



wəkwəhəns tə syaqwəm Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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wəkwəhəns tə syaqwəm School Community,

Parent-Teacher Goal Setting Conferences

Our Parent-Teacher Goal Setting Conferences are coming up on **Wednesday, October 21, and Thursday, October 22**. These conferences provide an excellent opportunity for families and teachers to connect and collaboratively establish goals for the school year.

Teachers are looking forward to meeting with families and partnering together to support each student's success. **Conference sign-up information will be sent home by teachers on October 8.**

Please note that there will be an **early dismissal at 2:00 p.m.** on both Wednesday, October 21, and Thursday, October 22 to accommodate conference scheduling.

We look forward to these valuable conversations and working together to help every student have a successful year ahead! ✨

New This Year: Learning Updates on SpacesEDU

This year, all schools in the Vancouver School District will be using **SpacesEDU** to share student Summaries of Learning with families, formally known as report cards. At Wəkwəhəns Elementary, teachers will post these reports on SpacesEDU during each of the three reporting periods throughout the school year.

In the coming days, families will receive an invitation from their child's teacher to join SpacesEDU. We encourage all families to accept the invitation and set up their account, so they are ready to access their child's Learning Updates and reports.

Our Term 1 Summary of Learning will be available in December. Families will be able to log in to SpacesEDU to view and download their child's report.

As this is a new platform for both staff and families, we appreciate your patience and understanding as we learn and implement this system together. If you have any questions or need assistance accessing SpacesEDU, please contact your child's teacher. We are happy to help ensure all families are connected and able to access their child's learning information throughout the year.

Thank you for your partnership in supporting student learning. ✨

Individual Photo Day

Mark your calendars! Individual Photo Day will take place this **Monday, October 5, 2026**. Students will have their individual school photos taken during the school day. We encourage students to come prepared and ready to smile for their pictures. Additional information regarding photo packages and ordering options will be shared with families closer to the date. 📷 😊

Traffic & Parking Safety Reminder

As we settle into the school year, we would like to remind all families to help keep our students safe during drop-off and pick-up times. Please remember to follow all posted traffic and parking signs, obey designated drop-off zones, and be mindful of pedestrians at all times. We ask drivers to slow down and observe posted speed limits around the school and in surrounding neighbourhood streets. A few extra moments of caution can make a significant difference in ensuring everyone's safety.

Please note that the parking lot off Grant Street on the south side of the building is reserved for staff parking only and is not a student drop-off or pick-up area. To help maintain a safe and organized traffic flow, we ask families do not enter this area.

Let's work together to create a safe environment for all members of our school community. By following traffic rules, respecting parking regulations, and practicing patience during busy arrival and dismissal times, we can help keep all of our students, families, and staff safe. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to student safety! 🚗 ❤️ 🛑

Have a safe and restful weekend,

Brad Toews
Principal
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31 Important Dates 2026 -2027

- **Monday, October 5, 2026:** *Individual Photo Day*
- **Monday, October 12, 2026:** *Thanksgiving Day Stat Holiday – No school*
- **Wednesday, October 14, 2026:** *PAC Meeting*
- **Thursday, October 15, 2026:** *The Great Shakeout – Earthquake Drill*
- **Wednesday, October 21, 2026:** *Individual Photo Re-Take Day*
- **Wednesday & Thursday, October 21 & 22, 2026:** *Parent Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal @ 2:00pm*
- **Friday, October 23, 2026:** *Professional Develop Day – No School*
- **Friday, October 30, 2026:** *Halloween Dance in the Gym @ 5 – 7pm*
- **Wednesday, November 11, 2026:** *Remembrance Day Stat Holiday – No school*
- **Friday, November 20, 2026:** *Professional Develop Day – No School*
- **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*

Safe Arrival

If your child will be absent or late, please call [604-713-5159 Ext. 12](tel:604-713-5159) 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 **October 14** in the library and [online](#)

Childminding is provided for parents attending in person. Please arrive a few minutes early to drop off your child(ren).

PAC Information and meeting minutes can be found: [HERE](#)

VSB: After the Bell, Podcast

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