

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) & səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

EXTENDED SCHOOL ABSENCE

Please note that the Vancouver School District has an Administrative Procedure if families take their child out of school for more than 20 consecutive days during the school year.

Section 9 of AP300 states:

9. Rules Respecting Withdrawal of Students After 20 Consecutive School Day Absences:

9.1 Students who have never attended by the end of the first week of school in September will be withdrawn, unless a prior arrangement has been made with the school Principal.

9.2 School Principals have the authority to withdraw any student who is absent for more than 20 consecutive school days.

9.3 When determining whether or not to withdraw a student who has been absent for more than 20 consecutive school days Principals may take the following factors into consideration:

- Family circumstances
- Availability of space for waitlisted catchment students at full schools
- Other relevant factors

9.4 Withdrawn students do not have continuing status at their former school.

9.5 Once withdrawn, an enrolment application to their catchment school is required for students who wish to be re-admitted.

9.6 If a space is not available at the time of application, the student will be placed on a waitlist for their catchment school and placed at another school within the District

Please inform the school principal if your child will return to Grenfell later than **September 11, 2026.**

GRIZZLY GAMES DAY



Our Grizzly Games Day will be held next Friday, May 22. Students will attend school full day. All parents are welcome to attend and cheer for the students. Parents are welcome to drop by the PAC table for free pizza if attending the event.

Students will be in the classrooms in the morning. Grizzly Games will begin at 12:45 pm until 2:00 pm. Students will eat lunch earlier that day. Grade group sprints will begin at 2:05 pm on the synthetic soccer field across the street. Thank you to Grenfell PAC for providing donuts to all students on Grizzly Games Day. We hope the weather will cooperate! A reminder to send sun

screen and hats with students as students will be outside most of the day. To show school spirit, students are encouraged to wear clothing representing their colour group.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION TEA



In recognition of the contributions made by our volunteers, we would like to invite you to a Volunteer Tea as a way to show our appreciation. Volunteers such as supervising at school fieldtrips, driving students to sports events, running the PAC functions, reading with students, just to name a few, leave lasting effect on our students and the school community. An invitation will go out to the parent volunteers inviting you to attend the Volunteer Appreciation Tea on **Friday, June 5th 10:30-11:20 am.**



NEUFELD FARM FUNDRAISER

The PAC is organizing a fundraising selling products from Neufeld Farm. Delivery will be on June 17th before Father's Day. Please refer to the attached poster, You will be receiving an order link directly from PAC on or before May 20. Money raised from this fundraising will directly support the school for curricular activities, classroom supplies and technology. Thank you in advance for supporting this fundraiser.

COLLINGWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE FUNDRAISING



CNH is experiencing a significant funding loss, which impacts hundreds of participants who rely on support and connections with CNH. They are hosting a fundraising gala to address this gap. The gala aims to raise \$60,000 to continue essential services at CNH. From connecting isolated seniors to providing food to low-income residents and creating space for Indigenous youth, funds raised from this event will be directed back into serving the Collingwood community.

The gala on May 23rd will feature local musicians, a silent auction, appetizers and more! They are currently looking for more people to attend the gala, join the 50/50 draw (\$2 per ticket), and donations are always appreciated.

More information is here: [40th Anniversary Fundraiser Gala - Collingwood Neighbourhood House](#)

Tickets here: [TicketsNW](#) - [Anvil Theatre](#) - [Massey Theatre](#) - [Eighth & Eight Creative Spaces](#) | [Ticketpro.ca](#) - [Vente de billets](#), [Purchase tickets online](#)

50/50 raffle here: [Collingwood Neighbourhood House Raffle](#)

Donate here: [Donate Now - COLLINGWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE SOCIETY](#)



GRADE 7s OFF TO CHEAKAMUS CAMP

This year we are sending 29 Grade 7 students from June 1 to 3 to Camp Cheakamus in Squamish for a two-night camp. Students will have an opportunity to experience outdoor education in a rural setting in the company of friends. We hope the Grade 7 camp will provide our Grade 7 students some fond memories of their Grade 7 year before moving on to high school. Thank you to Grenfell PAC for supporting the Grade 7 Camp by paying for the coach bus transporting students from Grenfell School to Camp Cheakamus. Grade 7 students who are not participating in the camp will attend school as usual.

CLASS AND GRADE 7 GROUP PHOTO DAYS: June 4 (morning)

2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR: Please see the attached calendar at the end of this newsletter.

GRADE 7 SCHOOL LEAVING CEREMONY



The Grade 7 School Leaving Ceremony will be held on **Friday, June 19 at 1:15 pm** in the school gymnasium. An email invitation will go out to Grade 7 families. We are looking forward to seeing our Grade 7 families at the ceremony.

LOST AND FOUND



Items are accumulating in the Lost & Found! Parents and guardians: please feel free to come inside the building to retrieve lost items in the Lost & Found corner (located in the hallway in front of the library). Unclaimed items will be donated to charities at the end of the school year.

NEXT PAC MEETING

Our next PAC meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 10 at 9:00 am** in the staff room.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, May 18	Victoria Day holiday (school closed)
Wednesday, May 20	District Indigenous Grade 7 Moving Forward Celebration at Italian Cultural Center
Friday, May 22	Grizzly Games Day (students attend school full day) PAC hot lunch (Domino's pizza)
June 1 to 3	Grade 7s to Cheakamus Centre
Thursday, June 4	Class Photo Day and Grade 7 group photo
Friday, June 5	PAC hot lunch Volunteer Appreciation Tea at 10:30 am in the staff Room
Friday, June 19	PAC hot lunch Grade 7 School Leaving Ceremony
Thursday, June 25	Last full day of student attendance
Friday, June 26	Administrative Day

Calendar 2026-27
Grenfell
 Elementary School



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
	Tuesday, June 29, 2027
Administrative/School Closing Day	Wednesday, June 30, 2027
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	

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

Wednesday, September 23, 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	2:00 pm
Thursday, October 22, 2026	2:00 pm
Wednesday, April 28, 2027	2:00 pm
Thursday, April 29, 2027	2:00 pm