

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh | (Squamish) and səliłwətał (Tseil-Waututh)

February 2026 Newsletter

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Black History and Black Excellence Month

A quote from Rosemary Brown, that are words to live by, “We must open the doors and we must see to it they remain open, so that others can pass through.” Rosemary Brown was the first Black Canadian woman to become a member of a provincial legislature and the first woman to run for leadership of a federal political party. She was always a champion for access and equity for all.

Explore Black History as a family: here are some links to great resources for you to view:

Black History in Canada, resources

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html>

City of Vancouver links on Black History Month

<https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/black-history-month.aspx>

Hogan’s Alley Vancouver and BC Black History

<https://www.hogansalleysociety.org/>

<https://placethatmatter.ca/location/hogans-alley/>

Black History Awareness Society

<https://bcblackhistory.ca/>

Black History Month at the Vancouver Public Library

<https://www.vpl.ca/program/black-history-month>

Dear Livingstone Families,



Please join our students and staff in celebrating Black Excellence and Black History month as well as Pink Day this February as we reignite our passionate celebration of our beautifully diverse community. At Livingstone we stand tall in our PRIDE and our love of learning about each other's ways of knowing this world. Thank you for helping us to build a safe, caring and kind community. We know you are walking beside us on this great journey to create safe futures for all our children in each path they choose to follow. Sincerely, Ms. Vieira

On Thursday February 26th

we are asking students to wear pink to school.

Every day our staff find opportunities to have conversations with students about the power of kindness, inclusion and the importance of asking for help to care for each other. At David Livingstone we are joining in the celebration of Pink Shirt Day. We want our students to recognize the importance of asking for help when they see others being treated unkindly. We are also having deeper conversations about how to tell others to stop when they are being unkind and to ask an adult for help if the behaviour continues or students don't feel safe

Elementary Choral Festival – Wednesday, March 4th

A Message from Ms. Presley

Our choir students are currently preparing for a choral festival which will be held at John Oliver Secondary on March 4th. Students are to arrive at 6:15 pm and the performances begin at 7pm. This event involves 6 school choirs and their guests so seating will be limited to choir families only, and 2 guests per choir family. Official notices and further details will be sent home soon. Special thank-you to parent Reiko Anderson who has stepped up to accompany the choir for this event.

Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser for Grade 7 Camp Jubilee

David Livingstone Grade 7 Camp Easter Chocolate Fundraiser
DAVID LIVINGSTONE PAC | Campaign ID: #000022616

Indulge in some Easter deliciousness while supporting the grade 7 class fundraising efforts for their yearend camp. **Orders are due by March 23rd**, and chocolates will be sent home on April 1st. Please share the link with friends, family, and colleagues.

Thank you!

Please visit this link to participate:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/campaign/000022616>

Movie Afternoon

Thursday February 26th at 3:00pm for another school movie.

Stay tuned for the Movie title.

Pre orders for tickets and food at the Munch a Lunch website

<https://munchalunch.com/login.aspx>

We will also be offering cash sales for the concession.

All proceeds from this event will go towards the Grade 7 Camp fund. Thank you!

A Message from the Livingstone Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Hi parents,

Please see below items, including an offer to get your child that phone they keep asking for... But with a twist!

*** We Need a Treasurer (or help with Treasurer Role) ***

Our wonderful PAC Treasurer Maria has found between her family commitments and some big changes in her career that she's looking for help with the Treasurer role. You don't need to be an accountant (she's not!) but must understand numbers and spreadsheets. If you can help out or want to know more, please email treasurer.livingstone@gmail.com.

*** February PAC Meeting ***

Mark your calendars for our next PAC meeting, Feb 18 at 630pm in the library. As usual, pizza and babysitting will be provided! Agendas and budgets can be found on our website, and will be added closer to our meeting date:

<https://www.livingstonepac.org/meeting-documents.html>

*** Kid Begging for a Phone? ***

In November, our PAC hosted an amazing talk by parent and high school educator Duncan McDonald, who shared both first-hand experience of teaching teens as well as statistics on cell phone use and the effect on children's mental health and ability to learn. We've all heard our kids say they want a phone... But the longer we hold off on technology, the better our children's mental and educational outcome is. Seattle-based Tin Can offers the feel of a classic phone with parent-controlled access. You choose which numbers your kids can call or receive calls from, and they can call other Tin Can phones free of charge. Want them to be able to call Grandma and Grandpa as well? You can add on a plan that allows calling outside of the Tin Can network.

Learn more about Tin Can here:

<https://tincan.kids/pages/about-tin-can>

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Tin Can is offering us a discount on phones for our kids at Livingstone. The price goes from \$135 per phone to \$114.18, plus \$5 shipping, for a total of just under \$120 (\$119.18).

The offer is not a fundraiser, just an effort to contribute to our collective children's welfare.

If you'd like purchase one (or more) of these phones, ***please email sheila.a.louis@gmail.com by Feb 20 with the number of phones you'd like, and choice of colour:***

- Aquamarine
- White
- Lemon
- Lilac

I'll (Sheila) arrange the order and reach out to purchasers with details for an e-transfer once I have exact totals (in case we can get further shipping savings).

*** Recycling Mondays! ***

Don't forget, Caroline and Jules are by the Livingston Green shipping bin by the playground every Monday morning from 8:45 until 9:00AM to grab your refundable recyclables from you! All funds raised go directly back to the PAC and our community school priorities. 😊 _

*** Classroom Snacks ***

A friendly reminder to help keep your classroom stocked with nut-free snacks for when kids forget theirs! Please coordinate with your teacher/class rep if you can contribute.

*** Upcoming Fundraisers ***

Keep your eyes peeled for a couple upcoming fundraisers:

- West Coast Seeds plant and seed sales (PAC fundraiser, Feb/March)
- Purdy's Spring/Easter sales (Grade 7 grad/camp)

Have a great day, and reach out if you have questions, comments, or just want to chat!

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/davidlivingstone>

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Black History Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Pro D Day No students today	14  
15	16 Family Day School Closed	17 Lunar New Year	18 PAC mtg 6:30pm library & online	19	20	21
22	23 African Dance & Drumming workshops	24 African Dance & Drumming workshops	25 African Dance & Drumming workshops	26 Pink Day date changed Wear Pink Today 3-5pm Movie afternoon	27	28

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Choral Fest at John Oliver for Choir members	5	6	7
8	9	10 Report cards home	11	12	13 Last day before spring break	14
15	16 spring break	17 school	18 closed	19	20	21
22	23 spring break	24 school	25 closed	26	27	28
29	30 Welcome Back!	31	April 1	April 2	April 3	

