

GRENFELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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 xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & salilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

PROBABILITY CARNIVAL



Students in Div. 1 and 2 put their Math skills to the test! Using their recent lessons on probability, students designed carnival games for others to enjoy. On Friday, March 6 students from K to 7 were able to try the carnival games. Students had the opportunity to play 16 carnival games with many prizes to win. What are the chances of winning? Well, there's always a probability of 50/50!



GRENFELL BREAK THE RULES DAY

The annual Break The Rules Day is back! This **Friday, March 13** students will be able to "defy" the school rules if they pay! This fun fundraiser is to support our school's Outdoor Education. Thank you to all the parents and guardians who have paid to support the Break The Rules Day. Thank you to Ms. Cho for organizing this fundraiser.

LEGO BUILDING AT GRENFELL



From March 9 to 11, students from K to 7 worked with a visiting educator from Brick Connections to play with lego! Students used lego bricks to create different themes chosen by their teachers. Lego bricks were used to represent themes such as Our



Community, Force & Motion, Animal Biodiversity, Land Forms and Bridge Building. The outcome of the projects were impressive! Thank you to Ms. Cho for organizing this very popular event.

GRENFELL BASKETBALL TEAMS



Grenfell Co-Ed Basketball Team



Senior Basketball Team

The basketball season for elementary schools has come to an end. It was great to see students enjoy playing the sport while improving on their team and individual skills. We wanted to thank the parents who helped by dropping students off in the morning for practices and drove students to games! Thank you also to Mr. Walker and Mr. Macdonald for coaching the teams. Congratulations to the Grenfell Co-Ed Basketball Team who demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and won their games yesterday!

NATURE PARKS ON SCHOOLS STUDENT SURVEY



The University of Victoria is working with BC Parks Foundation to evaluate the benefits of nature on school grounds for staff and students. A nature park (concept plan attached at the end of this newsletter) will be installed at Grenfell this spring and the research team is eager to explore how the new space impacts our school community. The research team will be coming to our school on April 22 to conduct paper surveys of students' opinions on the park. A study information letter is attached for your reference. If you are interested in having your child participate, please complete the parental consent form at this link: <https://redcap.link/jc6m0m5l>



NEXT PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting is **Wednesday, April 8 at 9:00 am** in the Staff Room (South Hill Swing Space). We are looking forward to seeing you.

UPCOMING PAC HOT LUNCH DAY

The next hot lunch dates are **April 10** (Domino's), **April 24** (Sushi Taku). Thank you for supporting the PAC-run Hot Lunch Days. PAC hot lunch is a main fund raising for the PAC to generate revenue to support our school.

THANK YOU, GRENFELL PAC!

At the PAC meeting last November, the PAC executives approved a wishlist the teachers submitted. I'm pleased to share that the PAC are supporting us with the following purchases/expenses:

\$600 library books
\$1500 (\$5 per student) added to classroom funds for teaching resources and classroom supplies
\$400 to purchase exercise bands, ear muffs and wiggle cushions for the classrooms
\$80 to purchase 12 headphones
\$100 Cozy Corner supplies
\$150 small world play animals (Kindergarten)
\$1000 chartered bus to Grade 7 Camp (Cheakamus Center in Squamish)
\$1700 laptop to share among all the Student Support Workers
\$1500 Music resources/instruments
\$200 leveled books for the resource rooms
\$500 ipad for a resource room
\$300 for Div. 6 (indoor climbing field trip)
\$50 Raz Kids licences for Grades 1, 2 & 3 (online home reading)
\$1250 to subsidize classes to go to the Grouse Mountain field trip

A total of \$10, 020 has been allocated to the school. Thank you Grenfell parents and Grenfell PAC for your generosity!



WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY SPRING BREAK!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, March 10	Term 2 reports go home
Friday March 13	Break the Rules Day
	Last day of instruction before spring vacation
Monday, March 30	School re-opens after spring vacation
Friday, April 3	Good Friday (school closed)
Monday, April 6	Easter Monday (school closed)
Wednesday, April 8	PAC Meeting at 9:00 am in the Staff Room (South Hill Swing Space)
Friday, April 10	PAC Hot Lunch (Domino's)
Wednesday, April 22	Nature Parks at School student survey
Monday, April 20	Pro-d Day (students do not attend)
Friday, April 24	PAC Hot Lunch (Sushi Taku)
Wednesday, April 29	Parent-teacher conferences (2:00 pm early dismissal)
Thursday, April 30	Parent-teacher conferences (2:00 pm early dismissal)

Grenfell Outdoor Learning Area Concept Plan (next page)



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YOUR SCHOOL IS GETTING A NATURE PARK!

We want to know how it impacts elementary students!

Students will receive a small token of appreciation for their participation

For more information parents can scan the QR code or visit our website <https://redcap.link/qrs7gvrj>

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