

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh | (Squamish) and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh)

June 2025 Newsletter

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June 2025

Dear David Livingstone Families,

As we near the end of this school year I would like to thank the David Livingstone learning community for their support of all the school's endeavours this year. I am so grateful to our hardworking and dedicated staff team for providing dynamic learning opportunities that promote discovery and enjoyment for our students through all the various challenges this year.

A special thank you to our Parent Advisory committee for all your generous financial support that has enabled our school to purchase a great variety of learning resources, that included Computers, books for classrooms and our library, shared literacy materials for all grades, field trip funds, funds for performances, athletic and arts education supplies and more. The family donations to our school are incredible and our staff team is grateful for the educational opportunities and resources that they have been able to provide our students enhanced learning opportunities.

It is never easy to say good-bye to well-loved members of our team. A big thank you to Ms. Dianne Moore who has been in division 8 covering Ms. Noon's maternity leave division 8 this year and to Ms. Allie Scott who has been in Division 4 covering Ms. Escobar's maternity leave. They are well loved members of the Livingstone school team, and we appreciate all the work they have done to support students in their classes. We are sad to say that Ms. Lisa Allan will also be leaving the Livingstone staff team at the end of June. She is moving to Kelowna with her family, and we know the community there will be so fortunate to have such an outstanding teacher join their community. We wish Ms. Allan and her family the very best in their new adventures.

Our Livingstone Staff wish all of our children and families a happy and relaxing summer filled with fun and adventures.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sharon Vieira,
Principal, David Livingstone Elementary School



★ **TALENT SHOW – FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH** ★
*****UPDATED INFORMATION AND TIME ADJUSTMENT*****

This year's talent show audition process saw unprecedented interest by our students. To accommodate the 27 acts (53 students) that will be performing, we will be splitting the show into two portions:

- **9:15 am show for our primary performers** (Grades 1-3)
- **1:15 pm show for our intermediate performers** (Grades 4-7).

Students who are performing may invite up to 2 guests to be part of the audience for their portion (morning OR afternoon).

Guests of primary performers may come to the gym at 9:00 am and sit at the back of the gym. Guests of intermediate performers may come to the gym at 1:00 pm and sit at the back of the gym. The estimated time for each portion is approximately 1 hour.

Livingstone Garden

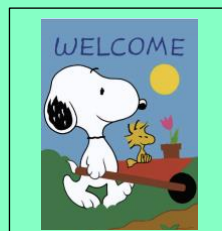
The rebuilding of our school garden has been championed by the generosity of our school community members who have put their time and resources into supporting its construction for the benefit of students at Livingstone School.

Thank you to: 💖 💖 💖

- Callie and Mike Service for working to coordinate a team and helping to build the beds that are now ready for the soil.
- Garrit de Vos, of GDV Contracting Ltd for donating his time and that of his crew for a full day to build the 14 garden beds.
- The GDV Contracting Crew Joey, Mario and William
- Parent volunteers: Sara Hurley, Oliver LeClaire, Michael Mjanes, Terence Gilhuly, and Ryan Marchant for coming out to cut and measure wood on a Saturday in the rain.
- Thank you to Lyle Perry and the Kerrisdale Lumber team for the generously discounted materials to build the beds out of beautiful untreated cedar.
- Thank you to the Livingstone Parent Advisory Team for funding all the building materials and bringing all the loose ends together during the many stages of the build including feeding the work crew.
- Thank you to the City of Vancouver crew that removed the old beds, fixed the fence and put in a layer of gravel to make the space accessible.

Next Steps in the Garden:

We are waiting for the City of Vancouver to deliver 18 cubic yards of soil (for free) for our garden, which we hope will arrive soon. With PAC funds we will purchase some compost to top each bed up. Then we are hoping to plant some seeds for a summer crop. Please stay tuned for a garden watering sign up schedule, so that we can get the beds watered during the summer.



Pride Parade Tuesday, June 10 1:10-1:50 start at Prince Edward Park

Our annual pride parade is open for all to join us

Children will be invited to wear bright colours to celebrate diversity and inclusion at our school.

Notice of Late Return

if your child is returning to school next year after September 2, 2025.

Please email Susan in the office livingstone@vsb.bc.ca to request a “Notice of Late return form” if your child will not be arriving back to school by September 2, 2025. This form needs to be completed by parents and returned to the office before June 26th. These forms will also be sent home by email this week. Please remember to hand one into the office. The school will not be able to hold spots for students after this first week without prior notice of late return.

- **Report Cards sent home on June 25**

Report cards will be sent home with students on Wednesday June 25th. If you are leaving school before the last day reports can be picked up in September.

- **Lost and Found**

Please have your child check the lost and found before school ends. We will be donating any clothes that are leftover to a local charity supporting families in need.

September 2025 School Start up important dates:

- Tuesday September 2, 2025 first day for Grades 1 to 7 Only, 1 hour from 9:00 am-10:00 am
- Wednesday September 3, 2025
 - Grade 1-7 first full day 9:00 am -2:58 pm
 - **Kindergartens first day of gradual entry:** Group A 9:00-10:15/ Group B 11:00-12:15
 - Families will be emailed their child’s group in July 2025
- Wednesday September 10, 2025
 - first full day for kindergartens

A newsletter with the September 2025 Livingstone School start-up plan will be emailed to families in late August to confirm the first few weeks’ plan.

Kindergarten Gradual Entry Schedule, September 2025

In July Parents will receive an email confirming which group their child is in (A/B)				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<div>1</div> <div>Labor day Holiday School closed</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Grade 1-7 students only 9:00 – 10:00 am</div>	<div>3</div> <div>First Day for Kindergartens</div> <div>Group A 9:00-10:15</div> <div>Group B 11:00-12:15</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Grade 1-7 students 9:00-2:58</div> <div>Group A 9:00-10:15</div> <div>Group B 11:00-12:15</div>	<div>5</div> <div>All K Students 9:00-11:00 Please bring a snack</div> <div>-----</div> <div>Conferences 1:00-3:03</div>
<div>8</div> <div>All K Students 9:00 – 12:00 Please bring a snack Conferences 1:00-3:03</div>	<div>9</div> <div>All K Students 9:00 – 1:00 Snack & Lunch today! Conferences 1:30-3:03</div>	<div>10</div> <div>All Day K Regular Program 9:00 – 2:58</div>	<div>11</div> <div>All Day K Regular Program 9:00 – 2:58</div>	<div>12</div> <div>All Day K Regular Program 9:00 – 2:58</div>

BC Summer Reading Club at the Vancouver Public Library!

[BC Summer Club](#) is a free literacy program designed to engage children, ages 5-12, with libraries and reading, throughout the summer.



<https://www.vpl.ca/program/summer-reading-club>

Our local library branch has many activities for children, teens and family

<https://www.vpl.ca/location/terry-salman-branch>

PAC NEWS

As the year winds up, we're looking forward to celebrating with our annual family barbecue next Thursday! **Orders are due at 5pm today (June 5)**--please email Caroline (caroline150877@gmail.com) if you'd like to attend but money is tight. We'd love to see you all there!

<https://munchalunch.com/>

If you have time to volunteer at the barbecue, we're looking for a hand setting up, with food distribution and games, and clean up. To join us, please email livingstonepac@gmail.com or use the sheet below to sign up: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LLfe9eG1dAeE34_yUCPT5KXWFizktwyYAbgQ8o8XG1A/edit?usp=drivesdk

Our School Garden

Thank you so much to the amazing parent volunteers who got the garden build started, and to Callie, Mike, Garrit and the team at GDV Contracting for donating a whole day of their time and expertise to getting the beds built in a single day! We are so very thankful for your generosity and time. Reach out to these heroes if ever you need a quality build from the pros with big hearts, and spread the word:

<https://gdvcontractingltd.ca/>

You can watch a cool time lapse of the build here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/davidlivingstone/permalink/9617736895018951/?ref=share&mibextid=CTbP7E>

Walk-a-thon Results

Our walk-a-thon was another great success this year, thanks to students, parents, and volunteers. A special thank you to mom Tanya Barrie for stepping up as this year's coordinator! We are pleased to report over \$11,000 was raised , with the grade 6/7s receiving approx.. \$1,500 towards their camps!

PAC AGM Minutes

Thanks for those who were able to attend the PAC AGM in May. Minutes can be found here:

<https://www.livingstonepac.org/meeting-documents.html>

Thanks as well from your current executive committee for voting us in for a second term, and welcome to Elizabeth Hand who will be joining us in 2025/26. Your 2025/26 PAC executive is comprised of:

- + Caroline Provost - Chair
- + Sheila Louis - Vice Chair
- + Maria Soto - Treasurer
- + Jules Balsillie - Secretary
- + Janessa Baxter - Co-Communications
- + Elizabeth Hand - Co-Communications

And remember, your PAC is here as your parent voice and advocate, so please contact us at any time with ideas, concerns, or just to chat! livingstonepac@gmail.com.

Please Share Your Heritage/Culture

We are so pleased that the diversity celebrations are such a beloved part of our school year. Thank you to Nav Nathoo for organizing some great cultural events this year for our students! If you would like to share your culture with our school, we'd be honoured--there's always room for more! Please email livingstonepac@gmail.com if you'd be willing to share with us next year.

Thank You Parents, Volunteers, and Community

Thank you again to our amazing volunteers and caregivers for making 2024/25 such a great success for our students. We appreciate every one of you for what you do. We look forward to seeing you at the barbecue next week!

Stay in touch over the summer:

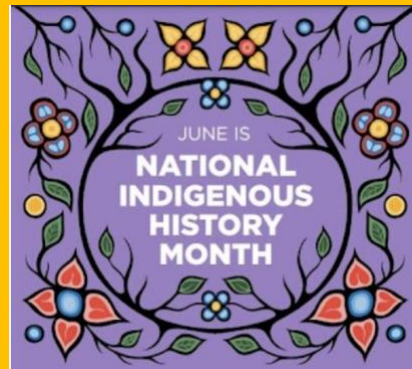
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- Your PAC Exec Team

June 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
	Van Tech Track and Field meet 9:00-3:00pm				Twin or more spirit day Dress up like a friend or friends	
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
		<u>Pride Parade</u> Wear your rainbow colours Parade 1:10-1:50pm all are welcome		PAC BBQ 5:00-7:00pm Food Orders submitted ahead of time through Munch a lunc		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Indigenous Hoop Dancing Workshops Shantae King Wesley King	Indigenous Hoop Dancing Workshops Shantae King Wesley King	Grade 7 Camp Jubilee	Grade 7 Camp Jubilee	Grade 7 Camp Jubilee Spirit day: Anything but a backpack day	National Indigenous Peoples Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Grade 7 families decorate gym in the afternoon	10:00-11:30 Grade 7 moving forward event	Report cards home	Last Day for Students, bring an extra bag to take home materials	Staff admin day	
29	30	July 1	July 2	July 3		
	School Office Open 9:30-1:00pm	School Closed	School Office Open 9:30-1:00pm			