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October 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 s̓k̓w̓x̓w̓ú7mesh (Squamish), sel̓íw̓it̓ul̓h (Tseil-Waututh), and x̓w̓m̓əθ̓k̓w̓əy̓əm (Musqueam) nations.

Principal: Sharon Vieira

Director of Instruction: Janis Myers

Trustee: Suzie Mah

Superintendent: Helen McGregor

Chair - Navneet Nathoo ○ Vice Chair - Lindsay Clayton

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Dear Livingstone Families,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the beautiful fall weather. Students enjoyed the Terry Fox run in September and our school community raised \$ 462.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you for your support with the toonies that were sent to school and your online donations.

We look forward to connecting during Parent Conferences during the week of October 25th and 26th which is a great time to meet teachers and set learning intentions for the school year. Please remember to check your child's Microsoft Teams account that their teacher has set up to communicate student learning with families. Our school code of conduct motto is Be Kind, Be Safe and Be Responsible.

This term we are focusing on ways to be Safe with each other at Livingstone. Students are working on moving through the school with safe bodies, playing safely on the playground and asking an adult for help when there is a problem they are unable to solve on their own.

Thank you for your support. Our staff team appreciates the connection and collaboration with our families to support student learning.

Sincerely,

Sharon Vieira, Principal, David Livingstone Elementary School

From the Library

Hello! My name is Yvonne and I am so happy to have joined the Livingstone community as your teacher Librarian. My scheduled workdays are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. This year all classes have a weekly library session where they have the opportunity to experience a powerful book, engage in deep thinking, respond to literature in a personal way and choose library books.

For term one students in Kindergarten are signing out one book at a time while students in grades 1-7 are invited to sign out up to three books at a time. Books are signed out for two weeks and can be renewed.

Livingstone Library will be open before and after school during the following times:

- Tuesdays 8:40-9:00am
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 3:05-3:20

Students are welcome to bring their parents/guardians to the library and I would love it if you popped by to say hi and introduce yourself.

In addition to regularly scheduled library times, students are invited to come to the library for a school-wide open book exchange (at their teacher's discretion) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-9:40am and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:40am-12:10pm. The more we open the library the more we get books into kids' hands, hearts and lives.

During the first two weeks of September, over 600 new books were added to our library and 547 books were borrowed.

Thank you to students, family members and staff for the friendly welcome.

Happy reading!

Yvonne

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David Livingstone Parent Advisory Committee News

Hello Livingstone Parents,

What an exciting start to the 2023-2024 school year! Now that we are in full swing, the PAC would like to share a few exciting events we have upcoming this Fall.

Fall Fund 'Tech' Drive - Next week we will be launching our Fall Fund 'Tech' Drive. Similar to previous years, the Fall Fund Drive is the biggest fundraiser of the year, and we hope you can participate. Our goal is to raise \$70 per child.

This year we are focusing on technology upgrades within the classrooms and to fund the literacy programs teachers rely on.

Why is technology important in our classrooms?

- Enhanced teaching resources
- Adaptive learning and feedback
- Increased student engagement and motivation
- Multisensory learning
- Quicker or immediate feedback to students on their learning
- Responsible use of technology skill development

Please check your children's bags next week for our flyer related to the Fall Fund 'Tech' Drive! Instructions for how to donate will be included there.

October PAC Meeting - Wednesday October 18th at 7pm (In person and Zoom)

Please join in to learn of all the fun and exciting things that we have planned for this school year, as well as participate in the conversations about what's going on at the school.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81442425276?pwd=QTRKN2xKNEdUk5LcElwYnR2S1pKdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 4242 5276

Passcode: 248425

Please review agenda for quick approval for the

meeting. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WNV6ybAj7fhfxPdSVUH1_GiwEkLWhzcnCmPv_UX9NNs/edit?usp=sharing



Rainy Day Clothing

Please make sure to send your child to school each day with a raincoat and appropriate shoes. We recommend that all students at least keep one change of clothes: extra pants, socks, and shirt at school to change out of wet clothes in case students get wet during recess and lunch.

Halloween Celebrations: Tuesday October 31



*Children are invited to come to school dressed in Halloween costumes on Tuesday October 31st we will also hold a costume parade for students. If it's not raining we will have a parade at our gravel field.

*Please remember to keep fairy wands that might get lost and toy swords and weapons at home as these aren't appropriate for school even if they are part of a costume theme.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			Grade 6 immunization 7pm PAC Mtg in the library and on Zoom	1-3:00pm Trout Lake District Cross Country Meet	Professional Development Day No school for students today	
22	23 Individual Student Photo Day	24	25 2pm early dismissal Parent- Teacher conferences	26 2pm early dismissal Parent -Teacher conferences	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween Dress Up for school				

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day
12	13 School Closed in Lieu of Remembrance day	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Professional Development Day no students today	25
26	27	28	29	30		