



With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh| (Squamish) and səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) nations.

## January 2026 Newsletter

**Principal: Sharon Vieira**

**Trustee: Preeti Faridkot**

**PAC Chair, Caroline Provost** ○ **PAC Vice Chair, Sheila Louis**

**Director of Instruction: Amy Van Vliet**

**Superintendent: Helen McGregor**

Dear Livingstone Families,

Happy New Year and our best wishes to you and your families for 2026!

### School Wide Code of Conduct Celebrations

Livingstone students have been showcasing their learning about how we interact in our school community by taking part in school wide challenges. We want a fun, inclusive and meaningful way to celebrate our school's code of conduct, "Be Kind, Be Safe and Be Responsible". As a staff team each of us acknowledge positive student behaviour each day by handing out ROAR tickets to students who are demonstrating great choices.



#### Safety

In the Fall we kicked off our year by asking students to demonstrate their safe calm behaviour in the school's hallways, classrooms, and on the playground.

#### Kindness

Our current challenge was sharing acts of kindness throughout our school. Students are challenged to earn 60 ROAR tickets as a school, in recognition of their acts of kindness by staff members. To celebrate this wonderful achievement, we will be celebrating with a cozy kindness day where students are invited to wear PJs and have some special activities in class. In classrooms students will focus on how kindness is intentional, and at times might require thoughtful compromise and isn't always their first instinct. However, we are always reminding students that our ideal world is one where everyone belongs and we value problem solving conversations with each other. We recognize that mistakes will happen, but it is what we do to learn from mistakes and repair relationships that is important. As a staff team we know these are important daily conversations in our school. We work as a team to support our students skill development in conflict resolution, self-advocacy and knowledge of how emotions impact our ability to peacefully engage with others.

**Responsibility** will be another school wide challenge we work on. Students will be reminded that they can take ownership of their learning and try their best at all they focus on. We will remind our students to use their words or ask for adult help when solving problems at school. Livingstone students will be recognized with a ROAR ticket when they use positive work habits and demonstrate a growth mindset in the classroom to approach learning. We are encouraging students to respect everyone's right to learn and staff's right to teach in safe, calm and inviting learning spaces throughout our school.

#### Thank you to our Parent Community for all their Fundraising

A special thank you to our amazing PAC advisory committee and all the families for your generous donations to the school. We are incredibly grateful for the exceptional fundraising you have done to enable the purchase of supplies and programs to enrich our students experiences at Livingstone.

#### Financial Support for Families

If you would benefit from additional financial support from the school to cover the cost of field trips, school supplies, access to food or PAC lunches please email Ms. Vieira at [scvieira@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:scvieira@vsb.bc.ca)

Sincerely,

Sharon Vieira, Principal, David Livingstone Elementary School

**Saleema Noon**  
**Body Science – Parent Workshop**  
**Tuesday January 20**  
**6:30 to 8:00pm**

The Online Zoom link will be sent out soon  
Teachers will be using the Saleema Noon Body Science videos to teach all of our students this term starting on Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Please let us know if your child(ren) will be attending David Livingstone School next year, 2026 2027.**

To help our school and the VSB plan for next year's enrollment please take a moment to fill in this survey if your child(ren) is currently in Kindergarten to Grade 6.

Please click the link below:

[\*\*Livingstone Enrolment Survey for 2026 2027 – Fill out form\*\*](#)



The [\*\*Kelty Kind Mind Program\*\*](#) has kicked off again this year at David Livingstone School! Teachers are utilizing the Kelty Kind Mind program to share mental health resources in the classroom in the form of videos, discussion and sending home a booklet for parents to work on fabulous activities with their child.

Please take a moment to review this excellent resource and do the weekly activity with your child. Don't forget to send the booklet back to school as teachers will be using them in the classroom each week for the month of January. We are working together as a school learning community to bring awareness to the importance of supporting student and family well-being and mental health. Take a moment to visit the Kelty Mental Health website and view the list of powerful resources in the Kelty Kind Mind Student Booklet.

Thank you to Tegan Moss, the Kelty Foundation president and Livingstone parent for bringing this wonderful resource and awareness to our learning community.

**Lost and Found**

Our Lost and Found is kept in the basement of the school near the student washrooms. It is currently full of coats, hats, shoes, water bottles and winter coats! Please take a moment to check through it to see if you recognize your child's belongings.

Please consider labeling your child's clothing, lunch container and water bottle so we don't have so many items that don't get returned to their owners. ☺

# Parent Advisory Council at David Livingstone

Happy new year!

## **Guest Speaker at January PAC Meeting**

Mark your calendars for the January 14 PAC meeting, starting at 6PM in the gym. We will welcome special guest speaker Jodi Derkson, who will present "Building Kindness Through Resilience Workshop", generously offered by the Kelty Foundation Kind Minds Program. We'll also vote on an updated budget, share fall fund drive totals, and more. We will need to plan ahead for seating, food, and babysitting, so please RSVP here:

<https://form.jotform.com/livingstonepac/2026-jan-pac>

If you can't make it in person, you can connect via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9286084267?pwd=TxBPBjEXOMH5pzOynz3eSTsmHab4Bh.1#success>

Meeting ID: 928 608 4267 Passcode: 794915

## **Kind Mind Dance January 30**

As you may have heard, Kelty Foundation has generously offered the Kind Mind program at our school again this year. Our month of mental wellness learning will end with an amazing school and family dance, featuring DJ Rock n Beau, on the evening January 30th! More details TBD, but if you can help with set up/decoration/tear down, please let us know at [livingstonepac@gmail.com](mailto:livingstonepac@gmail.com).

## **Fun Lunch Class Delivery**

If you can spare thirty minutes on fun lunch days, we're looking for volunteers to deliver orders to classrooms. It's a fun way to check in on your kiddos to say hi, help out at the school, and connect with other parents. :) Sign up for one or more dates here:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LLfe9eG1dAeE34\\_yUCPT5KXWFizktwyYAbgQ8o8XG1A/edit?usp=drivesdk](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LLfe9eG1dAeE34_yUCPT5KXWFizktwyYAbgQ8o8XG1A/edit?usp=drivesdk)

And, don't forget to order lunches for your children for the term; if you're so inclined, you can add on a little extra to support those families who can't afford fun lunch but would like to participate:

<https://munchalunch.com/login>

If you can't afford fun lunch but would like your child to have access, please email [caroline150877@gmail.com](mailto:caroline150877@gmail.com) in confidence and she can help get your child some of the meals this term.

## **Hamper Success**

Thank you so, so much for those who contributed to the holiday hampers in December! Thanks to your amazing generosity, we were able to provide four school families with two big boxes and two big bags of groceries, as well as over \$400 in grocery or local gift cards to make their time away from school a little more cozy. You guys are truly the best! You can get a sneak peek at what we were able to deliver on our community Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/17qstzyb24/>

## **Silent Auction**

Our annual silent auction is coming up later this term; if you have unused gift cards or items you'd like to donate, or own a business and would like to contribute, please email [sheila.a.louis@gmail.com](mailto:sheila.a.louis@gmail.com) and we'll happily add it to the auction! Stay tuned for details.

Have a great January!

Your PAC Exec Team

# Cross Boundary Application

Nov 25, 2025



Students in the Vancouver School District are allowed to register at a school outside of their catchment area as a cross boundary applicant. Cross boundary applications will only be considered after all in-catchment students have been accommodated.

The District has a number of schools identified as "Full Schools". These schools are unlikely to be able to enrol students applying cross-boundary. Click [here](#) to see a page that lists our Identified Full Schools part way down the webpage.

## How to Apply Cross Boundary:

Step 1: You MUST register at your [English Catchment School](#) BEFORE submitting a cross boundary application.

Step 2: Complete an online Cross Boundary Application <https://xb.vsb.bc.ca/>

IMPORTANT DATES	OPENS	CLOSES
CROSS BOUNDARY APPLICATION PERIOD No late or early applications will be accepted	First school day of February at 9:00 am	Last school day of February

Priority categories for cross boundary applicants are:

- 1st: **Non-catchment student with a sibling concurrently attending the same program** – has a sibling that will be concurrently attending the same location, in the same program
- 2nd: **Non-catchment student** (Child Care) - A student resident in the School District enrolled in child care within the catchment (applies to Kindergarten - Grade 7 only)
- 3rd: **Non-catchment student** – A student that is a resident within the District
- 4th: **Non-District student** – A British Columbia resident who does not reside in Vancouver

Please note that the online Cross-Boundary Application form is for English program cross-boundary applications only. French Immersion cross-boundary applications are submitted directly to French Immersion school offices.

If you have questions about a particular school, we encourage you to contact your catchment school principal.

If you need support with the Cross-Boundary online application site, please contact:

Email: [registration@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:registration@vsb.bc.ca)

Phone: (604) 713-5688; Monday- Friday 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

**January 2025**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <b>Happy New Year!</b>	2	3
4	5 Welcome Back!	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 <b>Pro D Day</b> No school for Students	13	14 <b>PAC mtg and presentation 6-8pm</b>	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 <b>School Confidence</b> Sponsored by Kelty Mental Health	31

## February 2026

### Black History Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 <b>Pro D Day</b> No students today	14  
15	16 <b>Family Day</b> School Closed	17 <b>Lunar New Year</b>	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 <b>Pink Day</b> Wear Pink Today	26	27	28