*, and we will observe a moment of silence and then break the silence with *Reveille*.

I would like to thank Ms. Julie Szeto for supporting us in the office since the school has opened this year. She has been a great champion for so many things in our school. Her last day will be this Friday November 5<sup>th</sup> and Ms. Susan Stelmack will be joining us back in the office as of November 7<sup>th</sup>.

I thank you for the trust you place in our school team each day you send your children to David Livingstone school. I so appreciate your feedback, suggestions, support, and kindness.

Sincerely,

Sharon Vieira, Principal, David Livingstone Elementary School

## Photo Re-takes on Thursday November 3rd

Students and Staff are welcome for photo retakes if they missed the first photo day or would like to try one more picture. The ordering date for those students who are getting photo retakes will be extended past the initial November 3<sup>rd</sup> online ordering deadline.

### **For students and Staff who missed the first day of photos and are getting their first photo:**

After the retake sessions new QR code cards will be provided to the school for distribution approximately 1 week after photo retake day.

### **For those students/staff getting retakes:**

The QR codes issued on the first photo day will remain the same for retakes so your original card will still work to access the images from both photo sessions. **Retake photos** are simply added to your account and will be accessible along with the original photos.

## Livingstone Parent Advisory Committee News

♥ **Thank to our Livingstone Parent Advisory Committee** (PAC) whose funds are used in all our classrooms, library, resource groups and larger school community to buy books, technology and additional learning opportunities for all of our students. ♥

**1)Purdy's Winter Holiday chocolate fundraiser is back.** If you would like to order treats and gifts for friends and family, please order your chocolates online.

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1386246-99177>

Our fundraising goal is \$10,000.

**November 1<sup>st</sup> – online orders begin**

**November 21 – deadline for orders**



**Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>,** chocolate orders will be sent home with a David Livingstone student

**Volunteers are needed on Dec.6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 11ish.** Please contact Reiko

([anderson.reiko@gmail.com](mailto:anderson.reiko@gmail.com)) if you can volunteer on this day to help sort the orders in the school gym.



**2)Fall Fund Drive-A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Fall Fund Drive.** This is one of the PAC's biggest fundraisers of the year and funds go directly to classroom experiences. We are accepting donations until the end of this week. Donations can still be made at:

<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/fee/details/1869/196/false/true>

**3) The PAC's next meeting is on Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm** here is a link to register and join:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vcu6sqjsrHtGoZ-7\\_u0-RKEPCnS58XRdQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vcu6sqjsrHtGoZ-7_u0-RKEPCnS58XRdQ)



## Kindergarten Registration for 2023-2024

### Kindergarten registration for children born in 2018 begins on November 1.

All kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice 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 and closes on January 31**. 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 school office during your scheduled appointment



1 Apply Online

appointment to  
catchment

### 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)



2 Visit your catchment school with necessary documents

If you want to apply for a Choice Program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for Choice Programs and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2023.

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than available space\* at the school, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

### Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1 and January 31

1. **In-catchment** kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining kindergarten spaces.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
4. Between January 31 and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

### Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31<sup>st</sup>

In-catchment kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31 will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

**Note:** There will be **no priority** given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31.

**For more information on kindergarten registration visit:** <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

\* Available Space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the District (Administrative Procedure 300).

# Identity Day@ Livingstone!



**November 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Share your Passion!**

*"It's like a whole school Show & Tell day!"*

Teachers will be sharing with students and families next week about this special school wide activity. This is meant to build connections and enjoyment for all students and be an inclusive event.

#### **How do students plan for this?**

- Brainstorm some things you are passionate about (with your parents).
- Choose one topic you would like to share with us at school.
- Between now and Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> plan out what you are going to bring to school and how you are going to display it (needs to fit on your desk).
- On Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> (Or earlier if your teachers wishes) bring in your display/items so that it's ready for the Big Day!

#### **What does "Identity Day" actually look like?**

- On Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, students will get an opportunity to set up their display.
- Students will then alternate between going and looking at other students' passions and proudly displaying/answering questions about their own (not a formal speech).

#### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

1. **Will my child be assessed on this project?** No! The assessment they will receive is purely participation. The focus is not on assessment, but more on sharing their passion and getting to know their peers and school community better!
2. **Will my child get time in class to work on their display?** Teachers will provide discussion/thinking time to generate ideas and answer any questions your child may have. Planning and preparing is to be done at home independently or with the support of parents/caregivers.

**If you have any questions, please discuss it with your teacher or email**

Ms. Lirenman at [klirenman@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:klirenman@vsb.bc.ca)

Or

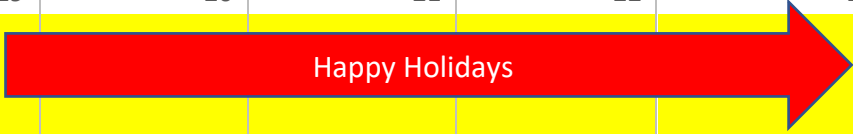

Ms. Vieira at [scvieira@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:scvieira@vsb.bc.ca)

# November 2022

| Sunday | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday |
|--------|---|--|--|---|---|----------|
|        |  | 1<br>Kindergarten registration for 2023 opens online.<br><b>Purdy's chocolate online orders open</b> | 2  | 3<br>Photo retakes<br>Assembly students and staff                       | 4   | 5        |
| 6      | 7   | 8<br><b>Indigenous Veterans Day</b>  | 9  | 10<br><b>Remembrance Day Assembly</b><br>Students and Staff only please | 11<br><b>Remembrance Day</b><br>School Closed | 12       |
| 13     | 14  | 15   | 16   | 17  | 18  | 19       |
| 20     | 21  | 22   | 23<br>Identity Day<br>School Wide event<br>PAC meeting 7pm | 24  | 25<br><b>Pro d Day</b><br>No Students         | 26       |
| 27     | 28  | 29   | 30   |   |   |          |



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|  |                                    |         |           | 1        | 2                                  | 3        |
| 4  | 5                                  | 6       | 7         | 8        | 9                                  | 10       |
| 11   | 12                                 | 13      | 14        | 15       | 16<br>Last Day before Winter Break | 17       |
| 18   | 19<br>Winter Break – School Closed | 20      | 21        | 22       | 23                                 | 24       |
|  |                                    |         |           |          |                                    |          |
| 25   | 26<br>Winter Break – School Closed | 27      | 28        | 29       | 30                                 | 31       |
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