

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̅əm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh | (Squamish) and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh)

February 2025 Newsletter

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Black History and Black Excellence Month

A quote from Rosemary Brown, that are words to live by, “We must open the doors and we must see to it they remain open, so that others can pass through.” Rosemary Brown was the first Black Canadian woman to become a member of a provincial legislature and the first woman to run for leadership of a federal political party. She was always a champion for access and equity for all.

Explore Black History as a family: here are some links to great resources for you to view:

Black History in Canada, resources

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html>

City of Vancouver links on Black History Month

<https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/black-history-month.aspx>

Hogan’s Alley Vancouver and BC Black History

<https://www.hogansalleysociety.org/>

<https://placethatmatter.ca/location/hogans-alley/>

Black History Awareness Society

<https://bcblackhistory.ca/>

Black History Month at the Vancouver Public Library

<https://www.vpl.ca/program/black-history-month>

Dear Livingstone Families,



Please join our students and staff in celebrating Black Excellence and Black History month as well as Pink Day this February as we reignite our passionate celebration of our beautifully diverse community. At Livingstone we stand tall in our PRIDE and our love of learning about each other's ways of knowing this world. Thank you for helping us to build a safe, caring and kind community. We know you are walking beside us on this great journey to create safe futures for all our children in each path they choose to follow.

Kelty Foundation

Thank you to the **Kelty Foundation** and Tegan Moss, the president of the Kelty Foundation and a parent at our school. The Livingstone School Community appreciates the great effort that the Kelty Foundation puts forth to bring vital mental health resources to our larger community. One of the many resources supported by the Kelty Foundation is the **Kelty Mental** at Children's Hospital. The Kelty Mental Health website has a rich range of resources for families as well.

Livingstone Parents supporting cultural enrichment activities at Livingstone

Thank you to the PAC and key parent volunteers for supporting cultural diversity at Livingstone. Thank you to Navneet Nathoo, our former Pac chair for championing this initiative in our community. With parent volunteers families are invited to share their cultural celebrations and traditions through PAC supported events organized with the school. This school year, we have had a **Diwali celebration** with a Bangra Dance performance and dance workshops as well as lunch time stations with Mendhi and Diva painting. Our Key volunteer champions for this event were : Jasvir Bains (she purchased all the mendhi/henna and brought her friends who were professional mendhi artists to assist with the application), Jitender Bangha and her mom, Arminster Randhawa , Amanda Kwok and Navneet Nathoo.

Lunar New Year

Most recently Nav and her volunteer team brought Lunar new year celebrations to our school. We were very excited to experience the UBC Kung Fu club's Lion Dance at Livingstone, with more lunch time workshops for students such as making playdoh dumplings and origami fortune cookies. Thank you to Navneet Nathoo, Amanda Kwok and Carmen Chan for their support of these events! The children loved the activities and performance which added to the school's Lunar New year sharing parade that we held in the school on Wednesday January 29th.

Black History and Black Excellence

We are currently working with parent Mikaela Smith to bring back her father Mr. Albert St. Albert Smith retired SFU professor, and dance choreographer Marion Landers to celebrate and honour black history and black excellence at our school this February.

Indigenous Education with Austin Aan'yas Harry

Austin Aan'yas Harry is a Coast Salish Artist based in Vancouver BC, Canada. He is of the Wolf Clan from the Squamish Nation and Thunderbird Clan from the Namgis Nation.

<https://www.indigitaldesign.ca/about>

We had the great opportunity to have an art workshop experience for every student at Livingstone with Austin. Students from all grades at David Livingstone Elementary attended a hands-on Indigenous art and culture workshop on Jan. 16 and 17, 2025. The workshop was hosted by Coast Salish artist, Austin Aan'yas Harry. During the workshop, students learned about contemporary Indigenous art and saw examples of how Indigenous stories and designs can be applied to popular mediums such as logo design, animation and fashion. In his presentation, Austin taught students about how he develops logos, symbols and animated characters for companies and teams like the Whitecaps. Please visit this link to learn more

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/david-livingstone/_ci/p/78551



On Wednesday February 26th

we are asking students to wear pink to school.

Every day our staff find opportunities to have conversations with students about the power of kindness, inclusion and the importance of asking for help to care for each other. At David Livingstone we are joining in the celebration of Pink Shirt Day. We want our students to recognize the importance of asking for help when they see others being treated unkindly. We are also having deeper conversations about how to tell others to stop when they are being unkind and to ask an adult for help if the behaviour continues or students don't feel safe asserting their right to feel safe, proud and respected.



A message from the library

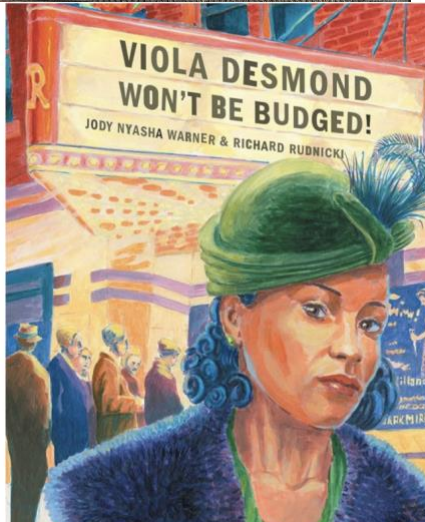
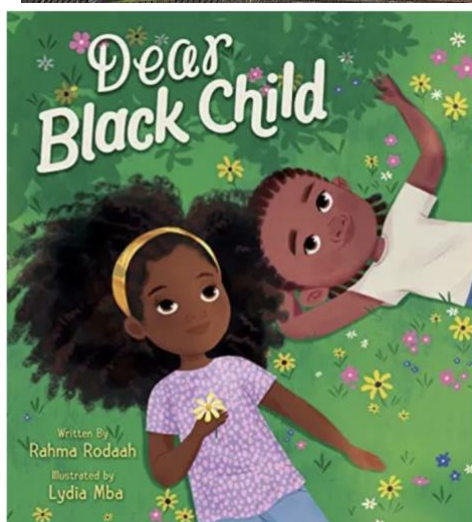
Thank you to all our students and families for enjoying our school library both during the day and after school. We are averaging 900 books checked out each week!

In the last two weeks we have been focusing on Black History Month, Black Excellence and kindness. Feature books include Viola Desmond Won't Be Budged where we practiced developing opinions using evidence and Dear Black Child which is a powerful anthem of strength by Rahma Rodaah.

Please consider setting aside a basket at home just for school library books. This keeps our books in a distinct place and helps us maintain our beautiful collection.

Happy Reading!

Yvonne



Grade 7 Fundraising for our Camp Jubilee Trip in June

In addition to the great concession sales that our grade sevens are running, you can also support them in these ways:

Krispy Kreme Donut Sales

Order your Krispy Kreme donuts by Feb 9, with pick up of your order at the school on Feb 13:

<https://munchalunch.com/>

Make Fundraiser: Orders for grade 7 designed items available by March 7th

The grade 7 students will have an opportunity to participate in a design competition to be printed on a small selection of Make products (t-shirts, mugs, tote bags, coasters, etc.). Around 3- 4 successful designs will be digitized and Make will set up a page within their website (<https://www.makevancouver.com/>) by **March 7th for sales.**

The grade 7 students will also produce a poster for advertising. We will assist with the marketing and promotion to the wider community to help drive sales. Once sales are closed Make, will produce the products and post, and we are hoping we may be able to deliver the school's order to the school.

A Message from the Livingstone Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Happy February to everyone!

FEBRUARY PAC MEETING: 6:30pm on February 19

Our next PAC meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30pm on February 19. Agenda will be uploaded to <https://www.livingstonepac.org/meeting-documents.html> once available.

As usual, we will have pizza and childminding available on site. We'll also have some samples from TruEarth for you to take home and try. We'd love to see you there! If you can't make it in person, you can join via Zoom:

Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86881300430?pwd=NERDcXdPa2RNQWtCa2E4aHQrUnBvZz09>

Meeting ID: 868 8130 0430

Passcode: 283387

A friendly reminder that due to Spring Break, there will be no PAC meeting in March.

THANK YOU KELTY FOUNDATION

A very special thank you again to The Kelty Foundation for bringing us Kind Minds in January. The workbooks were wonderful, our guest speaker Sheldon was informative, and the family dance was epic! Thank you for supporting our school and our students with such a meaningful program. Our school PAC will also be donating \$367 raised by dance tickets sales directly back to Kelty so they can offer this great program at more schools. You can learn more about the Foundation and access their resources here:

<https://www.thekeltyfoundation.org/>

MOVIE NIGHT Thursday FEB 13

Your PAC presents movie night on Thursday, February 13. **Doors open at 5:30, movie starts at 6pm.** We will be showing Elemental; pajamas, blankets and pillows encouraged! **Supervision of each child is necessary by an adult sitting next to them** at the movie. Students are not welcome to leave the gym without adult supervision. Thank you for helping us keep this event fun for everyone.

Grade 7 students will be running a concession stand once again as they raise funds for their end of year camp. **Pizza is by pre-order only by 8pm Feb 11.** Cash sales of treats and popcorn will be available on-site, **so please bring small denominations (\$5 bills or loonies and toonies).** We thank you for your support!

Order deadlines:

- pizza and drinks by 8pm on Feb 11th,
- movie tickets by 12pm on Feb 13th:

<https://munchalunch.com/>

PURDYS CHOCOLATES

Thank you to Reiko A for once again organizing a delicious Purdy's fundraiser! Details coming soon.

Please keep an eye out for a PAC email (please subscribe if you haven't! <https://livingstonepac.us6.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=c4292659f1dd1daba5e7ada1d&id=fd20b995aa>) and

PAC Livingstone Community Facebook updates and reminders (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/davidlivingstone/?ref=share&mibextid=CTbP7E>)

OTHER PAC PROGRAMS

You can help support the PAC and the school when you return empties or shop/sign up with the programs below:

Pedalheads

Use code DAVIDLIV25 until June 30 for \$25 off any camp in BC, while earning the PAC \$25 as well!

<https://pedalheads.com/british-columbia>

Nellie's Clean

Canadian-owned and made home cleaning products that are eco-friendly as well. Just place your order via:

https://nelliesfundraising.ca/collections/all-products/?sca_ref=7962205.wd4q3cyonw

TruEarth

Canadian-made laundry strips and more! Your purchases earn the PAC 20% back when you use this link:

https://ca.tru.earth/collections/fundraising?irclickid=zZjzjcVmDxyKRXXzFzyRgTImUks2NEVfnTAEUM0&irgwc=1&utm_source=5998969&mp_value1=David%20Livingstone%20Elementary%20PAC%20Fundraiser

Return-It Depot

Have empties to return? Consider using the David Livingstone account to send money right back into your school PAC fund. Keep your refundable bottles and cans and return them at any local Return-It location (<https://www.return-it.ca/locations/>) mentioning:

* Livingstone's customer ID 604-713-4983 (school's phone number)

* Or with Express & Go passcode "I30D" (capital i - 30 - capital d)

Feel free to share this with family and friends, all funds from your and their empties can go to a good cause (your kids!) Thank you!

Feel free to reach out to us with any questions: livingstonepac@gmail.com.

Calendars on the next page.....

February 2025 Black History Month

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Evening PAC movie | 14 Pro D Day No students | 15 |
| 16 | 17 Family Day School Closed | 18 | 19 6:30-8:00 PAC meeting | 20 Black Excellence workshops | 21 Black Excellence workshops | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Pink Day | 27 | 28 | |

March 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 9 | 10 Report cards home | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Last day before spring break ☺ | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 Spring break | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 Spring break | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 Welcome back ! | | | | | |