



**LIVINGSTONE**  
ELEMENTARY

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With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy<sup>ə</sup>m (Musqueam) ,Skwxwú7mesh| (Squamish) and səliwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) nations.

## January 2025 Newsletter

**Principal: Sharon Vieira**  
**Trustee: Suzie Mah**

**Director of Instruction: Janis Myers**  
**Superintendent: Helen McGregor**

**PAC Chair, Caroline Provost** ○ **PAC Vice Chair, Sheila Louis**

Dear Livingstone Families,  
Happy New Year and our best wishes to you and your families for 2025!

### School Wide Code of Conduct Celebrations

Livingstone students have been showcasing their learning about how we interact in our school community by taking part in school wide challenges. We wanted a fun, inclusive and meaningful way to celebrate our school's code of conduct, "Be Kind, Be Safe and Be Responsible". As a staff team each of us acknowledge positive student behaviour each day by handing out ROAR tickets to individual students.

Livingstone Roar Ticket



Student Name / Division

Thank you for being safe at our school.

### Safety

In the Fall we kicked off our year by asking students to demonstrate their safe calm behaviour in the school's hallways and stairwells. We challenged them to earn 100 ROAR tickets as a whole school community. When Livingstone students reached this goal we all celebrated with an extra 20-minute recess in the afternoon. Our whole school, staff and students went outside to play together and it was fabulous!

### Kindness

Our next challenge was sharing acts of kindness throughout our school. Students are challenged to earn 100 ROAR tickets as a school, in recognition of their acts of kindness by staff members. To celebrate this wonderful achievement, we will be celebrating with two in school dance parties during the day, one for primary students and another for intermediate students in February. In classrooms students will focus on how kindness is intentional, and at times might require thoughtful compromise and isn't always their first instinct. However, we are always reminding students that our ideal world is one where everyone belongs and we value problem solving conversations with each other. We recognize that mistakes will happen, but it is what we do to learn from mistakes and repair relationships that is important. As a staff team we know these are important daily conversations in our school. We work as a team to support our students skill development in conflict resolution, self-advocacy and knowledge of how emotions impact our ability to peacefully engage with others.

### Basketball

Basketball season has just started last week. At Livingstone we are working to offer gender inclusive sports teams and have explained to students that both senior basketball teams are open to all grade 6/7 students. We have one team enrolled in the Senior Girls Plus league sponsored by coached by our support staff member Wendy Sam. Our second team is enrolled in the Senior Boys Plus league coached by Ms. Vieira and Ms. Wendy Sam. Finally, our third team is a Junior Boys plus team that is sponsored by Ms. Alexis Stanton and by parent volunteers "Amie Dmytryshyn, Kristin Houghton, Dave MacEntee, and Terence Gilhuly.

### Thank you to our Parent Community for all their Fundraising

A special thank you to our amazing PAC advisory committee and all the families for your generous donations to the school. We are incredibly grateful for the exceptional fundraising you have done to enable the purchase of new laptops and all the funds you give to our school to support learning.

### Financial Support for Families

If you would benefit from additional financial support from the school to cover the cost of field trips, school supplies, access to food or PAC lunches please email  
Sincerely,

Sharon Vieira, Principal, David Livingstone Elementary School

## Is your child returning to Livingstone School next year? Please complete the online form by February 15, 2025

This helps our school and the VSB plan for school enrollment numbers for the coming year. For students **currently** in **Kindergarten to grade 6**.

If you can please fill out a form for our school on the link below. Please complete one form for each child (going into grade 1-7 September 2025)

<https://forms.office.com/r/Sfe1A8nPCP>

## From the Library

Happy New Year! We began 2025 by sharing [Giant Steps to Change the World](#) by Spike Lee and Tonya Lewis Lee in our intermediate classes and [Warning! Do Not Open This Book](#) with primary grades. Last week students enjoyed [The Bad Mood and the Stick](#) by Lemony Snicket, [Maybe](#) by Kobi Yamada and the stunning picture book, [Two Drops of Brown in a Cloud of White](#), by Saumiya Balasubramaniam.

To celebrate and honour Lunar New Year we are currently reading and enjoying [Wish Soup: A Celebration of Seollal](#) by Junghwa Park which focuses on Lunar New Year in Korea.

Thank you to one of our parents for this fabulous book donation.



We are always grateful for donations of books in excellent condition!

Please continue to check at home for overdue library books.

We are averaging 800 books being borrowed each week which is a testament to our students' love of reading. Thank you to all the parents who have been coming to the library after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to read with your children, browse our collection and sign out books.

Happy Reading!

Yvonne

Yvonne Toomer  
Teacher Librarian  
David Livingstone Elementary

# Parent Advisory Committee at David Livingstone

## Livingstone Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) News, January 2025

Happy new year, and welcome back to the school routine! January is a very busy month with lots of exciting things happening, so please be sure to sign up and take note below.

### 1. January Kind Minds

January Kind Minds, presented by The Kelty Foundation, has kicked off! Each student and class will be learning about healthy minds, ways to address and acknowledge emotions, and resources that can help children and parents when needed. Mental wellness is just as important as physical wellness, and we are so grateful to The Kelty Foundation for providing us with the tools our children can use as they grow into thoughtful, young adults.

### 2. School Dance This Month!

In partnership with The Kelty Foundation and Kind Minds Month, we're excited to announce that our school dance will be held on **January 31 after school hours!** The Confi-DANCE features tie-ins from Kind Minds Month and the return of the amazing DJ Rock'N'Beau to get families moving and having a great time! **Please stay tuned for more details and ticketing options soon.**

Note: we will not be able to offer this dance without some great parental volunteers; if you can help out on January 31, please sign up on the volunteer form! We'll need help with setup, decorations, tear down and more:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LLfe9eG1dAeE34\\_yUCPT5KXWFizktwyYAbgQ8o8XG1A/edit?usp=drivesdk](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LLfe9eG1dAeE34_yUCPT5KXWFizktwyYAbgQ8o8XG1A/edit?usp=drivesdk)

### Fall Fund Drive Total

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed or spread the word about our fall fund drive. Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of our school community, we were able to surpass our target, and raised a whopping **\$35,670!** This will allow us to fulfill the request for thirty new laptops—enough for a full class. These will be a shared resource amongst classrooms.

### Lunar New Year Celebration

Thanks to your Diversity Team, David Livingstone will be hosting a Lunar New Year celebration during school hours on January 31. UBC Kung Fu Association will be performing the Lion Dance and there will be an opportunity for you to order a Lunar New Year meal for your student via **Munch A Lunch**.

### Winter Fun Lunch

Fun lunch for the winter term is open for ordering:

<https://munchalunch.com/>

We're also looking for parent volunteers for lunch distribution; this is usually a 30–45-minute midday volunteer opportunity, and a chance to surprise your child by being at the school!

Sign up to help distribute fun lunch here:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LLfe9eG1dAeE34\\_yUCPT5KXWFizktwyYAbgQ8o8XG1A/edit?usp=drivesdk](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LLfe9eG1dAeE34_yUCPT5KXWFizktwyYAbgQ8o8XG1A/edit?usp=drivesdk)

As usual, we encourage you to sign up for our PAC newsletter to ensure you didn't miss out on any important messages:

<http://eepurl.com/r2UXT>

Have a great month!

- Your PAC Exec Team

# Cross Boundary Application

Oct 7, 2024



## How to Apply Cross Boundary:

### If you would like to apply to another school outside of your catchment:

Students in the Vancouver School District are allowed to register at a school outside of their catchment area as a cross boundary applicant. Cross boundary applications will only be considered after all in-catchment students have been accommodated.

Step 1: You **MUST** register at your [English Catchment School](#) BEFORE submitting a cross boundary application.

Step 2: [Complete an online Cross Boundary Application form](#)

IMPORTANT DATES	OPENS	CLOSES
CROSS BOUNDARY APPLICATION PERIOD No late or early applications will be accepted	First school day of February	Last school day of February


### Priority categories for cross boundary applicants are:

- **1st:** Non-catchment student with a sibling concurrently attending the same program – **has a sibling that will be concurrently attending the same location, in the same program.**
- **2nd: Non-catchment student** (Daycare) - A student resident in the School District enrolled in child care within the catchment (applies to Kindergarten - Grade 7 only)
- **3rd: Non-catchment student** – A student that is a resident within the District
- **4th: Non-District student** – A British Columbian resident who does not reside in the Vancouver School District

Please note that the online Cross-Boundary Application form is for English program cross-boundary applications only. French Immersion cross-boundary applications are submitted directly to French Immersion school offices.

If you have questions, we encourage you to contact your catchment school principal.

# January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Welcome Back	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Pro D Day	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 PAC meeting 6:00-8:00pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	Lunar New Year 29 	30	31 Lion Dance Confi-dance for Families	

# February 2025 Black History Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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	21	22
23	24	25	26 Pink Day	27	28	