

November 2023 News



At David Livingstone Elementary School we acknowledge that we live, work, learn and play on the traditional and unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples the *sk̓wx̓wú7mesh* (Squamish), *seɬíwítlh* (Tseil-Waututh), and *xʷməθkʷəy̓əm* (Musqueam) nations.

Principal: Sharon Vieira

Trustee: Suzie Mah

Director of Instruction: Janis Myers

Superintendent: Helen McGregor

Chair - Navneet Nathoo ◦ Vice Chair - Lindsay Clayton



November 1, 2023

Dear Livingstone Families,

Thank you to all our families and teachers for connecting during our goal setting conferences. It was really uplifting to have our families back in the school and meeting with staff to share stories of student success and next steps to support their learning. Our Halloween parade was a success inside, the children all had fun in our gym sharing their costumes and singing along with Ms. Presley.

On November 10th we will be holding our Remembrance Day assembly in the gym. This assembly will feature students' visions on how to bring peace to our world's many different communities. We will showcase student drawings, writing and videos presentations that all give voice on how to build a peaceful future for everyone. Ms. Presley will also lead the choir in singing several songs. On the trumpet, Ms. Presley will play the *Last Post*, and we will observe a moment of silence and then break the silence with *Reveille*.

Welcome

Please join me in welcoming to our staff team Mr. Kam Hayat who has joined us as the daytime building engineer and Ms. Laura Carrol who is a student support staff as well.

Talking about Safe Boundaries with Strangers

As a final note to families to please take a moment to remind your children about appropriate boundaries with adult strangers without making them fearful to enjoy our beautiful community. Please review your family's safety guidelines around engaging with strangers your child doesn't know and what to do if they are approached by an unknown adult. Children need to understand that they can just walk away from strangers who are trying to engage with them and let a trusted adult know about their experience. Thank you for working with us to keep our students safe with such important conversations.

Sincerely,

Sharon Vieira, Principal, David Livingstone Elementary School
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Student Photos

Please don't forget that the online gallery of your child's photos are now ready to order.

Please see the directions below from Mountain West Studios:

Please visit this link to access the gallery: <https://weborders.mountainwest.ca>

- Your webcode to access your images was provided on photo day.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- **Your order deadline is: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9TH 2023** (after the date a late fee is applicable)

Missing your login code? No problem!

1. Visit <https://weborders.mountainwest.ca>
2. Click on "No code? Click here"
3. Enter your student's last name, grade and student number.
4. Order your photos!

Photo Re-takes on Wednesday November 15th.

About Retakes:

- Did you miss the first photo day or are needing a retake?
- If you would like retakes they will be held at the school on: **WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15TH 2023**
- Please visit this link <https://retakes.mountainwest.ca/davidlivingstoneelementary> and sign up by **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12TH 2023**

To find out more about ordering, [Click Here](#) for support.

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: help@mountainwest.ca

LIVINGSTONE CHOIR

The Livingstone Choir has been practicing together since early October. There are over 70 enthusiastic singers from grades 3-7 who give up their lunch time to practice with Ms. Presley every Tuesday and Wednesday. Ms. Presley is very pleased with turn-out. Great job, choir!

REMEMBRANCE DAY CHOIR PERFORMANCE

On November 10th, the choir students will be singing at our Remembrance Day Assembly. Choir members are asked to wear black bottoms and white tops that day, as part of their choir "uniform". **If you are a parent of a choir student, you are invited to attend our assembly slated to begin at 11:10 am.** Due to space limitations, we cannot offer invites to all our families but the choir will do an encore performance of one of their songs at our upcoming winter concert in December that all of our families will be invited to attend in the Tupper Highschool auditorium in the evening.

More Sports Afterschool Program for grade 1-3 students
Tuesdays after school in Livingstone's gym

Moresports

Grades
1-3

LOOKING FOR PARTICIPANTS!

Grassroots Sport Program
for all skill levels!

MULTISPORT

- **Livingstone Elementary**
- November 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 12
- **Tuesday** in the Gym
- Grades 1-3 (3:00PM - 4:30PM)
- Cost: **\$60**

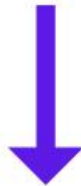
Financial Hardship Policy: The Board of Education is committed to ensuring that no school-age student will be denied an opportunity to participate in a course, class, or program because of an inability to pay fees. Parents and guardians unable to pay some or all, please contact Malcolm at malcom.lee@moresports.org.

SIGN UP

Scan Below!



Click Here!



<https://www.cognitoforms.com/DWULDoWhatULuv/LivingstoneTuesMoresportsMultisportGrades13AfterSchool>

moresports.org



Kindergarten Registration for 2024-2025

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5195/priority-kindergarten-registration>

Registration is a two-part process.

Step 1: Complete and online application form.

<https://vsbapplynow.vsb.bc.ca/>

Step 2: Verifying Documentation

- **Contact** your catchment school to set up an appointment to bring your supporting documentation.
- **Bring supporting documentation** to your catchment school during your scheduled appointment.
 - **FOR CHILDREN BORN OUTSIDE OF CANADA:** Book an appointment with a Registrar at the Newcomer Welcome Centre (NWC) to complete your registration (an appointment booking link will be provided in the confirmation email after submitting your application - step 1). Please note, NWC visits are by **appointment only**. Please email the NWC at nwc@vsb.bc.ca if you do not receive a link to their bookings page to book an appointment.

The following original documents must be presented to complete your application:

1. Proof of British Columbia residency
2. The original birth certificate of the child
3. Applicable Immigration/Citizenship/Permanent Resident Documentation
4. Immunization Records if available

[Note: Some schools may request additional identification as proof of residency.]

NOTE: Some catchment schools do not have space for all students even if you apply before the January 31 deadline. In these cases there will be a draw for student placement mid-February and the school will contact you by late April to confirm your enrolment. * Available Space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the District (Administrative Procedure 300).

District choice programs

Families must register at their neighbourhood catchment school during the priority registration period (November 1 - January 31) before applying for Kindergarten Choice programs.

Applying for a District choice program is a separate process and runs from January 8 to February 2, 2024. Visit the [Kindergarten Choice Programs](#) page for more information.

Cross-boundary Registration

Families who wish to apply to a school outside of their catchment area, known as cross-boundary, will register their child at their neighbourhood catchment school first.

Applying for cross-boundary is a separate online process and runs from February 1 - 29, 2024. Cross boundary applications will only be considered after all in-catchment students have been accommodated.

How to Apply Cross Boundary:

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](#)

Step 3: The school will inform you of the status of your application by: March 31

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.

Dreaming of donuts? Krispy Kreme is coming to Livingstone!

Our Grade 7s are going to Camp Jubilee this year on May 27, 28 and 29th. Our grade 7 parent fundraising committee is working to raise 50% of the cost for each student so that no family is burdened with the entire cost.

Our Grade 7 students are excited to host a Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser this November to help offset costs for the Grade 7 year-end graduation field trip to Camp Jubilee in May 2024.

Here's how you can help! You can now order your very own box (or more) of a dozen, glazed Krispy Kreme donuts via our MunchALunch website for all your friends, neighbours and family members!

The deadline to place your order online is November 13 via [MunchALunch](#). Click on "Donut Fundraiser" on the top toolbar to get started.

Donut orders will be delivered fresh to David Livingstone on November 23, and will be ready for pickup after school at the undercover area.

Thank you for your support! Our goal is to raise at least 50% of Grade 7 field trip costs to cover approximately \$200 per student.

Thank you for your support!

Grade 7 Committee

Livingstone Parent Advisory Committee News

Hello Parents of Livingstone! The PAC has several exciting reminders and requests this month. Please see details below:

1. Fall Fund 'Tech' Drive - Our Fall Fund 'Tech' Drive was launched on October 23rd. If you didn't receive the flyer in your child's bag, please let us know (livingstonepac@gmail.com) and we will get one to you electronically. We hope you have seen the large "thermometers" posted around the school to monitor our progress towards the \$20,000 goal. We are thrilled to announce that we reached \$9,000 in our first week, and we still have over one week left to go! If you are able, please make your donation now: SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome<[School Cash Online](#)> choosing "E-David Livingstone PAC" as the destination for the donation.

Donations are tax deductible and 100% of the funds goes directly to the classrooms.



2. Diwali Celebration - Wednesday, November 15

Plans for the first PAC Diversity celebration are well underway. Diwali will be celebrated in several ways at the school on November 15:

- *Samosa making demonstrations hosted by Fun Lunch vendor Agra Tandoori
- *School-wide Rangoli decorating
- *Mendhi/Henna hand painting
- *Diya painting
- *Take home treats and Diwali activity summary to take home

If any parents are interested in volunteering for the festivities, please contact livingstonepac@gmail.com

3. November PAC Meeting - Wednesday November 22nd at 7pm (In-person and Zoom)

****Please note the date change****

Link to agenda: [Meeting Agenda - November 22](#)

Link to zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3081298330?pwd=WS9BN2J1S3NXRThjakI3MWE1SFgzZz09>

Meeting ID: 308 129 8330

Passcode: 962479



4. Family Dance - Thursday, November 30

Time: Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; DJ 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Livingstone Gymnasium (capacity is limited!!)

Tickets: \$5 each (parent[s] must accompany children)

We have DJ Rachael<[DJ Rachael / RocknBeau](#)> booked to bring our families onto their feet! Grade 7 students will be selling pizza (via Munch a Lunch) and snacks to raise money for the Grade 7 trip to Camp.

Volunteers are also needed to make this event a success, please sign up here: [Livingstone Volunteer Sign-Up \(Family Dance Tab\)](#)

5. Fun Lunch Volunteers Needed - To keep our Fun Lunch program going strong, we need some assistance with distribution. This is a 15-20 minute time commitment to help with distribution to the classrooms. All lunches are divided by class by the vendors, come by and say 'Hello' to your child! Their faces light up when they see their parent at the school in the middle of the day! Sign up here:

[Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet \(Fun Lunch Tab\)](#)

November 2023



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5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
					Remembrance Day Assembly	Remembrance day	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	Krispy Kreme donut		Diwali Celebrations Hosted by				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
			7pm PAC meeting in the library and online				
26	27	28	29	30			
				PAC Family Dance 5:30 to 7:30 Livingstone Gym			

December 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Report cards go home ☺	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Winter Concert for Families at Tupper		Last day before Winter Break!!!	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Winter break	School Closed			
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Winter Break	School Closed			