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Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

OUR VSB

November 27, 2026 / #12 | **Website / Phone 604-713-4686**

wəkʷaṅəs tə syaqʷəm School Community,

🎄 wəkʷaṅəs tə syaqʷəm School Winter Concert & Pancake Breakfast

Families are invited to join us for our Winter Concert on Thursday, December 10, from approximately 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Students will be sharing songs and performances they have been preparing in class.

The following morning, our PAC will host its annual Pancake Breakfast on Friday, December 11, beginning at 8:00 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a school community and enjoy breakfast together before the start of the school day.

To help the PAC plan for food and seating, families are asked to RSVP here: RSVP Form

Please see the attached flyer for additional details. We look forward to gathering with our school community at these seasonal events. 🎄🥞

🥫 Purdy's Chocolatier Fundraiser – Last Chance

There are only a few days left to support our PAC's Purdy's Chocolatier Fundraiser. Proceeds help support programs, activities, and resources that enrich student learning and school life. Holiday chocolates make great treats and gifts, so please consider placing an order and sharing the link with family and friends before the fundraiser closes. Thank you for your support! 🥫🎄

Order Online: https://tinyurl.com/3jpnzr9f

Important Dates:

- **Order Deadline:** November 30, 2026
- **Pick-Up / Distribution:** Week of December 7, 2026

Please remember to include your child's name and division in the Additional Information section when placing your order. Thank you for supporting our school and helping make this fundraiser a success! 🥫✨

🕊️ National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

On Friday, December 4, we will lower our flag to half-mast in recognition of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

This day was established in Canada following a tragic event at Montréal's École Polytechnique on December 6, 1989, when 14 women lost their lives in an act of violence. The day honours those who have lost their lives to gender-based violence and recognizes all those who have been affected by it.

It is also an opportunity to reflect on the importance of kindness, respect, and belonging. By caring for one another, including others, and speaking up when something is not right, we can all help create a school and community where everyone feels safe, valued, and supported.

Have a safe and restful weekend,

Brad Toews
Principal
wəkʷaṅəs tə syaqʷəm Elementary School

🗓 Important Dates 2026 -2027

- **Thursday, December 10, 2026:** *Winter Concert – 11am in the gym*
- **Friday, December 11, 2026:** *Pancake Breakfast and PJ Day*
- **Tuesday, December 15, 2026:** *Report Card #1 is accessible*
- **Friday, December 18, 2026:** *Last Day of School Before Winter Break*
- **Monday, January 4, 2027:** *First Day Back from Winter Break*
- **Monday, January 11, 2027:** *Saleema Noon Parent Night – please see newsletter post*
- **Tuesday, February 9, 2027:** *Grade 6 Immunizations*
- **Friday, February 12, 2027:** *Professional Develop Day – No School*
- **Monday, February 15, 2027:** *Family Day Stat Holiday – No school*
- **Tuesday, March 9, 2027:** *Report Card #2 is accessible*
- **Friday, March 12, 2027:** *Last Day of School Before Spring Break*
- **Monday, March 29, 2027:** *Easter Monday Stat Holiday – No school*
- **Tuesday, March 30, 2027:** *First Day Back from Spring Break*
- **Monday, April 19, 2027:** *Professional Develop Day – No School*
- **Tuesday, April 27, 2027:** *Composite/Class Photo Day*
- **Wednesday & Thursday, April 28 & 29, 2027:** *Parent Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal @ 2:00pm*
- **Thursday, May 6, 2027:** *The Big One @ 2! – Earthquake Drill*
- **Thursday & Friday, May 6 & 7, 2027:** *Grade 7 Camp Summit*
- **Thursday, May 20, 2027:** *Sport's Day*
- **Friday, May 21, 2027:** *Professional Develop Day – No School*
- **Monday, May 24, 2027:** *Victoria Day Stat Holiday – No school*
- **Wednesday, May 26, 2027:** *On Our Way to K! – New Kindergarten Welcome*
- **Wednesday, June 2, 2027:** *Spring Concert @ 11am and 4pm*
- **Thursday, June 3, 2027:** *Kindergarten Immunizations*
- **Wednesday, June 23, 2027:** *Grade Seven Moving Forward Ceremony*
- **Thursday, June 24, 2027:** *Report Card #3 Go Home*
- **Tuesday, June 29, 2027:** *Last Day of School!*
- **Tuesday, September 7, 2027:** *First Day for Students – (9:00-10:00am, One Hour Only)*

Safe Arrival

If your child will be absent or late, please call ***604-713-5159 Ext. 12*** or Email ***begsafearrival@vsb.bc.ca*** by 9:00 AM. ***Please do not call the school office.***

PAC News

The PAC is a great way to become involved in your child's educational and school life and contribute to the school. The PAC's main roles are to promote the education and welfare of students, encourage parent involvement in the school, advise the school on matters relating to the school, and contribute to a sense of community within the school and between the school, home, and neighbourhood. Meetings are typically held once a month, from September to June.

The next PAC meeting of 2026/2027 is December 9 in the library.

PAC Information and meeting minutes can be found: HERE

VSB: After the Bell, Podcast

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