

**February
2023**



Dr. George M. Weir Elementary School News

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Upcoming Dates

- February 17th – Professional Development Day (School Not in Session)
- February 20th – Family Day (School Not in Session)
- February 22nd – Pink Day
- February 27th – March 3rd – Hip Hop Week
- March 1st and 2nd – Student Led Conferences (Early Dismissal at 2:00pm)

Gathering Place



One of the special places in our new school is our beautiful lobby. 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

Basketball

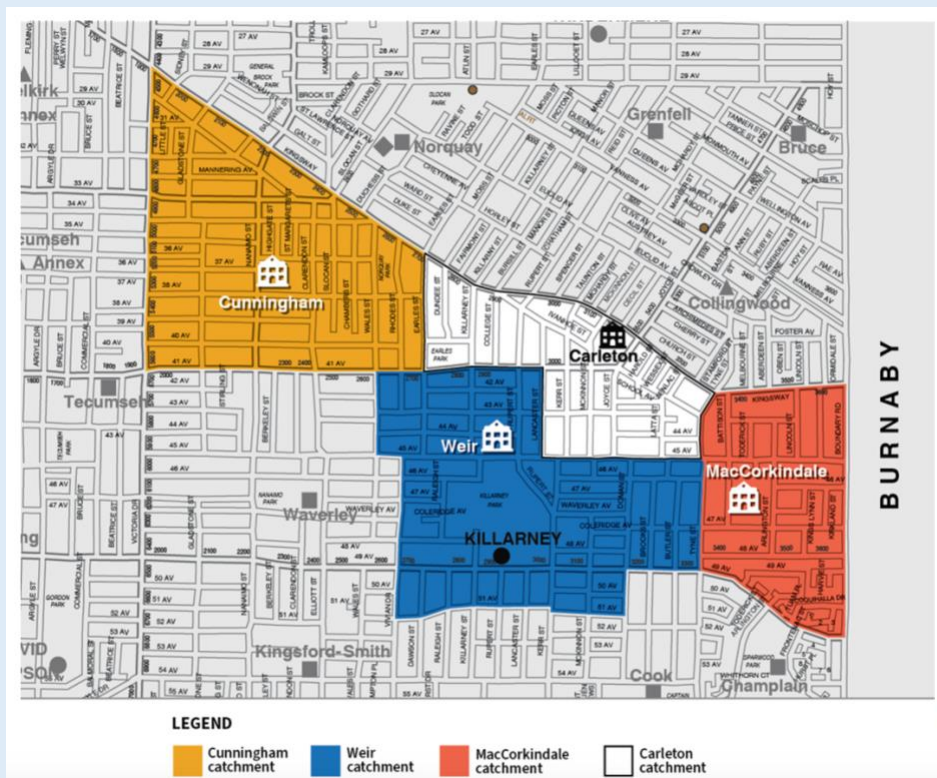
Our Grade 7 basketball team just completed its season. In addition to learning the rules of basketball, our students learned many other skills including sportsmanship, fair play, and collaboration. A special thanks to Coach Rob Currie, one of our fantastic support workers, as well as Ms. Hsu and Gr. 10 Killarney student volunteer, Isaiah for supporting the team. We even hosted a few games in our new gym!



Boundary Changes

Recently, the Vancouver School Board Trustees voted to approve the changes to the former Carleton catchment. In recent years, many families living in the Carleton catchment have had to travel to Cunningham Elementary or apply cross boundary to nearby schools (including Weir). After an engagement process with Cunningham, Weir, and MacCorkindale Elementary schools, the following changes were made. The Carleton catchment has now been divided amongst the three schools with Weir receiving the largest portion of the catchment. No other changes have been made to the Weir catchment area. Our newly reconstructed, seismically safe building was a consideration in the formation of these boundaries.

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/60314/carleton-boundary-engagement>



Weir Hip Hop Week

Vancouver's Boogaloo Academy is excited to be coming to Weir the week of **February 27th through March 3rd, 2023**. Students will have an opportunity to learn choreographed dance routines that are motivating, increase self-esteem, build confidence, and create a sense of community. Parents/Guardians are welcome to join us in the gym for the final performance at 2pm on Friday, March 3rd.

March 3rd, 2023



Registration is now open for our fun-filled Spring Break dance camps! Sign up soon to take advantage of the early bird pricing.

<https://www.boogalooacademy.com/index.php/spring-camps/>

Payments may be made through e-transfer to: contact@boogalooacademy.com

For more information, please contact us at 604-805-0558.



Lion Dance

As part of our Lunar New Year celebrations, we were excited to bring back the Lion Dance. A special thanks to the CLF Kung Fu Club for their performance and Weir parent, Maxine Shiu, for organizing this wonderful experience for our staff and students. The kids particularly loved when the lion spat out the lettuce at them.

Student Fees

We have had some questions lately regarding our school fees. The Vancouver School Board sets the student fee at \$35 per student for supplies; this fee has remained the same for many years. Unfortunately, the increase in costs of school supplies (glue sticks pencils, paint etc.) results in this money not going as far as it once did. Our teachers are very good at stretching this money and reusing supplies. However, there may be times where they request families purchase additional supplies as the classroom supply budget has been exhausted. As always, please reach out to us should financial constraints pose an obstacle to paying for these additional supplies. No student will ever be excluded from school activities or experiences due to family financial challenges.

Student Led Conferences

Student Led conferences are an opportunity for your child(ren) to take you through their classroom and share some of their accomplishments with you. It is important to celebrate some of their successes as well as set some goals for the remainder of the year. You should have received a conference form for you to indicate your preference of time slots. Please return them to your child(ren)'s teacher by Thursday, February 16th. We will do our best to accommodate your time requests as well as place sibling time slots close by each other.

Reminder of early dismissal at 2:00pm on both Wednesday, March 2nd and Thursday, March 3rd.

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

Homework Club



HOMEWORK 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.


From the Weir PAC


Hello Weir families,

There are some pretty exciting PAC events coming up!

 **School-Wide Book Exchange:** If you are interested in helping out at this event, please [sign up here](#).

Help us collect 1100 books for this book exchange!

 **Book Collection Days >> February 27 to March 3, between 8:40-8:55am:** Drop off any new or used/good condition books by the undercover area outside of the multi-purpose room

 **Book Selection Days >> March 6 to 9:** teachers will bring down students to the book display area for them to choose a book or more!

See more information below

 **Next In-Person PAC meeting: Monday, February 27 @ 6:30pm** in the Learning Commons (by the Weir library).

All Weir parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend. Meeting agenda can be [found here](#) and child care will be available for families with school-aged children. [RSVP here](#) to help us plan for numbers. We look forward to seeing you then!

 **Spring Carnival 2023**

Mark you calendar! Weir's first ever Spring Carnival is coming to you on **Friday, May 26, 2023!** Preparation is already underway and more information will become available very soon.

You can stay current by visiting the PAC website regularly at <https://weirpac.weebly.com/>



Weir Book Exchange Event



Dear students and families,

We are excited to announce the school-wide Book Exchange event, free for all students at Dr. George M. Weir Elementary. The event will take place over two weeks, in two steps: Book donation, followed by Book selection.

The goal of the event is to promote literacy, joy of reading and encourage book reuse.



How will the Book Exchange work?

We will organize a **Book Donation Drive** at the school for 5 days (Monday, February 27 to Friday, March 03) from 8:40 am - 8:55 am each day. Please mark your calendars and get ready with your book donations! Our goal is to collect **1100** books for the exchange this year.

Books will, then, be sorted into appropriate reading levels. During the **Book Selection Days**, students will choose books of their liking from their respective grade level.

Remember, the more the books we collect, the more enriching a book collection for students to enjoy!



Book Donation Drive (February 27 - March 03 @ 8:40-8:55 am) **Drop off point: Multi-purpose room outdoor entrance**

Inviting all students to donate new or gently-used books

- Books for all reading levels (K-7) are welcome.
- Donate as many books as you want. The more the better!
- No magazines, or partially used activity books.

Book Selection Days (March 06 - March 09)

School staff will schedule viewing slots for all students to visit the Book display area during school hours.

- No parent supervision is necessary.



For any questions/feedback, please reach out to us at: weirbookexchange@gmail.com

Weir Book Exchange Event Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet



We need volunteers to help out with the various tasks during the event.

To sign-up, please sign up online using the web form accessible via the QR code here or send this sheet to school before **Thursday, February 16, 2023**. Thanks again for your continued support!

Name:.....

Email / Phone:

Book Donation Drive Days - Only Mornings (At least two volunteers per slot)

- Monday, February 27, 8:30 am - 9:00 am
- Tuesday, February 28, 8:30 am - 9:00 am
- Wednesday, March 01, 8:30 am - 9:00 am
- Thursday, March 02, 8:30 am - 9:00 am
- Friday, March 03, 8:30 am - 9:00 am

Book Selection First Day - Setup (At least three volunteers)

- Setup, Monday, March 06, 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Book Exchange Wrap Up / Tear Down Day (At least three volunteers)

- TearDown, Thursday, March 09, 01:00 pm - 02:00 pm

Book Selection Days - School Hours (One volunteer per slot)

<u>Monday, March 06</u>	<u>Tuesday, March 07</u>	<u>Wednesday, March 08</u>
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Book Selection Final Day, Thursday, March 09 - "Free for all students" day (One Volunteer per slot)

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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