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October 27

Weekly Family Update

Dear Secord Families,

It has been an exciting week at school with Parent-Teacher Conferences, Scholastic Book Fair, and the PAC Pumpkin Patch.

Thank you to all the many volunteers who helped with these events!



Upcoming Events

November 2

Immunization Clinic

November 2 & 7

PAC Family Portrait Night

November 7

How Ravens Stole the Sun Production

November 10

Remembrance Day Assembly

Raven Appreciation Day

November 13

No School in lieu of Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day Assembly



This year's Remembrance Day assembly will be on November 10, 2023. There will be two assemblies to adjust to different age groups. We will be honouring Indigenous Veteran's Day (November 8) on November 10 as well.

9:15 a.m.- 10:15 a.m. - Primary
11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. - Intermediate

Photo Order Deadline: November 7

Mountain West School Photos: Please note that the order deadline for free delivery to Ecole Laura Secord Elementary is November 7. After November 7, any photos ordered will be delivered to your home with an additional delivery fee.



Special Days in October

Down Syndrome Awareness Week: November 1-7 celebrates the diverse population and contributions of people with Down Syndrome.



Women & Girls in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Design, and Math (STEAM) Week:

An opportunity to celebrate the achievements of women and non-binary people in science, technology, engineering, art and design, and math and encourage more women and girls to pursue technology-related areas of study.



Laura Secord Spirit Wear

Get your Laura Secord Spirit Wear! Online store is now open for you to order your house t-shirt (Wolves, Ravens, Grizzlies or Orcas), athletic wear or Laura Secord hoodie. Show your school spirit - order by November 16th. Clothing will arrive at the school prior to Winter Break.

<https://www.paddlevancouver.ca/collections/laura-secord-elementary-school>



Grad Hoodies

Grade 7's - order your Grad Hoodie by November 10th for delivery before Winter Break.

[Laura Secord Grad 2024 Store](#)



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2019 begins on November 1.

All kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for District programs (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/ or make a cross boundary application to attend a non-catchment school.

The priority registration period for kindergarten opens on **November 1 and closes on January 31**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

Applying for kindergarten is a **2-step process**:

Step 1: Online Application (ApplyNow)

- Completion of an online application form (<https://applynow.vsb.bc.ca/>) for the school year **2024-25**

Step 2: Verification of documentation

- Contact your English catchment school office to set up an appointment to bring your supporting documentation
- Bring supporting documentation to your English catchment school office during your scheduled appointment

Supporting Documents Needed:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records
5. Court orders/documents (if applicable)



If you want to apply for a Choice Program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your **English catchment elementary school**. Choice Programs and Cross Boundary applications will begin to be accepted in early 2024.

Registering at the Annex or the Main School

Ecole Laura Secord Elementary School and Queen Victoria Annex share one common catchment area. Students who reside within this catchment area (in-catchment registrants) will receive priority for enrolment at one of the two school sites based upon available space. *

When completing a registration form, parents will be asked if they prefer the annex or the main school. The District will attempt to accommodate parental preferences for placement once available space has been determined.

At some sites there may be more in-catchment applicants than available space. *In these instances, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1 and January 31

1. In-catchment kindergarten registrants who have a sibling who is currently attending and who will continue to attend Ecole Laura Secord Elementary School and Queen Victoria Annex next year will be enrolled first at their preferred location.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a random draw for the remaining kindergarten spaces. Students will be registered at their preferred location as space permits.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated at their preferred location will be accommodated at the location that has space and placed on waitlist for their preferred location in the order in which their name is drawn.
4. Between January 31st and the second Friday in June (when school organizations are finalized), students on the ordered waitlist will be offered spaces at their preferred location as space becomes available. This waitlist will remain active until September 15, 2024.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31

All in-catchment kindergarten applications received **after** January 31 will be registered at their preferred location, if there is space, or added to the bottom of the existing waitlist for their preferred location and registered at the location that has space to accommodate them.

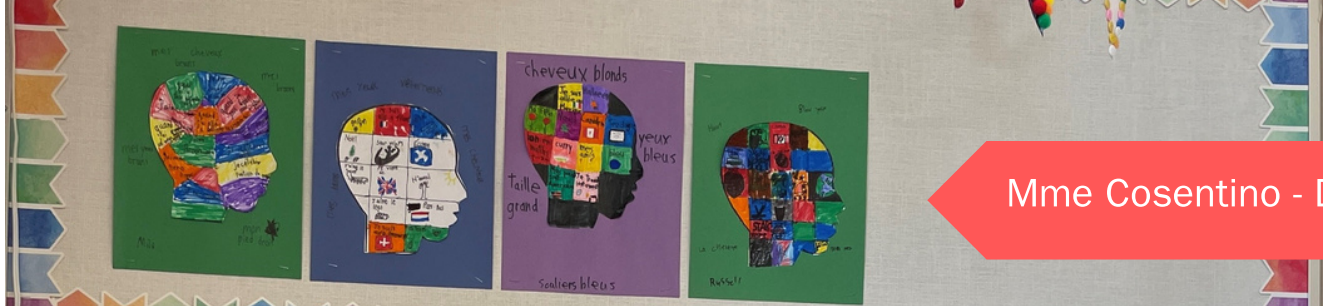
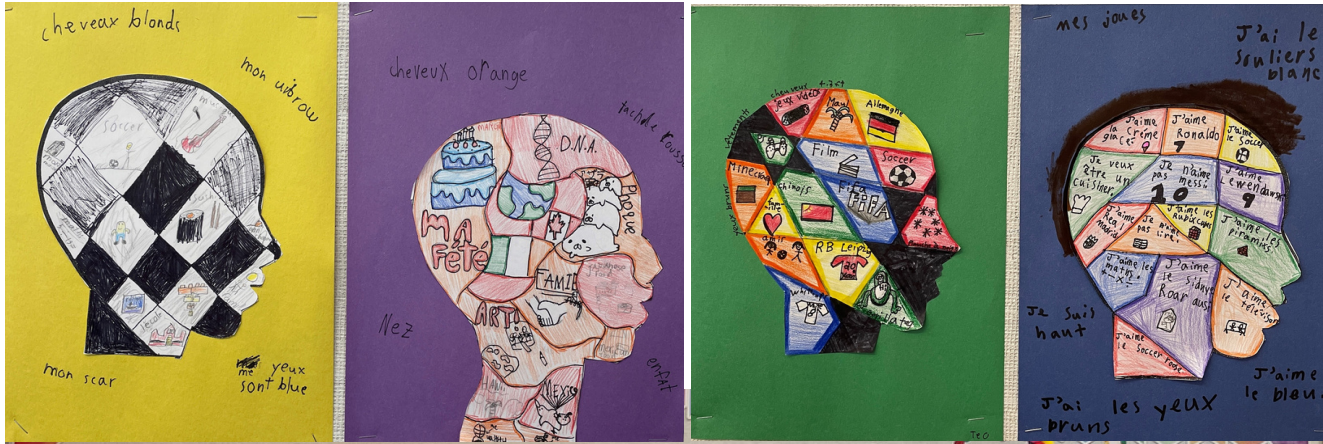
Please note: There will be no priority given to registrants with siblings already attending Ecole Laura Secord Elementary School and Queen Victoria Annex if they register after January 31.

* Available space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the District (Administrative Procedures 300).

For more information on kindergarten registration visit: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

Second Art Walk

This project involved students exploring their identity and thinking about what makes them who they are. We talked about how what we all see on the outside barely scratches the surface of what makes a person who they are. If we want to get to know people we have to learn about who they really are and celebrate those things together.



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School Immunization Clinic



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The upcoming immunization clinic is on **NOVEMBER 02, 2023**.

If your child is required to receive an immunization, you would have received a paper notice with clinic and specific immunization information. This notice was sent home with your child. Note, some immunizations are given with multiple doses over a longer period of time, to stimulate an effective immune response and protect against disease. Previous consent is valid for 2 years in order to complete an immunization series.

Contact us (not the school) prior to the day of clinic if:

1. Your child has received any immunizations at your family doctor's office, pharmacy, or a travel clinic.
2. You have received a notice and you no longer consent to your child to receiving immunizations at school this year.
3. You have questions

In order to have a positive immunization experience, please ensure your child wears a short-sleeved shirt and review the following resources:

Preparing for Immunizations: <https://immunizebc.ca/preparing-positive-experience-0>

CARD system: https://immunizebc.ca/sites/default/files/graphics/may26_card_handout_1.pdf

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PAC News

Please visit our [PAC Website](#) for all fundraising and events at Secord!

Daddy's Kitchen lunch originally scheduled for November 9 has been cancelled, new date is November 16.

The vendor sold their business, so we had to find a new vendor. All those who ordered for Daddy's Kitchen must re-order with iSushi for November 16th now. Credit was issued to all paid accounts, you can use this credit towards this new date.

Go to secord.hotlunches.net to check out the menu and place your orders.

