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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)

May 2025 Newsletter

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**David Livingstone school
community is proud to
celebrate**



Best Wishes to Mrs. Ushma Escobar



As many of you know Mrs. Escobar is expecting her first baby. She will begin her maternity leave after Friday May 16th. We all wish Mrs. and Mr. Escobar the very best as soon to be new parents and can't wait to meet her baby! We welcome Ms. Allie Scott who will become the new teacher for division 4. Ms. Scott has worked with all of our Livingstone classrooms over the last two years and division 4 students know her well. We are very happy to have Ms. Scott joining our team.

Walk a Thon – Friday May 23th at 1:00pm at Prince Edward Park

Packages will be sent home with students to start getting pledges in advance of this fun PAC sponsored fundraiser for our school. Please remind students to return their forms and pledges to the school.

Sports Day: Friday May 30th

Will be on Friday May 30 at Livingstone school and next door at Prince Edward Park. We will be holding the events in the morning and afternoon. Families are welcome to come and watch us. This is a regular full day for students as well. We will try to start at 9:10am and classroom teachers will give you a hint of where their class is starting the day. We will also continue after lunch on the Prince Edward park field for a rope tug challenge between grade groups, that will begin with our Kindergartens and proceed to grade 7s finally challenging the school staff! Thank you to PAC who are providing a granola bar recess snack for all students and a popsicle treat at the end of the day!

Track and Field:

Permission notices with requests for volunteers to support practices and driving have been sent home to grade 4-7 students. Practices are on Tuesday and Thursday Mornings at 8:00am. Thank you to Ms. Dianne Moore, Ms. Kailee Costa, Ms. Joanne Lau and to all of our parent volunteers: Thomas Tran, Dave Mackenzie, Corinna Hagel, Terrance Gilhully and all the parent volunteer drivers that help us with rides to the meets.

YEAR-END TALENT SHOW

On Friday, June 13th, there will be an afternoon talent show in the Livingstone Gym starting at 1:15 pm. This show will be for students, staff and **families of talent show performers only.**

Interested students have been signing up to audition. Auditions will take place at lunch in the music room during the weeks of May 5th, May 12th and May 19th (if needed). Students have been assigned an audition date during which, a team of staff members will check that each act is well-prepared and ready to present their talents to the whole school.

Students who are auditioning need to come prepared on their audition date with their equipment, music, instruments, etc. A sound system, microphones and a piano will be available, but all other items are the responsibility of the performer.

Students who have talents they want to share but just aren't ready for the whole-school talent show, will have an opportunity to informally perform for their division during a music class later in June.

We have had 35 acts sign-up to audition but due to time constraints, we will likely only have space for about 20 acts. Some will be disappointed, but there is always next year.

We look forward to seeing what hidden talents our students will share.

-Ms. Monica Presley

Volunteer Builders for the school garden boxes

Our Livingstone PAC have generously donated the funds to purchase the wood and building supplies for our 14 garden boxes, now we just need to gather a volunteer team to begin building our garden boxes.

Request for Adult Volunteers to build garden boxes at Livingstone

Volunteers must be experienced in using power tools with wood and feel confident working with a hammer and drill. We have a plan to follow for the garden layout and a design to follow for the boxes. All the wood is pre-cut, we will need to drill and hammer the wood to assemble raised boxes.

The materials are heavy 4x4 inch by 6 foot cedar posts that will be built into raised beds. Please be aware that the wood is heavy and will need to be lifted to the garden from the storage container at the back of the school. At this point we are hoping to build on one or two weekends (Saturday or Sunday) depending on the volunteer numbers. If you are interested in volunteering please take a moment to fill in this survey to determine everyone's availability: <https://forms.office.com/r/bdudnuzKWD>

Thank you so much for your volunteer time!



Livingstone PAC News



Hi everyone,

Thank you to everyone who purchased plants at our **Growing Smiles fundraiser** on the weekend. We had a lot of fun, and the plants were beautiful! Hopefully they've provided a great head start to the growing season.

PAC survey

If you haven't had a chance yet, please take a quick moment (no, really, it'll only take a moment) to fill out our **PAC survey**, where you can help us determine priorities for the remainder of this year and into next year. Thanks to everyone who has shared their insights so far! **Survey link is here:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqdHgWt3e0IZSmwpsL83uHpSFQ7v1jyQjb6PqApGiPyMUstw/viewform?usp=dialog>

The PAC AGM is Wednesday, May 21st! Please come out to discuss next year's budget and vote on your PAC executive team. If you're interested in any role(s), please feel free to reach out to us at livingstonepac@gmail.com and we're happy to discuss what's involved. Our PAC requires a chair, vice-chair, secretary, and communications person, but we can also add “member at large” roles for anyone who would like to be more involved but isn't sure what their fit is yet.

- **May 21, 2025 at 630pm in the school library or on zoom**
- Pizza and babysitting provided!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3081298330?pwd=WS9BN2JlS3NXRThjakI3MWE1SFgzZz09&omn=84031990397>

Meeting ID: 308 129 8330

Passcode: 962479

The annual Livingstone Walkathon is happening Friday May 23 in the afternoon; we'd love a few more volunteers to help out!

- pledge sheets will be going home with the students soon:
- You can volunteer at the link below

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LLfe9eG1dAeE34_yUCPT5KXWFizktwyYAbgQ8o8XG1A/edit?usp=drivesdk

- **You can also sign up to help out with the Year End Barbecue at the link above!**

Thanks to everyone who made it to our last PAC meeting. It was wonderful to have your support of the garden rebuild; please keep your eyes peeled for a work party invitation from Ms. Vieira to get those beds built!

Thank you as well to **Alix Dunham of grit** for speaking to us. Check out their website for more about what they offer, and download/listen to some of their great children's meditations:

<https://www.gritworkshops.ca/grit-meditations>

As always, we look forward to seeing you and hearing from you if you have any ideas, questions, thoughts, concerns.

-Your PAC Exec Team

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

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/davidlivingstone/>

May 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				01	02 Grade 7 Tupper Tour, 1:30-	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Victoria Day School Closed	20	21	22 9:45am On our Way to Kindergarten	23 Walk a thon PAC event 1:10pm	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Sports Day More info to come!	31

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					
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
				PAC BBQ 4:00- 7:00pm		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Indigenous learning celebration	Indigenous learning celebration	Grade 7 Camp Jubilee	→		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					