

December Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

Hello Moberly School Community!

First, Congratulations to the Senior Girls Volleyball Team who finished first in the qualifying round of the playoffs and will be competing for the City Championship next Thursday December 7th. Go Mustangs!!!

As we begin December, I look back to think how quickly this school year has gone so far. Thank you to each one of you for your patience and your support of our school, our learners, our teachers, and the whole community.

As the hectic holiday season approaches, we must continue to pay attention to what matters most – the safety of our children! That is why we wanted to take some time to remind our families of a few of the protocols we have in place to help us do so. We know that taking these steps may take a few extra moments but, in the end, – they are worth the time they take.

- Be prepared to answer a few important questions when visiting the school and be prepared to show identification for the purpose of dismissing or speaking with your child. All Visitors MUST report to the office.
- If your child is going to be absent, please inform the school as soon as possible. See SAFE ARRIVAL on the next page.
- Parking in front of the school is restricted. Please follow all the rules and be especially cautious when driving in a school zone.

We thank you again for your understanding and your cooperation.

Be kind, courteous, and respectful all the time!"



Important Dates

December 1

Learning Updates (formerly called Report Cards) to be mailed home

November 1 – January 31

Kindergarten Registration

November 14 – December 21

Mini School Application Period

December 8

Fun Lunch (Pasta Day)

December 4 – 18

Moberly Community Food Drive

December 20

Fun Lunch (Pizza Day)

December 22

Holiday Sing-along
2pm – 3pm
Parents are Invited.

More Important News

Parents Visiting the School

All school visitors must report to the office and sign in for a visitor's identification badge.

Please do not "drop in" to visit classrooms or meet with teachers without making an appointment.

School Fees (payable online)

General School Fees (\$35.00)
Agenda Book (\$8.00)
Jump Math Workbook (\$15.00)
School-Wide Performances (\$15.00)

Student Drop Off and Pick-Up:

Thank you for **not** using the staff parking lot to pick up and drop off your children as this can be very dangerous. Remember to always choose safety over convenience. Also, you might want to consider parking far from the school and walking to and from the car; the extra walk for you and your children can be a nice opportunity to catch up on the school day. It's healthier too!

Reminder: your child needs to be picked up from school on time. Dismissal is 3:03pm. Anyone who remains on school grounds after dismissal must be *actively supervised* by a family member. Thank you.

Absence From School



The banner features a blue background with a white house icon containing a clock. Below the icon is the Vancouver School Board logo (VSB) and the text "Vancouver School Board". To the right, a white box contains the following text:

SAFE ARRIVAL

Please report your child's absence **PRIOR** to 9:00 am:

CALL: (604) 713-5159
Extension: 56

Parent Committee

Clothing Room - Do you have clean, gently used shoes, boots, warm winter clothes and winter/rain jackets that you are looking to give away? For any questions, please email Jocelyn at vicechairmoberly@gmail.com.

THANK YOU to all the parents who came to our Parent Meeting on the 23rd. Meetings such as these are very important for parents to voice their concerns and learn how they can help improve their child's school experience.

Moberly Community Food Drive – Boxes will be placed in your child's classroom, our yearly food drive begins on Dec 4th! Food items must be non-perishable and unopened. **PLEASE DO NOT DONATE EXPIRED FOODS** as we are unable to use it.

Fun Lunch – Pasta Day is on Friday Dec 8, ordering is now closed. Ordering is still open for our Pizza Day on Wednesday Dec 20, please place your order before Tuesday Dec 12 at 3:00pm.

Recess/Lunch Volunteers Needed - With the weather getting colder, we are looking at ways to give students the option to stay indoors if they would like to. If you are a parent or guardian of a student at Moberly, we would love to know how you can help! Fill out our survey, the link is on our website at www.waltermoberlyelementarypa.ca/volunteers

VCH When Should I Keep My Sick Child Home from School

Things to consider if your child feels unwell:

- The wellbeing of your child. Without proper rest, a child may have a hard time fighting illness or be at risk for other illnesses.
- The ability of your child to actively take part and learn at school.
- The school staff cannot care for a sick child and give them the support that they may need.
- The protection of other children

Please keep your child home if they:

- Have a fever.
- Are too sick to take part in normal school activities.
- Have a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e., strep throat, chicken pox, measles).
- Is vomiting or has diarrhea. It is recommended that students be symptom free at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Keep your child home until they can participate fully in normal school activities or as told by a health care provider.

Please let the school know your child's symptoms as per the school's callback procedures.

If the school finds it necessary to send your child home because of illness, please make sure you have arranged an emergency contact if you're not available. Inform your school of these arrangements.

New Government Reporting Order for 2023/2024

Not Report Cards but rather Learning Updates

1) The Purpose of Assessment – to facilitate learning and move it forward in an equitable way. It should help to answer the questions: Where am I now? Where am I going? How do I get there?

2) We are guided by the same ideas found in the First People's Principles of Learning - Learning is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential, and relational. Learning involves generational roles and responsibilities.

3) The Provincial Proficiency scale (Now reduced to only 4 areas!)

| The Provincial Proficiency Scale | EMERGING | DEVELOPING | PROFICIENT | EXTENDING |
|----------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| | The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning. | The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning. | The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning. | The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning. |

***Everyone has a place on the scale but Proficient is the goal for all students.**

4) How we Assess - Learning is continuous. Averaging marks over a term, semester, or year does not provide an accurate picture of student learning. Learning demonstrated close to the communication of student learning will be the most reflective of student proficiency and should be used as the strongest evidence of learning when deciding on a letter grade and percentage. Assessment should be based on the learning standards alone. Attendance and behavior should not factor into where students land on the proficiency scale.

5) New Possible Mark "IE" – Insufficient Evidence of learning is only used when a student arrives late in the term or is away for an extended period.

6) The Timeline - Teachers will provide feedback on each subject taught in 3 written reports that will be sent home and there will also be 2 in-person conferences offered. For conferences, teachers may decide to conduct goal setting conferences, student-led conferences, or parent teacher conferences. All students will create goals for the year and complete Core Competency Self Assessments three times per year.

Highlights of the Past Month

Our Journey Towards Truth and Reconciliation – A School Performance was attended by all Divisions and some parents who were able to attend.



TSATSU STAQAYU (COASTAL WOLF PACK)

Tsatsu Staqayu (Coastal Wolfpack) is a three-generation group of Coast Salish singers, drummers, and dancers from across the Coast and throughout the Fraser Valley. Their members are from Musqueam, Nanaimo, Kuper Island, Cowichan, Tsartlip, Skway, just to name a few. Although they all come from different homes, they all come from one creator - the creator of all good things, bringing them together to sing and dance as one. Their goal is to reunite their people and show the world who they are and where they come from through performance. Their performance include storytelling, songs, dance, masks, prayer, and puppetry. Performing for audiences brings happiness and joy to their hearts as they sing dance and pray for each and every one of us that are here today.

Remembrance Day Assembly



Vancouver Symphony Orchestra – Field Trip



Happy Diwali

Diwali is the Indian festival of lights. It symbolizes the spiritual “victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance”.



Always grateful to Ms. Harjinder Sangra and other staff members who take the time to share their customs and traditions with the entire school community!

Students Sharing their Classroom Learning

The Grade 7s in Ms. Arnold's class designed and built their own paper box video games. The characters in the middle can be moved left and right as the game scrolls along. Each game has a different theme and obstacles to catch or avoid. The idea for this project came from a student, Hazel, who made her own at home and brought the idea into the classroom. She helped lead the class in designing and assembling the boxes. Students had a lot of fun creating and playing these analog games.

