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With that deep gratitude and respect, we acknowledge that we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x̱məθḵəy̱əm (Musqueam), S̱ḵwx̱wú7mesh Úx̱wumix̱w (Squamish Nation) & səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

SPRING and RE-IMAGINING

Hello Henderson Community! We hope everyone had a safe, relaxing, and rejuvenating Spring Break. We know many in our school community observed and have been celebrating several holidays: Holi, Qingming, Ramadan, Chaitri Navratri, Theravada Buddhist New Year, Nowruz/Nauraz, Vaisakhi, Passover, and Easter. We wish you all the best as you reflect, gather, and celebrate.

As we head into the final three months of this school year, we look forward to the many learning activities and events that will take place. Divisions 10 and 18 are working with dance instructors from Arts Umbrella. Divisions 15, 20, 21 and 22 are working with the Artist in Residence program. Many classes have started to enjoy more neighbourhood walks and field trips. We look forward to hosting new families for our Welcome To Kindergarten (WTK) event at the end of May. The primary Grade 1 to 3 classes look forward to MaraFun in June. The Grade Sevens look forward to camp, high school articulation and their Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony. All students look forward to Sports Day and our schoolwide Play Day. More information will be shared as we get closer to hosting these events.

At this time, we have many school clubs being sponsored by staff during the lunch breaks and after school where students can practice their creativity: Dance Club, Crochet Club, Schools Out CST, Drama Club, Garden Club, badminton and soon we will have Track & Field and Ultimate happening. Thank you for continuing to model a caring, accepting, and inclusive environment where all have the opportunity to thrive.



Student Safety and Traffic

We encourage families to walk or bike to school to reduce automobile congestion. Students can bring a lock and secure their bikes in the bike storage area. Please go over the traffic safety rules with your children. In their excitement, children can forget these important pedestrian rules. If you are dropping children off, please make sure that it is on the school side of the street as it is safest. We are really hoping that as we approach Earth Day, you will reconsider driving to school. When walking to school, please do not walk through the staff parking lot/ driveway, please use the path. **The staff parking lot is only for VSB employees and school deliveries. Do not enter or drop off your child in this area.** It can be dangerous as vehicles back up and small children are difficult to see.

If you or your child is riding an electric scooter or bike, please make sure you dismount when you arrive at the school grounds and walk your scooter/bike to keep all the other pedestrians safe. We also encourage all bikers and scooter rider.

We also want to draw your attention to the traffic on East 53rd Avenue. We have had complaints about the number of cars doing drop off and pick up on this street and that some cars are driving at excessive speeds. Please obey all traffic signs/rules. The community policing officers have been invited out to help us address this issue.

EARTH DAY – APRIL 22ND

Earth Day is an annual event, celebrated worldwide with various activities to demonstrate support for environmental protection. The first celebration took place in 1970. As part of our celebration of Earth Day, classes will participate in various activities in their classrooms, a theme day and community clean-up efforts. Students will learn about what is happening to the earth and its natural resources, as a result of human use. Students will learn interesting facts, what difficulties are arising and what we can do as individuals to protect the earth and its resources. Messages of reduce, reuse, and recycle will continue to be shared.

Hopefully students and families will be able to take into consideration the following suggestions:

- Try to produce less waste/garbage.
- Use a refillable water bottle instead of buying bottled water.
- Turn off the water when you are brushing your teeth.
- Turn off the lights when you leave a room.
- Unplug your electronics when you are not using them.
- Take shorter showers.
- Eat less foods that are prepackaged.
- Use recycling bins whenever possible.
- Travel by walking or bike riding when you can instead of by car
- When out in the community, bring home garbage for recycling/composting.



10 WAYS TO MAKE EVERY DAY EARTH DAY

Earth Day is an important event that takes place on April 22 every year, where we do our best to show our appreciation for our planet. However, just because Earth Day is one day a year doesn't mean you take the other 364 days off. Here are 10 ways you can make every day Earth Day.

- 01 Go outside more!**
Stepping outside occasionally can help you appreciate nature in all its glory.
- 02 Get reusable bags.**
Cut out the plastic and take reusable bags with you when you go shopping to cut down on waste.
- 03 Recycle.**
Take the time to sort your trash; Mother Earth will thank you.
- 04 Buy organic food and products.**
When you buy organic, you're contributing to a positive approach toward agriculture without harmful pesticides.
- 05 Stop eating meat.**
This may be easier said than done, but cutting meat out of your diet and solely eating plants would reduce food-related emissions by 70%.
- 06 Start composting.**
Don't throw away your organic trash. You can turn it into fertile soil that can help feed plant life.
- 07 Start gardening.**
You can grow a produce section in your backyard, and it'll add more oxygen to the atmosphere while providing you with delicious vegetables.
- 08 Use glass bottles over plastic.**
Using glass bottles instead of plastic yields a purer taste and a reduction in plastic recycling.
- 09 Make your own cleaning products.**
Most cleaning products have harmful chemicals. Instead, use vinegar and orange peels for a non-toxic cleaning experience.
- 10 Plant a tree.**
You don't need to wait for Arbor Day to plant a tree. Not only do trees produce oxygen and absorb carbon monoxide, but they're also a shelter for birds and other animals.

These little steps are extremely beneficial to the environment, and they're also a good way of saying thanks to the Earth!

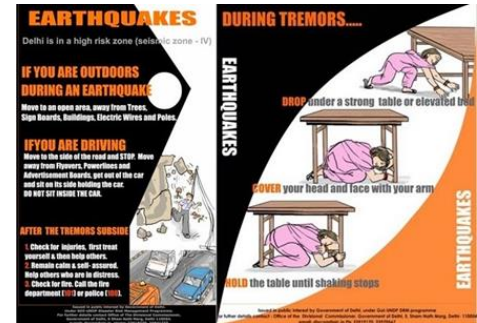
Earthquake Preparedness

The Big One at 2:00 pm is our annual VSB Emergency Preparedness Earthquake Simulation Drill, which will be held on Thursday, May 4th. At Henderson, we have a school emergency plan which all staff have familiarized themselves with and this gives us and the students an opportunity to practice what to do when an earthquake occurs. This year we will try to incorporate a “Student Release” component of our emergency evacuation. We will be sending out a notice later this month to ask for volunteer parents/caregivers who are available and can help us practice releasing students for home during the drill. It is helpful for us to go through this drill so that we are prepared in case a real emergency should arise. This might also be a good time for you as a family to review what your home plan is, should an emergency happen. There are many great resources out there to support you. Here are a few web-based ones:



<http://www.earthquakecountry.org/sevensteps/>

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/know-the-risks/earthquakes>



http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/embc/preparedbc/eparedbc_household_preparedness_guide_web_final_2015.pdf

SUMMER LEARNING

It's time to get ready for summer learning! VSB Summer Learning registration opens on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 AT 12:00 NOON FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS**, and on **Wednesday, May 1 at 12:00 pm for secondary students**. Just a reminder that all Summer Learning registration is **ONLINE ONLY** at <https://summerreg.vsb.bc.ca>.

Mark Your Calendars



- **April 22nd** - Pro-D Day – No School for Students
- **April 23rd to 26th** –23rd Recycling Day, 24th Be Kind to Plants and Animals and Litterless Lunch, 25th Lights Out Day, 26th Water Conservation Day
- **April 24th** - PAC Pizza Lunch
- **April 30th** - Drama and Dance Club Performances
 - Daytime performances for Students
 - 4:00-5:00 pm for parents
- **May 2nd** - Earthquake Drill – Big One at Two
- **May 13th** - PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm doors open for 6:45pm start.
- **May 15th** - Theme Day: Neon Day
- **May 17th** - Sports Day
- **May 20th** - Victoria Day – No School
- **May 21st to 29th** – HUB Cycling Program for Divisions 1 to 6
- **May 21st to May 23rd** – Talent Show Auditions
- **May 22nd** - PAC Pizza Lunch
- **May 24th** - Welcome to Kindergarten (for new families entering 2024-2025)
- **May 31st** - Volunteer Tea (11:30 to 12:30)
- **June 3rd to 5th** – Grade 7 Camp
- **June 5th** - Theme Day: Favourite Character Day
- **June 7th** - Play Day
- **June 10th to 13th** – Talent Show – sharing afternoons (more information to follow)
- **June 17th** - PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm doors open for 6:45pm start *AGM and elections.
- **June 18th** - VCC Tooth Trolley 9am to 12pm
- **June 18th** - MaraFun **(Change of date)**
- **June 19th** - PAC Pizza Lunch
- **June 21st** - Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony
- **June 24th** - Final Learning Updates go Home.
- **June 27th** - Last Day for Students

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April 8, 2024



Dear Henderson Families,

We are selling 20 litre bags of mushroom manure on a pre-order basis for \$8.00 per bag, or 4 bags for \$30.00, to support our school garden. This great supplement to your garden soil is added to promote spring and summer planting.

Please return your manure order by Friday, April 12th payment can be made on the School Cashonline program, or by sending the exact payment to the teacher, in an envelope clearly marking your student's name and division and number of bags you want.

The manure will be available for pick up on April 16, 17 and 18th. The pick-up location is on the north side of the school on 51st Ave, by the gym.

Pick-up times will start at 3:20pm to 4:00pm.

MUSHROOM MANURE ORDER FORM – due Friday, April 12th

Student Name: _____

Student Division: _____ Teacher Name: _____

Home Phone number: _____

of bags of manure: _____ **4 bags for \$30!**

Amount enclosed \$ _____ \$8.00 per bag or 4 bags for \$30!



Pick up Times

Tues., April 16	3:20 to 4:00 pm
Wed., April 17	3:20 to 4:00 pm
Thurs, April 18	3:20 to 4:00 pm

MANURE SALE HELD OVER

Please contact the office if you are looking to purchase mushroom manure. We still have over 50 bags available.

Thank you for your support.