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With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəy^əm (Musqueam), S^kwxwú7mesh | (Squamish) and səliwətał (Tseil-Waututh)

June 2026 Newsletter

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June 2026

Dear David Livingstone Families,

As we near the end of this school year I would like to thank the David Livingstone learning community for their support of all the school's endeavours this year. I am so grateful to our hardworking and dedicated staff team for providing dynamic learning opportunities that promote discovery and enjoyment for our students through all the various challenges this year.

A special thank you to our Parent Advisory committee for all your generous financial support that has enabled our school to purchase a great variety of learning resources, that included Computers, books for classrooms and our library, shared literacy materials for all grades, field trip funds, funds for performances, athletic and arts education supplies and more. The family donations to our school are incredible and our staff team is grateful for the educational opportunities and resources that they have been able to provide our students enhanced learning opportunities.

Staffing Changes 2026 2027

It is always so hard to say goodbye to staff members that have been so vital to the success of our students. We are so thankful to Ms. Allie Scott who played an important role supporting students in division 10 and division 9 this year. We wish her all the best as she looks at positions for next school year. We have been incredibly grateful for Ms. Alice Hong, a support staff member of the team. We wish her the very best as she takes a year away for an educational leave next year. We also wish the very best to Ms. Jenn Sekikawa who has been a support staff person at Livingstone who will also not be returning in the fall. A special thank you to Ms. Mary Sebastian who has been our librarian this year and wish her the best in her next school. Best wishes to Ms. Yvonne our former librarian who is retiring at the end of this year. We wish her the very best in her next adventures and thank her for building such a beautiful library.

Due to reduced enrollment this year and program changes our total teaching allocation has also reduced for next year. We are very sad to say that Ms. Josephina Kim will be leaving Livingstone for the 2026 2027 school year. Mr. Tyler Pearson will be moving into an enrolling teacher position next year.

Thank you again to the entire Livingstone Community for all your support over these past five years. I will miss the many relationships that I have made and wish you all the best. I will certainly miss the children and am so proud of all the progress they have each made. Mr. Vulgaris is excited about joining the Livingstone team and meeting the community. He certainly had a great time meeting so many people at sports day.

With deep gratitude and best wishes for the adventures ahead,

Ms. Sharon Vieira,
Principal, David Livingstone Elementary School

★ TALENT SHOW – FRIDAY, JUNE 19th ★

***UPDATED INFORMATION AND TIME ADJUSTMENT**

This year's talent show audition process saw unprecedented interest by our students. To accommodate the 27 acts (53 students) that will be performing, we will be splitting the show into two portions:

- **9:15 am show for our primary performers** (Grades 1-3)
- **1:15 pm show for our intermediate performers** (Grades 4-7).

Students who are performing may invite up to 2 guests to be part of the audience for their portion (morning OR afternoon).

Guests of primary performers may come to the gym at 9:00 am and sit at the back of the gym. Guests of intermediate performers may come to the gym at 1:00 pm and sit at the back of the gym. The estimated time for each portion is approximately 1 hour.

Pride Parade Wednesday, June 17 1:15-1:50 start at Prince Edward Park

Our annual pride parade is open for all to join us

Children will be invited to wear bright colours to celebrate diversity and inclusion at our school.

Notice of Late Return

**if your child is returning to school next year
after September 8, 2026.**

Please email Susan in the office livingstone@vsb.bc.ca to request a "Notice of Late return form" if your child will not be arriving back to school by September 8, 2026. This form needs to be completed by parents and returned to the office before June 25th. These forms will also be sent home by email this week. Please remember to hand one into the office. The school will not be able to hold spots for students after this first week without prior notice of late return.

September 2026 School Start up important dates:

- Tuesday September 8, 2026 first day for Grades 1 to 7 Only, 1 hour from 9:00 am-10:00 am
- Wednesday September 9, 2026
 - Grade 1-7 first full day 9:00 am -2:58 pm
 - **Kindergartens first day of gradual entry:** Group A 9:00-10:15/ Group B 11:00-12:15
 - Families will be emailed their child's group in July 2025
- Wednesday September 16, 2026
 - first full day for kindergartens

A newsletter with the September 2026 Livingstone School start-up plan will be emailed to families in late August to confirm the first few weeks' plan.

Kindergarten Gradual Entry Schedule, September 2026

In July Parents will receive an email confirming which group their child is in (A/B)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Labor day Holiday School closed	8 Grade 1-7 students only 9:00 – 10:00 am	9 First Day for Kindergartens Group A 9:00-10:15 Group B 11:00-12:15	10 Grade 1-7 students 9:00-2:58 Group A 9:00-10:15 Group B 11:00-12:15	11 All K Students 9:00-11:00 Please bring a snack ----- Conferences 1:00-3:03
14 All K Students 9:00 – 12:00 Please bring a snack Conferences 1:00-3:03	15 All K Students 9:00 – 1:00 Snack & Lunch today! Conferences 1:30-3:03	16 All Day K Regular Program 9:00 – 2:58	17 All Day K Regular Program 9:00 – 2:58	18 All Day K Regular Program 9:00 – 2:58

BC Summer Reading Club at the Vancouver Public Library!

[BC Summer Club](#) is a free literacy program designed to engage children, ages 5-12, with libraries and reading, throughout the summer.



<https://www.vpl.ca/program/summer-reading-club>

Our local library branch has many activities for children, teens and family
<https://www.vpl.ca/location/terry-salman-branch>

How to Participate and Get Your Summer Reading Club Medal:

1. Families can join in the fun by picking up a Reading Record in person at any [VPL Branch](#) beginning on June 15, while supplies last. Families can also make an account to use the Online Reading Tracker.

- **Report Cards sent home on June 24**

Report cards will be sent home with students on Wednesday June 24th. If you are leaving school before the last day reports can be picked up in September.

- **Lost and Found**

Please have your child check the lost and found before school ends. We will be donating any clothes that are leftover to a local charity supporting families in need.

PAC NEWS more updates to come soon!

SILENT AUCTION: CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

Our third annual silent auction is coming up soon—watch for details—but in the meantime please let us know if you have items or services to donate.

Have extra gift cards in your drawer that you know you won't end up using? Own a business you can gift from, or vacation property you can offer up? Let us know by connecting with Sheila (sheila.a.louis@gmail.com).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL BBQ, June 16

Last year we had an amazing time at our school barbecue, which we organized as a carnival-style celebration. This year we'd love to make it even better, but we need your help!

Join our barbecue volunteer group to help plan and execute this fun, family-friendly event, scheduled for the evening of June 16. The Lions Club will be flipping burgers, Mount Pleasant BIA will provide cotton candy, and the rest is TBD. Can you help us? Email livingstonepac@gmail.com, subject line: BBQ volunteer, or sign up on the [volunteer spreadsheet](#).

PS if you own or have an “in” with a butcher or grocer, we're hoping to partner with someone to get barbecue supplies for the event. Let us know if you have a connection we should chat to!

Thank You Parents, Volunteers, and Community

Thank you again to our amazing volunteers and caregivers for making 2024/25 such a great success for our students. We appreciate every one of you for what you do. We look forward to seeing you at the barbecue next week!

Stay in touch over the summer:

livingstonepac@gmail.com

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

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

- Your PAC Exec Team

June 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Bike to School Week	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Grade 7 Camp	9 Grade 7 Camp	10 Grade 7 Camp	11	12	13
14	15	16 PAC BBQ !	17 1:15pm Pride Parade	18	19 Talent Show performers families only	20
21	22 Set up day for Grade 7 event	23 Grade 7 moving forward ceremony 10:00am-12:00pm	24 Report cards sent home	25 Last day for students	26 Administrative day	27
28	29	30	School Office Closed for the summer			

Calendar 2026-27 David Livingstone Elementary School

VSBC Vancouver School Board

SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW

Number of Days in Session	186
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	5 Professional Development Days 1 Non-Instructional Day 1 Administrative Day (June 30)

IMPORTANT DATES

First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 8, 2026
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12, 2026
Remembrance Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 18, 2026
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 21, 2026 - Friday, January 1, 2027
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 4, 2027
Family Day	Monday, February 15, 2027
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 12, 2027
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 15, 2027 - Thursday, March 25, 2027
Good Friday	Friday, March 26, 2027
Easter Monday	Monday, March 29, 2027
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, March 30, 2027
Victoria Day	Monday, May 24, 2027
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Tuesday, June 29, 2027
Administrative/School Closing Day	Wednesday, June 30, 2027

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS (SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION)

Monday, September 21, 2026	Professional Development Day (School - moveable)
Friday, October 23, 2026	Professional Development Day (Province wide)
Friday, November 20, 2026	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Friday, February 12, 2027	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, April 19, 2027	Non-Instructional Day (District wide)
Friday, May 21, 2027	Professional Development Day (School - not moveable)

PARENT CONFERENCE DATES

EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES

Wednesday, October 21, 2026	2:00pm
Thursday, October 22, 2026	2:00pm
Wednesday, April 21, 2027	2:00pm
Thursday, April 22, 2027	2:00pm