



SIR JOHN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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- Friday, January 13th Black Excellence Day
- Monday, January 16th Professional Development Day – **students do not attend school**
- Wednesday, January 18th PAC Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Monday, January 31st Report Cards go home

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year!

December seems so long ago and as we race forward into 2023, we are reminded of the promise and excitement a New Year brings. Our students have made a smooth transition into January, quickly settling back into established routines. The staff continue to work hard, providing the very best educational opportunities for your children, and we strive to promote a learning environment that encourages mutual respect, co-operation, excellence in effort and self-discipline.

There are always so many wonderful opportunities for our students here at Franklin, and January will be no exception. We are also strong believers that parents are partners in the education of their children and as such, are reminded that our first term report cards will be coming home on January 31. Please have a conversation with your child about this important document when it comes home.

Although 2023 is still young, we appreciate all your continued cooperation and support as we continue with the remainder of the year!

Regards,

Dan Knibbs

SNACK SHACK - We are calling for SNACK SHACK Volunteers for January and February shifts. The snack shack is open Monday, Wednesday, Fridays during 1st recess. Volunteers work from 10:10 am to 10:55 am. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to [volunteer](#) and spend some time with the kids.

DUTIES:

- Volunteers simply need to be at the school for 10:10 am (this allows 10 min to get the float and get organized), Madelyn or Mary will unlock the snack shack and provide you with the float.
- We ask volunteers to cash out and tally up the day's revenue and provide the lock box back to the office when the shift is over.

Please refer to the [Instructions Tab](#) in the link below for more details. Please let PAC know if you see that stock is low on any items.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER VIA THIS LINK:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19xRptG3nvcZycVqpXtmXybKLziu1jSXUVea7bjQI80o/edit?usp=sharing>

The Snack Shack helps raise money to support PAC initiatives at the school. Please send your loonies and twonies to school with your kids to help raise funds!

THANK YOU and any questions at all, please feel free to contact us. *FRANKLIN PAC*

SNOW CLOSURES DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

When the school is closed due to the bad weather, the Board will post information about snow closures by 6:00 am on the website at www.vsb.bc.ca and will inform local media stations. The VSB will also inform local media stations, including:

- CKNW (980 AM) CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM) CJVB (1470 AM)
- CFHG (96.1 FM) CKWX (1130 AM) BCTV/Global
- CITY TV (Cable channel 13)

THANK YOU to everyone who participated and donated to the Division 4's fundraiser for the **Covenant House**. Our school was able to provide personal items to at-risk youth. Your generosity was greatly appreciated!



FOOD BANK DONATION – thank you all for your generous donations!
This year Franklin Elementary raised \$520.00.



THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI) IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY!

The Vancouver School Board has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British

Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Year Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies.

Grade 6 students have been invited to complete the MDI during class time between:

January 10th and March 3, 2023.

For more information and to view the questionnaires:

<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/>



Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass

Across the nation the first dusting of snow has pushed us to pull out our cozy sweaters and prepare for the cold and snowy months ahead.

It's common for humans to gravitate towards hibernation and the comfort of indoors. The Go Skiing Go Snowboarding team would like to change the forecast on what winters look like for Canadians, encouraging children and families to fall in love with winter by experiencing the joy of sliding on snow. Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass information, purchase and application are available **online**. For your convenience, we've created a **pamphlet with SnowPass highlights**. For family members not in Grade 4 or 5 that are interested in accessing the slopes, the Canadian Ski Council offers other affordable introductory programs.

Visit canadianliftpass.ca and nevereverdays.ca for more information.

For questions, visit snowpass.ca or contact us at help@skicanada.org.

**BLACK
EXCELLENCE
DAY**

This year, **Black Excellence Day takes place on January 13th, 2023**. Black Excellence Day is an opportunity to collectively honour the rich history, contributions, achievements, and joy of Black peoples here and around the world. This day was chosen to honour civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Please see [this link](#) for more information about the history of this day. **Expand your own network** and follow these fine voices on Twitter

- Dr. Dena Simmons [@denasimmons](#)
- Dr. Ghody Muhammad [@ghody.m](#)
- Dr. Bettina Love [@blovesoulpower](#)
- Tiffany Jewell [@tiffanymjewell](#)



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

The next PAC meeting is **Wednesday, January 18** from **6:00 to 7:00 pm** on Zoom: PAC is a great way to get involved with your child's school, meet new people, and work together to build the vibrant Franklin community. Please contact Selina Tribe for more information (selina.tribe@gmail.com). All Franklin parents are welcome to join.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89974369897?pwd=THplSU9DbnVQTlkzVXBDR1RLZWFrZz09>



SAFE ARRIVAL - If your child will be absent or late for school, please inform the school office by leaving a brief message with your child's name and division number or your child's teacher's name at (604) 713-4709 before 9:00 am. Thank you.

CUTLERY – please remember to send your child with cutlery when required. We only are able to supply cutlery for those who order hot lunch on Thursdays. Thank you for your understanding.

ALLERGY POLICY



Franklin School is allergy-aware!

Please note that parents are asked to avoid sending foods containing **nut or peanut products** to school with their children due to severe allergies to these particular foods.

As peanut/nut butter tends to stick to surfaces, please wash your child's hands if you give them these foods for breakfast before school.

If there are questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Knibbs for further information. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN BORN IN 2018 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 choice programs (Early French

Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or a cross boundary placement.

The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **November 1 and closes at 4 pm on January 31, 2023**. 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: Completion of an online application form @

<https://vsbapplynow.vsb.bc.ca/>

Step 2: Verifying documentation

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



Supporting documents needed:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver (rental lease or property tax plus one utility bill)
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 District program or cross-boundary, **you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school**. Applications for District programs and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2023. In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than available space* at the school, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1 and January 31

1. **In-catchment** kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining kindergarten spaces. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
3. Between January 31 and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist (if applicable) will be accommodated as space becomes available.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

In-catchment kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31 will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

Note: There will be **no priority** given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31.

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

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

