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Weekly Newsletter – October 10

Thank you to all who have contributed or will contribute to our very successful walk-a-thon that was held yesterday. The sun came out and contributed to a quintessential autumn afternoon at Douglas Park. It was wonderful to see our students participating and showing how Cavell CARES. A big shout out to Brenda Brown and all of the other parent volunteers who cheered and danced for us the entire afternoon. The Cavell Community CARES.

This year our Walk-a-thon has a target for technology. Our intermediate laptop cart has thirty laptops some of which were bought when our grade 7s were in grade one, and many before they started kindergarten at Cavell! They have aged out and need replacement. Our current Kindergarten class will likely still be using the laptops that they helped to purchase during this walk-a-thon when they are in grade 7.

When purchasing computers for our school we purchase through the VSB IT department. The standard computers ensure equity and consistency throughout the district. All VSB digital devices are managed and maintained by the IT department during the lifetime of the device. Thank you!

Our Senior Girls' Soccer team have made it to the City Championships at Point Grey Secondary on October 16. Well done team!



VSB District News:

VSB Podcast “After the Bell” Part two of our post-secondary planning discussion is now live. In this episode, we are joined by representatives from SFU, Cap-U and Langara. This conversation helps families and students understand the many facets of post-secondary planning, including deadlines, the process and knowing your options.

<https://creators.spotify.com/pod/profile/vsbafterthebell/episodes/Ep--40---After-the-Bell-Planning-...>

Parent Digital Literacy Learning event follow up:

Some follow-Up on the VSB Family Digital Literacy Learning event that took place on October 7, 2025 entitled Raising AI Ready Youth: Safety, Privacy, Ethics, and Success presented by the White Hatter was a tremendous success. Please see the note below about accessing the recording.

For those who were able to attend, we hope you found the session informative and helpful as we continue to support our students in navigating the digital world safely and responsibly.

For those who would like to revisit the presentation or were unable to attend live, the recording is now available:

Access using this [Recording Link](#)

Password: 3385

The recording will only be available until 10 pm, October 11.

Please note: This recording is intended only for registered VSB student families. We kindly ask that you do not share the link or access code outside of your family.

Upcoming Session – Save the Date!

Our next Digital Literacy virtual session will take place on:

When: Monday, November 4, 2025, from 6pm to 8pm (PST)

Where: Virtually

Who: Hosted by Safer Schools Together

Topic: Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship, and Cyber-Bullying

Keep an eye out for an email from the district and communications from your school administrator with registration details.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming Dates:

October 13 – Thanksgiving – School Closed
October 20-24 Book Fair in the library
October 22 and 23 – Student Conferences – 1:58pm dismissal on both days
October 24 – Provincial Wide Professional Day – school not in session for students
October 27 – Individual Photo Retakes am only
November 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly 11:00am – more information to come about our Colour Guard
November 11 – Remembrance Day School Closed
November 21 – Professional Day – school not in session

PAC News:

Sun Oka Apple Fundraiser

The PAC would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated in our Sun Oka apple fundraiser. We surpassed our fundraising goal, raising a total of \$1,192 for our students!

Apples will be delivered Wed, Oct 22 and will be available for pickup that day between 2-4pm at the undercover area by the gravel field.

Thanks for your support!

Halloween Costume Craft & Swap

October 22 | 2-5 PM | Edith Cavell Gym

Do you have bins of outgrown costumes? Bring your **gently used costumes** and trade them for *new-to-you* ones at the gym! It's a fun, sustainable way to refresh your Halloween wardrobe, reduce waste, and share some spooky fun with the school community.

Craft activities will also be available, so kids can get creative while swapping costumes!

If you can't make it on the day of the event but have extra costumes to donate, please drop them off in the **collection bin at the school office starting Monday, September 29.**

Get Ready for Bike to School Week & School Street!

We're getting ready for **Bike to School Week** and the return of our **School Street program** — and we'd love your help making it amazing!

This year's lineup includes:

-  A pancake breakfast to kick things off (plus bonus bananas for students who bike, walk, or roll!)
-  Free bike tune-ups and a Grades 5-7 maintenance workshop
-  A bike-decorating station with local artist **Ryan Paton** and his art bikes
-  A festive school-wide bike parade

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our **Active Transport Committee** and help bring these events to life.

 [Contact us](#) to get involved.

Let's make active travel fun, safe, and accessible for all students!