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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 xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh | (Squamish) and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh)

March 2024 Newsletter

Principal: Sharon Vieira
Trustee: Suzie Mah

Director of Instruction: Janis Myers
New Superintendent: Helen McGregor

PAC Chair: Navneet Nathoo Vice Chair: Lindsay Clayton

Dear Livingstone Families,
Here are some updates for you about our school:

A big thank you to Ms. Monica Presley and the Livingstone Student Choir for all their hard work preparing for the Choral music festival this month at John Oliver. They will have another opportunity to share their beautiful voices and hard work at this Vancouver School district wide celebration. We are thankful for Ms. Presley whose expertise, passion, leadership and dedication helps to create such opportunities for our students and others across the VSB.

Sports Teams at Livingstone

Thank you to Ms. Korchinski for coaching badminton this year. Students have already started practicing. Congratulations to both of our senior basketball teams who made it to the playoffs with excellent team spirit and skill development. Thank you to all the parent volunteers and staff who made this season possible.

Livingstone's Afternoon of Play on Thursday March 14th

Livingstone students have earned over 300 responsibility ROAR tickets, and we are going to have a school wide afternoon of playing board games with friends on Thursday, March 14th. Students are welcome to bring a **non-electronic** game from home to use with their friends. Students will be responsible for the safe return home of this game. All students will also have access to games and centre activities if they don't have a game to bring to school.

Grade 7 Transitions Pro-D Day Skills Camp - Basketball & Volleyball on April 22, 2024 professional development day.

Tupper Family of Schools is pleased to offer this Pro-D Day Skills Camp for Grade 7's on **Monday April 22nd** - to help support their transition to Tupper Secondary School next year. Students can sign up for the basketball or volleyball camp (20 spots each).

The purpose of the day will be to connect grade 7's to other grade 7's, peer to peer connections, peer to school connection, to build some sports skills, and to have fun!

The camp is free and will run from **10am-3pm** with lunch being provided.

This will be held at Tupper Secondary School and will be run by current Tupper students.

Please complete this Interest Form by "**April 1, 2024**".

<https://forms.office.com/r/X9LK4EuFjW>

Programs are **not** first come first serve and completing this form does **not** guarantee a space in the program.

If the interest for a program is greater than spots available, a lottery process will be used. **Only** the students that have been drawn will receive a confirmation email.

If you have questions, please contact the Community Connections Coordinator, Mark Elke at melke@vsb.bc.ca or 778-229-9786.

We wish you all a wonderful spring break.

Sincerely,
Ms. Sharon Vieira and the Livingstone Staff Team

Kindergarten to Grade 6 Families are you moving for September 2024?

Is your child moving to a new school for September 2024? Please click on the link below and fill in the survey to let us know what your plans are.

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

Thank you!

Safer Schools Together

Parent Resources for Supporting children and Youth with Digital Safety

“Our current world climate is constantly connected to technology. What do we need to know as parents to protect our children and teach them responsible and appropriate uses of technology? The answer is that the parameters of rules and expectations we put in place at home will undoubtedly guide our children’s sense of digital responsibility.

Raising children in a digital era can seem overwhelming at times. Technology has entered our lives at a rapid pace over the past several years and continues to evolve. The reality of this is that apps and technological devices will change, but the behavior stays the same. Moderation is key to managing technology use in our homes. The aforementioned does not need to be an “all or nothing” approach with absolute prohibition or full unchecked usage.

This Parent’s Guide to Raising Digitally Responsible Youth will equip you with the knowledge you need to stay in the loop about the most popular applications and trends. Correspondingly, this guide will give you a better understanding of your child or teen’s internet usage so you can relate to the digital world they live in.”

At School we continue to teach students about digital safety in our learning context and we work to ensure what they are accessing is safe and confidential. Here are some resources that you might find helpful to support the great work you do at home :

A Guide to safety when downloading and using apps for your teen/pre-teen.

<https://jocelynbrewer.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Due-diligence-on-download-kids-report-Digital-Nutrition-2021.pdf>

Digital Safety Family Resources for children, teens and preteens

<https://www.common sense.org/education/family-resources>

Family tech planner for you to use with your children/pre-teens

<https://www.common sensemedia.org/sites/default/files/featured-content/files/ftp-en-9-12-common-sense-media.pdf>

Links to checklists for parents: you can download a parent digital safety booklet.

<https://safer schoolstogether.com/resources/parent-resources/>

Livingstone Parent Advisory Committee News

Spring Break is upon us and wishing you all a fun filled break! We will not be hosting a meeting this month. Our next meeting will be in April. We are still looking to fill many Executive positions for next year’s PAC so please reach out at livingstonepac@gmail.com to hear all the exciting opportunities to contribute to your child's education!

Fun Lunch Update

We will be resuming our Fun Lunch program after the Spring Break. We have added some Friday lunches for weeks with Pro D days. We will also be implementing a 'central location' for distribution of fun lunches if your child is sick. Please use this spreadsheet to list your child's absence and how you would like to distribute/save their meals. This spreadsheet will be sent to teachers to assist with the distribution of lunches as well.

Sick Day Fun Lunch

Spreadsheet <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_UggglFRawWdQdYy5y5yikpHgovNU_2YLfFXZIoEj3w/edit?usp=sharing>

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**Black Excellence and History Celebration
supported by Livingstone Families and PAC:**

Thank you to parent Mikaela Smith for connecting our School to the fabulous learning led by, Mr. Albert St. Albert Smith, Marion Landers and Sam Smith/Maestre Lua Camara.

Please visit the link below for a peek at this beautiful learning opportunity to honour Black History Month at Livingstone.

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/david-livingstone/ci/p/71121>

Thank you to our Livingstone PAC for supporting cultural diversity celebrations in our school this year by bringing your family knowledge and resources forward to enhance our current educational opportunities for Livingstone students. We launched the year with Diwali celebrations in October as great start to this initiative.

Do you have an idea about how to enhance Livingstone’s learning and appreciation of cultural diversity in our midst? Come to the next PAC meeting to share your ideas and/or reach out to Ms. Vieira to start the conversation! We are excited to hear your ideas.

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Report Cards Home	13	14	15	16 Last day before spring break	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	spring break 					
25	26	27	28	29	April 1	April 2
	spring break 					

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Easter Monday School Closed	2 First day back after spring break	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Class and Team Photos	18	19	20
21	22 Pro d day No school for students	23	24 Immunizations Gr.6s	25	26	27
28	29	30				