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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 Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh Nation).

Spring Break is Almost Here!

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful Term 2. We hope that everyone is as proud as we are of the work the students have done. We want to express our sincere gratitude to all of the volunteer parents, staff and community members that have provided all the extracurricular opportunities for the students to help bring more joy and connection to their learning.

Learning Updates will be sent home on March 10th. Our 2nd set of conferences are not scheduled until April 30th and May 1st, however if you ever have questions about your child's learning please contact the teacher.

We hope that everyone has a wonderful relaxing and rejuvenating Spring Break (March 17th to 28th)! We will see everyone back on Monday, March 31st. For those of you who are fortunate to be traveling during this break, stay safe! Enjoy family time!

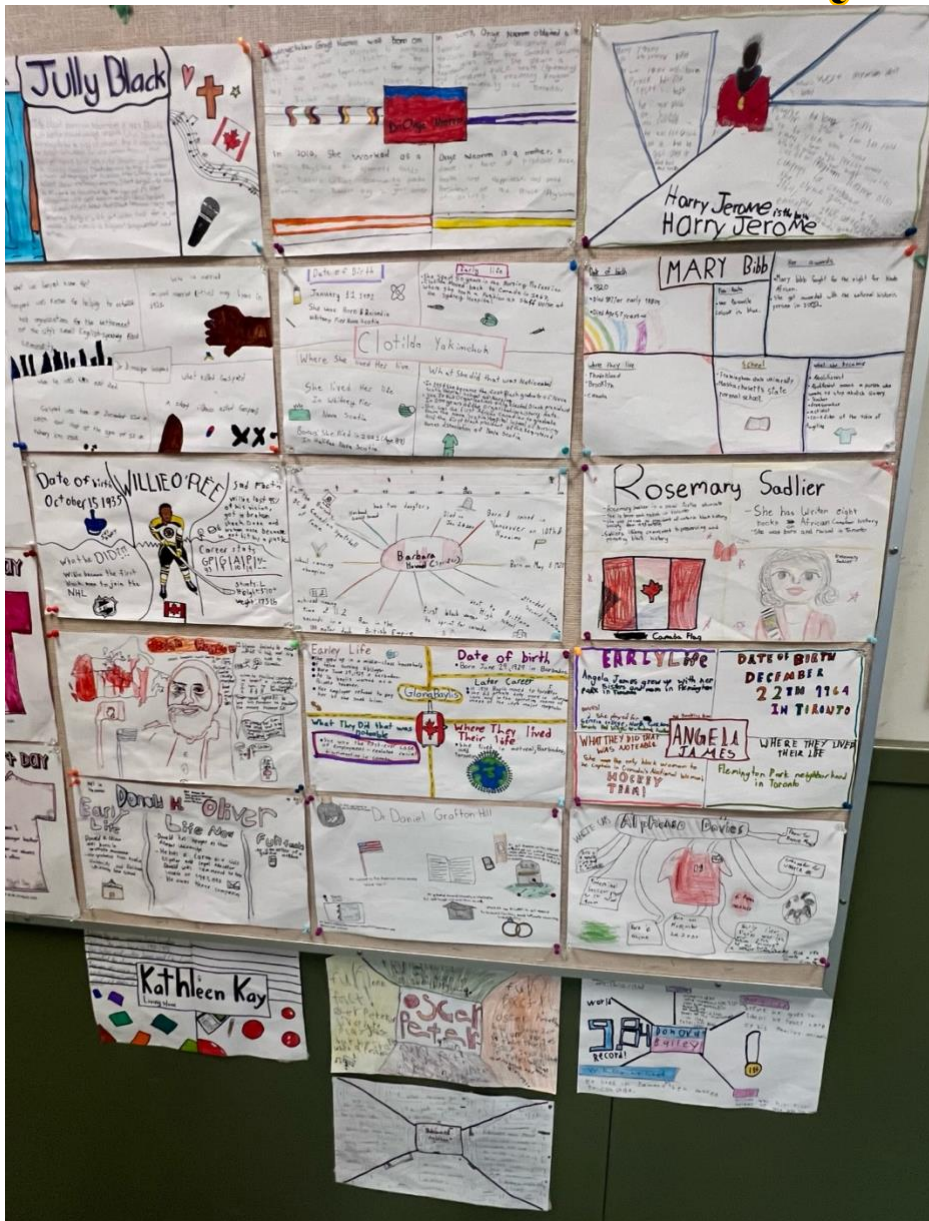
KIND MIND MONTH



Kind Mind Month is here! The Kelty Foundation is excited to bring the Kind Mind School Tour to our school! This month-long mental health initiative will help students build resilience and practice kindness through engaging social-emotional challenges. Parents will also receive helpful resources to support their child's mental health at home. The month will culminate in the Kind Mind Confidence on the afternoon of March 13th, an exciting dance party with a purpose, where students will celebrate everything they've learned. We're looking forward to a month of learning, connection, and promoting mental well-being for students and families alike!

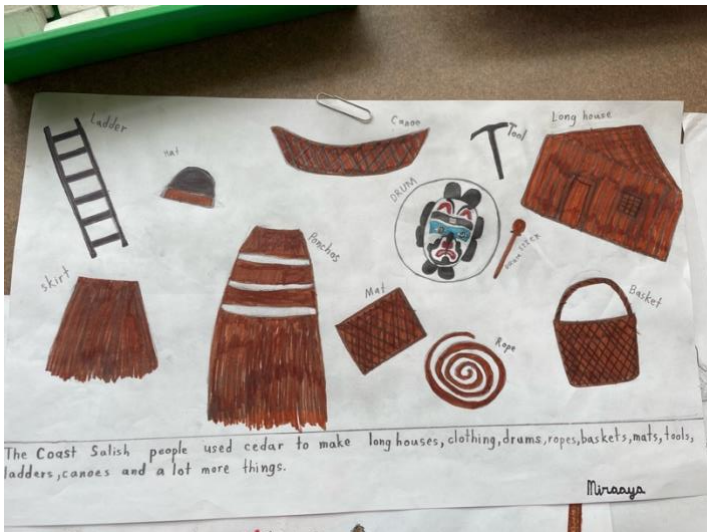


Black History Month



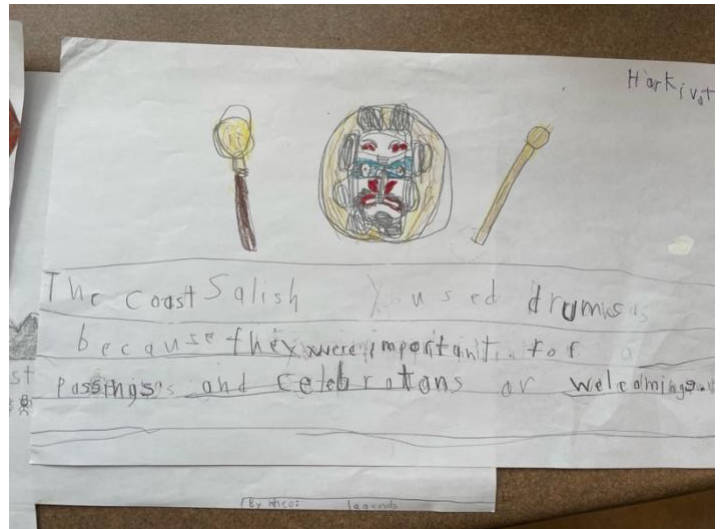
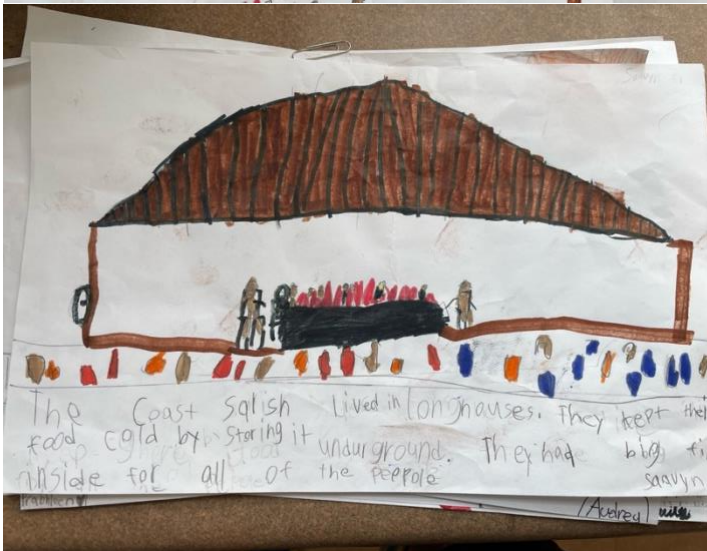
Students from Division 8 learned about prominent Black leaders in Canada and after some research, shared their findings with these informative posters.

Learning About Indigenous Ways



Students from Division 12 learned about the traditional design elements used in Coast Salish art and created their own designs based on the books "Goodnight World" and "Learn the Alphabet: A Book of Northwest Coast Native Art".

The Grade 3 students also wrote about other important information they have learned traditional Coast Salish ways of being that they have been being.



STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

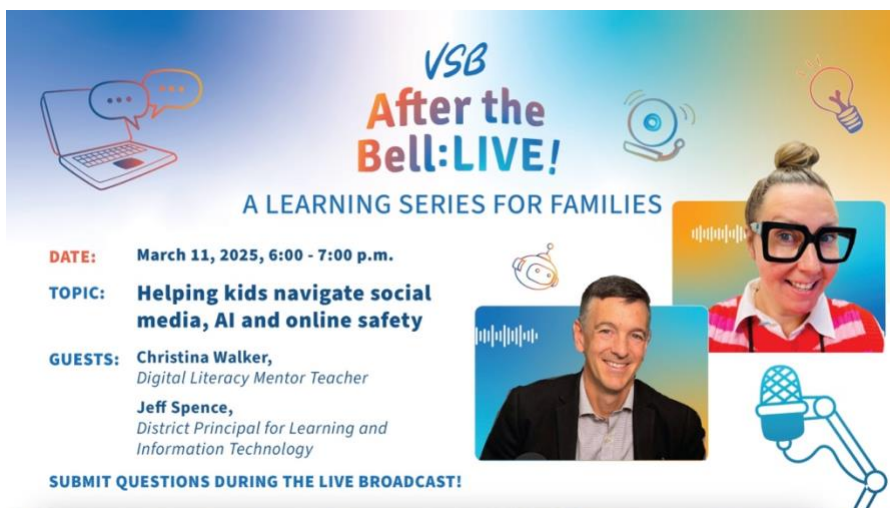
Early in **2025** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>. Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 2, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sandhu or Mr. Hughes at 604-713-4837.

After the Bell: LIVE!



Introducing VSB After the Bell: Live, a new series of information sessions designed to provide families with direct access to educators and experts on key topics affecting student learning and well-being.

As an extension of the [podcast, After the Bell](#), the learning series is designed to be accessible and informative, featuring education subject matter experts, live Q&A and practical takeaways for families. For March, we will be exploring how to

navigate social media, AI and online safety.

VSB After the Bell: Live

Topic: Helping kids navigate social media, AI and online safety

Date: March 11, 2025 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Who: Jeff Spence, VSB District Principal of Information technology and Christina Walker, VSB Digital Literacy Mentor Teacher

In an increasingly digital world, understanding how to be a responsible and informed online citizen is more important than ever. Join VSB After the Bell: Live for an engaging session on digital literacy, where we'll explore how students can safely and responsibly navigate the online space.

Join experts in the field to discuss key topics including navigating social media platforms (Snapchat, Discord, Instagram, TikTok), the impact of Generative AI (Copilot, ChatGPT) and essential student online safety strategies. Learn how VSB is supporting both students and educators on this journey and gain practical insights to help your child thrive in the digital age.

Have questions? Ask ahead of time to get them answered live. Submit questions [here](#).

Spring Celebrations Observed in Our Community

The more we learn about each other, the more we can build positive relationships and a stronger community. The students are very proud to share aspects of their identity, and we love learning from them! If there is a cultural event or celebration important to your family and you wish to share information with us, please contact us in the office. We will share with others in the newsletter! Last Newsletter we shared about Ramadan which has started and ends on March 28th. Below are some upcoming holidays.



HOLI (March 14th)

Holi is an ancient Hindu festival, which later became popular among all Indian communities as well. Holi marks the arrival of spring after winter. It signifies the victory of good over evil and is celebrated as a day of spreading happiness and love. The celebration starts on the night before with Holika Dahan, where people perform rituals in front of a bonfire, praying for their inner evil to be destroyed, just as Holika was killed by fire. The carnival of colours begins the next morning, where people come out on the streets to play with colours and drench each other with coloured water!



Nowruz (March 20th)

Nowruz, meaning "new day," marks the first day of spring with over 300 million people taking part in the celebration of the vernal equinox. Nowruz is a holiday marking the Persian New Year and the first day of spring. Originating more than 3,000 years ago, the 13-day festival symbolizes renewal and harmony with nature. It begins at the exact moment of the Northern Hemisphere's vernal equinox, typically between March 19 and 22.



QING MING FESTIVAL (April 4th)

The Qingming Festival pays respect to the ancestors and celebrates the warming weather of spring. It's a time for honouring the past with a spirit of celebration that includes space for both reflection and renewal. This day is also referred to as the Pure Brightness Festival or as Tomb Sweeping Day. It is observed quietly among families by visiting gravesites of relatives and enjoying time outdoors, sharing stories of ancestors. This festival takes place every year on April 4th or 5th on the first day of the fifth solar term of the Chinese calendar.



UGADI, GUDI PAWDA, CHAITRA NAVRATRI (April 9th to April 17th)

The Hindu Festival. Celebrated as Ugadi (Yugadi), the festival marks the beginning of a New Year according to traditional calendars followed by the Hindu community. Ugadi formed by

combining two Sanskrit words – 'Yuga' and 'Adi' - means new beginnings. While the day has a special significance for the people of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka who celebrate the day as Ugadi, people in Maharashtra and Goa celebrate the festival as 'Gudi Padwa'. It is also celebrated as 'Chaitra Navratri' in some parts of the country. The first day of the Hindu lunisolar calendar's month of Chaitra is celebrated as Ugadi.

People celebrate Ugadi to mark the fresh beginnings and the joys of the upcoming year. Ugadi symbolizes that people should bask in the goodness of life and celebrate all flavours in the New Year. The festival also celebrates the onset of spring, which symbolizes relief from the harshness of the winter weather.

Celebrated over nine days to mark the beginning of creation, it is believed (according to Hindu mythology) that Lord Brahma started the creation of the universe on Ugadi. The festival celebrates the nine forms of Durga, and the first day (Chaitra Navratri) is dedicated to celebrating the beginning of mankind. Indian mathematician Bhaskaracharya had identified Ugadi as the beginning of the new year, new month, and a new day in the 12th century.

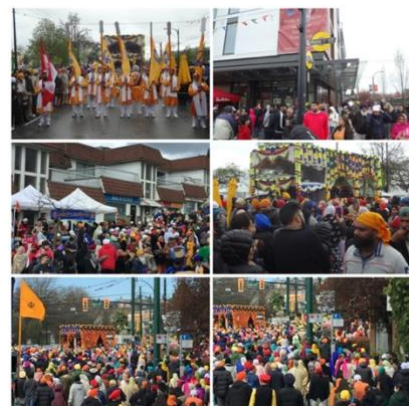
People deck up in colourful clothes. Clean their homes and decorate it, gift each other with new clothes and relish on lip-smacking dishes throughout the festival. Orange signifies energy and happiness.

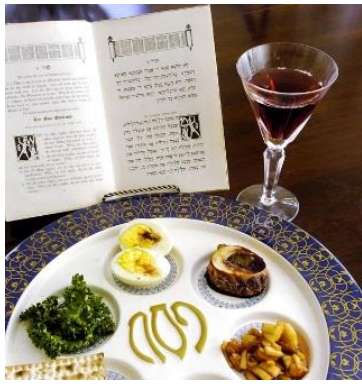


VAISAKHI (April 14th)

Vaisakhi/Baisakhi is a long-established spring harvest festival for Sikhs and Hindus in Punjab. For Hindus it also marks the beginning of Hindu solar New Year. For Sikhs, it commemorates the creation of the Khalsa Panth, the

transformation of the Sikhs into a family of soldier saints, which was founded in 1699 by Guru Gobind Singh. A Nagar Kirtan, a parade to celebrate the occasion, is usually held on or near this day and along the parade route people of all ages walk together, happy, joyous and sing hymns for the Guru Granth Sahib, the Sikh Holy Book. The parade procession is led by traditionally dressed Panj Piaras. The Guru Granth Sahib will be carried in the procession in a place of honour. Food is donated and handed out along the route of the procession. Everyone, all faiths and all people are invited to participate and eat in community.





PASSOVER (evening to evening April 12th to 20th)

Passover commemorates the Biblical story of Exodus – where God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. The celebration of Passover is prescribed in the book of Exodus in the Old Testament (in Judaism, the first of five books of Moses are called the Torah). The holiday is often celebrated for eight days (seven in Israel), and incorporates themes of

springtime, a Jewish homeland, family, remembrance of Jewish history, social justice and freedom – including recognizing those who are still being oppressed today. All of these aspects are discussed, if not symbolically represented, during the Passover seder. The Passover Seder plate is a special plate containing 6 -symbolic foods eaten or displayed.



Good Friday (April 18th)

EASTER (April 20th)

Easter commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus; Easter also celebrates the defeat of death and the hope of salvation. Christian tradition holds that the sins of humanity were paid for by the death of Jesus and that his Resurrection represents the anticipation believers can have in their own resurrection. Easter is the most important Christian festival of the year. The Bible says that Christ died on the cross on a day called Good Friday and was resurrected and came back to life on Easter Sunday.



Easter Eggs & the Easter Bunny

These are modern traditions! Originally during Easter, churches did not allow the eating of eggs in the week before Easter. So, many people saved the eggs that were laid and decorated them to make them Holy Week eggs, that were then given to children as gifts.



During Victorian times, the tradition was adapted by making satin covered cardboard eggs filled with Easter gifts!

The first chocolate eggs appeared in the 19th Century in France and Germany. The chocolate was bitter and hard! As chocolate making techniques evolved, hollow eggs like the ones we have today were developed and chocolate eggs quickly became a favourite Easter tradition. During the 19th Century, it is thought the idea of the Easter Bunny also became common. Rabbits usually give birth to a big litter of kittens, so they became a symbol of new life. The legend has it that the Easter Bunny lays, decorates and hides eggs as they are also a symbol of new life and hence began the Easter Egg Hunt! This Easter Bunny tradition however is not followed in all countries that celebrate! In Switzerland, eggs come from a cuckoo and in parts of Germany by a fox.



Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Parents and Caregivers play an important role in the school and we encourage them to participate as much as they can. Henderson School is well supported by our PAC. The PAC provides wonderful support in many areas of the school— planning and organizing special events, fundraising for field trips and school needs, and communicating with parents, caregivers, and the school. They are always open to new members and welcome both new families and returning families to become involved. For more information you can contact the PAC Executive at johnhendersonpac@gmail.com

Upcoming meetings (no RSVP needed to attend):

Meetings are on Mondays in the Nest (school library). Doors open at 6:00 pm and childminding is provided: March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th and June 2nd

Mark Your Calendars

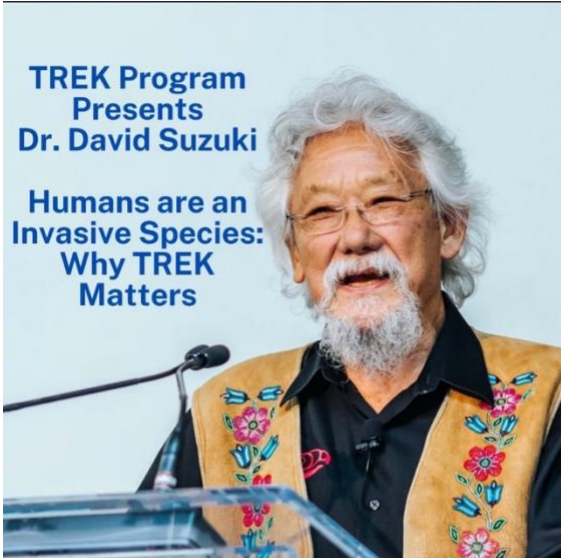
- March 3rd - PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm library
- March 3rd - Theme Day - Monochromatic Day
- March 6th - Class photos
- March 7th - Guest performers: Metaphor Music
- March 10th - Learning Updates go home
- March 11th - Theme Day - Culture Day
- March 12th - Play Day
- March 13th - ConfiDance - afternoon celebration of Kind Mind Program
- March 14th - Last Day before Spring Break
- March 17th -28th - SPING BREAK
- March 31ST - School re-opens
- April 7th - PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm library
- April 9th - Theme Day - Backwards and Inside/Out Day
- April 9th - PAC hot lunch BitterSweet
- April 18th - 21st - **No School** Good Friday and Easter Monday
- April 23rd - Theme Day - Nature Day
- April 23rd - PAC hot lunch Pizza
- April 23rd - Fine Arts Club Showcase
- April 28th - Pro-D Day - **No School for students**
- April 30th - Scholastic Book Fair
- April 30th - **Learning Conferences Early Dismissal @ 2:00pm**
- May 1st - **Learning Conferences Early Dismissal @ 2:00pm**
- May 5th - PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm library
- May 7th - Theme Day - Soccer and Basketball Day
- May 7th - Immunization Clinic Gr. 6 and Kindergarten
- May 7th - PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm library
- May 8th - Earthquake Drill - Big One @ 2pm (volunteer release of students)
- May 8th - PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm library
- May 9th - Musical - "Rock" Directed by Ms. Leahy Grade (Div. 18 and Grades 2-5)
- May 15th - Sports Day
- May 16th - Pro-D Day - **No School for students**
- May 19th - **No School** Victoria Day
- May 21st - Theme Day - Beach Day
- May 29th - PAC Family Dance
- June 11th - Theme Day - Rainbow Day
- June 20th - Theme Day - Fancy Friday
- June 20th - Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony
- June 25th - Learning Summaries go home for the last term
- June 26th - Last day of School for Students



Community Events

**TREK Program
Presents
Dr. David Suzuki**

**Humans are an
Invasive Species:
Why TREK
Matters**




March 6th, 2025

Doors open at 6:00 PM
Talk and Q&A at 7:00 PM



Concession, Door Prizes,
Book Sales, and Signing

For more information and tickets
visit the TREK website:
www.trekoutdoorprogram.ca/events

**\$15 for students
\$25 for adults**



**Prince of Wales Secondary School,
2250 Eddington Dr.**


**Drawing
Classes for Kids**

**YR
The Power of
Drawing**
Young Rembrandts

Henderson Elementary
Grades 1st to 6th

Join springtime fun with Young Rembrandts! If your little artist is captivated by the magic of the movies, they'll love drawing our movie theater scene. Ready for an adventure? Drawing Aladdin's Lamp will be a wish come true! We're also riding the waves with our super cool Surfer & Wave illustration! Our baby dragons lesson will fire up their imagination and teach them to master colour and composition. And to top it all off, we'll draw a stunning portrait of Frida Kahlo to spark their creativity. Sign up today and let the creativity bloom!

 classes	 tuition	 enrollment
Mondays 3:05 PM - 4:15 PM 05/05/2025 - 06/16/2025 No Lesson May 19th	\$ 138.00 (tax included) 6 Lessons	ENROLL ONLINE at www.youngrembrandts.com/ metrovancouver/

ALL NEW LESSONS EVERY SESSION!

YOUNG REMBRANDTS provides all classroom supplies and a trained instructor. Classes are held immediately after school inside the school. Parents are responsible for transportation at class end.

Young Rembrandts is an independent afterschool program and is not affiliated to the School Board.

www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver/ - 604-345-9053 - metrovancouver@youngrembrandts.com

Summer Popcorn Orchestra



Cinematic sounds come to life as Vancouver Academy of Music's acclaimed Orchestral Program brings the big screen to the stage! This summer camp offers young musicians an unforgettable journey into the magical world of storytelling through music, culminating in a performance of music from the films.

What your child will enjoy at camp:

- Movie-Themed Games & Outdoor Activities for a magical, adventure-filled experience.
- Ear Training Activities to develop listening and musicality.
- Speech Arts & Drama: Learn the art of speaking through literature and drama, with training in public speaking and improvisation.
- Music Theory Games to explore music fundamentals in a fun and interactive way.

*Daily camp activities are subject to change

Registration: <https://vancouveracademyofmusic.com/semester-courses/summer-popcorn-orchestra/>

MUSIC FROM HARRY POTTER

RECOMMENDED FOR: Ages 7-12

CAMP SCHEDULE: July 7-11 | 10:00AM - 3:00PM

CAMP FEE: \$490 per session

MUSIC FROM THE AVENGERS

RECOMMENDED FOR: Ages 10-15

CAMP SCHEDULE: July 21-25 | 10:00AM - 3:00PM

CAMP FEE: \$490 per session