

**April
2023**



Dr. George M. Weir Elementary School News

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Upcoming Dates

- April 7th – Good Friday (school not in session)
- April 10th – Easter Monday (school not in session)
- April 14th – Class Photos
- April 24th – Professional Development Day (school not in session)
- April 24th – PAC meeting
- May 2nd – Rhythm Resource
- May 4th – Big One at 2:00pm (Earthquake Drill)

Gathering Place



One of the special places in our new school is our beautiful lobby. Our furniture is finally arriving this month!!! Our hope is that this space will act as a gathering place for everyone in the Weir community. This will be an area where families can bring young children and connect with each other. We have some large sectional furniture pieces arriving shortly BUT we need your help. We are actively requesting donations of:

- Books for young children (aged 1 – 4)
- Toys for young children (aged 1 – 4)

*Please kindly bring your gently used items for donation to the office.

Reporting Absences from School

When reporting your child(ren)'s absence from school. Please the following safe arrival number.

Safe Arrival: 604-713-4771 ext 1

Report Cards

The Ministry of Education has developed new reporting guidelines for the 2023 – 2024 school year. Included in these guidelines are:

- **THREE formal report cards** (two progress reports and one summative end of year report)
- **TWO informal communications** of student learning (parent-teacher conferences, student-led conferences)
- **Core Competency Student Self-Assessments** on each formal report card



HOMESCHOOL CLUB (TUESDAY/THURSDAY 8:30-9:00 am)

Weir is pleased to announce that we will once again be offering **before-school Homework Club** for students between grades 3-7 every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** mornings between 8:30-9:00 am beginning **Tuesday, February 21st, 2023**. This program provides students with a safe, quiet place to get started on and receive supervised support with homework assignments. If you feel your child benefit from some extra support, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Arriving Late to School

There are times when we all run behind in the mornings. If you find yourself getting your kids to school after the bell, please observe the following two scenarios:



- **Before 9:15am** - Please have your child(ren) report to their classroom. Their teacher will adjust their attendance.
- **After 9:15am** – Please have your child(ren) report to the office to get a late slip which they will bring to their teacher.

Student Learning Survey 2022-2023

Parents – We need your help!

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size, and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

The survey is administered to students in grades 4 and 7, their parents/guardians, and all school staff (*if you have a child in grade 4 and/or 7, he/she brought home an additional notice detailing survey instructions*). We encourage parents/guardians to participate in this survey, as results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province, in addition, questions from the school/district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The anonymous survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the internet at: http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link under the Parent section without a logon code by selecting school district (39 Vancouver) and the school name (Dr George M Weir).

The e-survey will be open until April 29th, 2023.

Wednesday Morning Family Reading Club in the Library



Weir is pleased to announce that we will be offering before-school 'Family Reading Club' in the library on Wednesday mornings between 8:30-9:00am beginning April 12th.

Have your child find a book, get comfortable and escape into the world of fiction. Families are welcome to join!

From the Weir PAC

Spring Carnival Drawing Contest: A friendly reminder that the [Carnival Drawing Contest entries](#) are due this **Thursday, April 6**. Be sure to have your child get those drawings to the teacher. There will be multiple prizes to be won, so don't delay! Thank you and good luck to all those that are participating.

Upcoming PAC Meeting: Our next PAC meeting will take place on **Monday, April 24, 6:30 in the Weir Library**, and we would love to see you there! [Meeting agenda can be found here](#) and please [RSVP to help us plan for numbers](#). Free child minding service will be available for any school aged children. See you then!

Carnival Theme Basket: To inject a bit of advance family participation at the upcoming Spring Carnival, we have decided to assign a fun theme basket idea to each division to contribute to the silent auction portion of our Spring Carnival event. The items in each basket will be beautifully wrapped and auctioned off, with proceeds from Divisions 1 to 3 going towards this and next year's grade 7 year-end activities, and proceeds from Divisions 4 to 15 going back to the school towards purchasing various items for the school community. Please donate **new, unwrapped items or gift cards** of any monetary value that is in the spirit of the theme that your child's division has been assigned. Participation and donations are **completely voluntary** and will be great appreciated! Donations need to be received by your child's teacher by **Friday, April 28**. Be creative and have fun!

Hot Lunch Ordering: have you already ordered hot lunch for the rest of the year? If not, it's not too late. The next order cut-off is **April 18th**, [so be sure to order before then](#). Please visit the [PAC website](#) for complete details. Thank you for your continued support in this fundraiser!

Any questions you might have can be emailed directly to weirpac@gmail.com. Thank you for all of your continuous support!

Weir PAC Team

Big One at 2:00pm

On **Thursday, May 4th**, we will have our yearly, district-wide earthquake drill. This is an opportunity for us to practice our processes in the event of major earthquake. This includes all the elements of our standard earthquake drills (drop and cover, count to sixty, evacuate building, take attendance) as well as further practices that would be required should a major earthquake occur including:

- Rapid damage assessment
- Initializing an incident command and critical response team
- Assessing supplies on hand
- Parent reunification protocol (Kindergarten classes only)



***Parents/guardians of Kindergarten students will be required to pick up their children at 2:15pm** from the reunification station located at the Weir side entrance of Killarney St. (signs will be posted). We can also release students to those other contacts identified on the Emergency Reunification Form. We will be sending a notice home to our Kindergarten families with further details next week.

NEW: Speed Reduction in School Zone on Rupert St. (between 44th-45th Ave.)



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION
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Speed Reduction in School Zones Adjacent to Arterials and Collectors George M. Weir Elementary

The City of Vancouver is working to eliminate all traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries in Vancouver through our Vision Zero Safety Program. In May 2022, Council approved the *Schools on Arterials Slow Zones* pilot to reduce speed limits at school zones on arterial and collector streets Citywide.

George M. Weir Elementary is one of nine Vancouver schools participating in the pilot. The speed limit will be lowered from 50 km/h to **40 km/h**, in effect from **8am – 5pm School Days**, at **5900 Rupert St.** between E 44th Ave. and E 45th Ave. (see figure below).

The official launch of the speed limit reduction is Monday, **March 27, 2023**, after spring break. Key changes along Rupert St. will include:

- New regulatory speed limit signage posted for both directions
- Additional school zone signage and one large custom sign at E 44th Ave.
- 40 km/h pavement markings at entry points for both directions (to be installed in June)
- There will be no changes to vehicle access or parking

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As part of our educational campaign, volunteers with the Community Policing Centres will provide support through the Speed Watch program. They will be out on the roads near the school to provide drivers with real-time feedback on their speeds as a reminder to drive safely and stay within the posted speed limit. After an initial grace period of 1-2 months for drivers to adjust to the speed limit change, staff will coordinate with the Vancouver Police Department for official enforcement with ticketing.

If you have any question, please email: Towardszero@Vancouver.ca



KILLARNEY
COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Aloha! Come out and explore the art of Hula Dancing.
Learn how to dance and tell a story through hand motions.**

SPRING/SUMMER CLASSES

REGISTER NOW

CHILDREN'S CLASS (6-12yrs) 4:30pm - 5:15pm

442513 SPRING MON May 1- Jun 26 \$57/8 Classes

442514 SUMMER MON Aug 14 - Aug 28 \$22/3 Classes

NEW TIME FOR ADULTS (16yrs +)

SPRING/SUMMER 6:30PM - 7:30PM

441526 SPRING MON May 1 - Jun 26 \$73/8 Classes

440795 SUMMER MON AUG 14 - AUG 28 \$28/3 Classes

Register Online: vanrec.ca

Register in Person: 6260 Killarney St, Vancouver

Register by Phone: 604-718-8211

Instructor: Jennifer Clado

Email: jenn.huladancing@gmail.com



UPDATED (September 23, 2022) CALENDAR - 2022– 2023

Dr George M Weir Elementary School

School Operation Overview

Number of Days in Session	185
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non-Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 30)

Important Dates * School Not In Session

First Day of School for Students	Tuesday September 6, 2022
* National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Friday, September 30, 2022
* Thanksgiving Day	Monday October 10, 2022
* Remembrance Day	Friday November 11, 2022
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday December 16, 2022
Winter Vacation Period	Monday December 19, 2022-Monday January 2, 2023
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Tuesday January 3, 2023
* Family Day	Monday February 20, 2023
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday March 10, 2023
Spring Vacation Period	Monday March 13-Friday March 24, 2023
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday March 27, 2023
* Good Friday	Friday April 7, 2023
* Easter Monday	Monday, April 10, 2023
* Victoria Day	Monday May 22, 2023
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday June 29, 2023
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday June 30, 2023

Professional Development and Non-Instructional Days (school not in session)

Friday October 21, 2022	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Monday November 14, 2022	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, November 25, 2022	Indigenous Focus Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)
Monday January 16, 2023	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 17, 2023	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Monday, April 24, 2023	Professional Development Day (District Wide)

Parent Conference Dates

Early Dismissal Times

Wednesday, November 2, 2022	2:00 pm
Thursday, November 3, 2022	2:00 pm
Wednesday, March 1, 2023	2:00 pm
Thursday, March 2, 2023	2:00 pm