



Dr. George M. Weir Elementary School News

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UPCOMING DATES

January 16th – Professional Development Day (school not in session)

January 30th – Report Cards Go Home

January 30th – PAC meeting 6:30pm (in-person at Weir)

February 17th – Professional Development Day (school not in session)

February 20th – Family Day (STAT holiday)

Core Assets

Each of us possess a unique set of skills and abilities. For most, they have developed over many years after dedicating much time and energy to them. Sometimes we use the word 'talent'. What does this word actually mean? Is it something we are naturally born with or is it something that we spend a lot of time and energy on because we enjoy it? Consider the term 'asset' instead. Dr. Michele Borba describes assets as positive qualities, character traits, and unique abilities that help us to thrive.

The acronym TALENT can help us uncover the core assets in our children:

T – Tenacity. The child shows determination and perseverance to succeed at the task involving the asset.

A – Attention. The child is easily absorbed in the task and focuses longer when compared to other strengths areas or assets.

L – Learning. The child learns quicker and easier when using the core asset.

E – Eagerness. The child is motivated and energized to be an active participant in the task, and doesn't need adult prodding or rewards.

N – Need. The child is possessive about the asset: "It's MY thing." The asset is a confidence booster, relaxer, or fulfiller of a positive need.

T – Tone. The child sound excited, proud, or joyous when talking about the asset.

PAC

Please join us on **Monday, January 30th @ 6:30pm** for the first PAC meeting of 2023. This will be an in-person meeting taking place at the school. All Weir families are welcome and invited to attend. Parents with younger school-aged children are welcome to bring them along as **childcare will be available**. Discussion of the purchase of audio/video equipment and planning for a spring carnival will be a big part of the agenda. The meeting agenda can be [found here](#). If you are interested in attending, we would appreciate you to [RSVP via this link](#) as this will help us with meeting preparation.

The **Fruits/Veggie/Dairy Program** is making a return! This program will commence the week of January 23rd. If you haven't already done so, please return the yellow consent form to your child's teacher as soon as possible. For parents who have signed up to help out with distribution, our program coordinator, Katie, will be in contact with you soon.

Are you a Weir PAC News subscriber yet? If not, visit <https://weirpac.weebly.com/contact.html> for more details!

Questions for us? Please don't hesitate to reach out to us by email at weirpac@gmail.com or visit the Weir PAC website at <https://weirpac.weebly.com/>

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

Grade Seven Basketball

Our grade seven basketball team has been practicing for several weeks now. Thank you to one of our support workers, Coach Rob, and Ms. Hsu for volunteering your time. Games begin next week at Waverley Elementary. We are also really excited to be hosting two games in our new gym. A schedule will be sent out shortly to families of all team members.

Keeping Kids Home When Sick

Thank you to those families who read, signed, and returned our form describing when to keep your child home if they are unwell. The seasonal illness season has been really affected elementary schools in Vancouver and will likely continue through the remainder of the winter season. As a reminder, we have posted the information here again:

WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Things to consider if your child feels unwell:

1. The protection of your child. Without proper rest a child may have a hard time fighting an illness or be open to other illnesses.
2. The ability of your child to actively take part and learn at school.
3. The school staff cannot care for a sick child and give them the support that they may need.
4. The protection of other children.

Please keep your child home if he/she:

- Has a fever.
- Is too sick to take part in all normal school activities.
- Has a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox, measles or any other undiagnosed rash).
- Keep your child home until they cannot infect others or as told by a health care provider.
- Is vomiting or has diarrhea. It is recommended that students be symptom free at least 24 hours before returning to school.



Please let the school know your child's symptoms, as per the schools call back procedures.

If the school finds it necessary to send your child home because of illness, please make sure you have arranged an emergency contact if you are not available. Inform your school of these arrangements.

Where can I find more Information?

- **Public Health school Nurse at 604-983-6700**
- Health Link BC – online www.healthlinkbc.ca or dial 811
- North Shore School Health Manual: www.vch.ca/schoolhealth
- Sneezes and Diseases <http://www.vch.ca/media/SneezesDiseases.pdf>



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.

Report Cards



*Report cards are going home on **Monday, January 30th**

**Remember- report cards are simply a snapshot of what your child knows, can do and understands at a certain point in time.

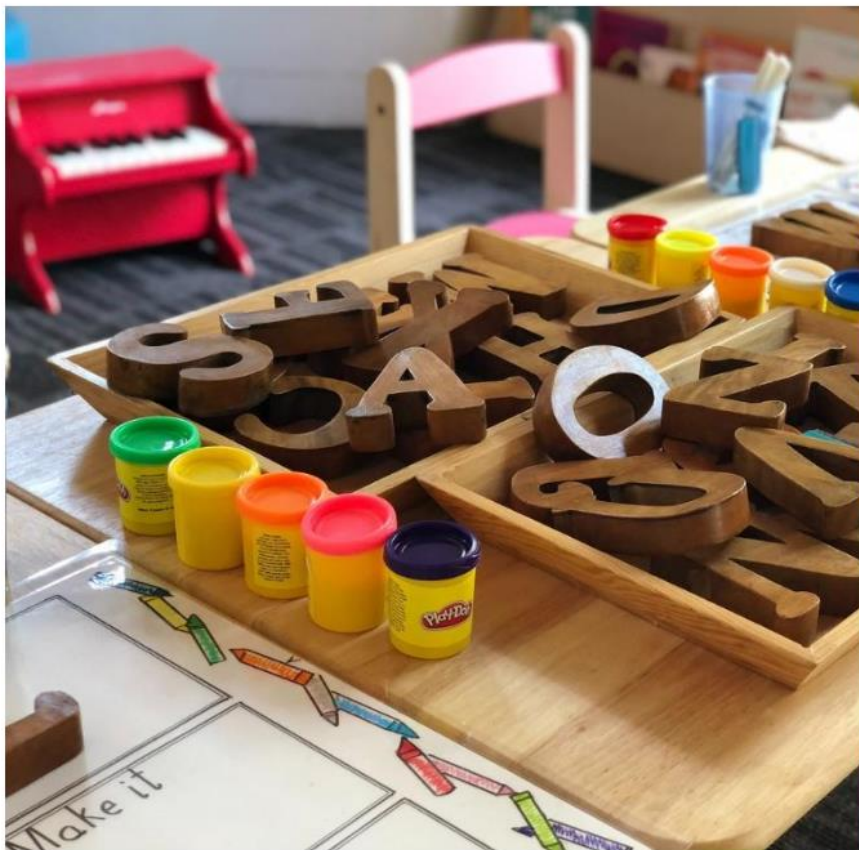
Suggestions for talking to your child about his/her report card:

- Celebrate the successes!
- Focus on what your child *has* achieved
- Acknowledge their efforts and the progress they have made so far
- What areas do they need to continue working on?
- What are their next steps for continued growth?
- What supports, from home and school, will help your child reach his/her potential?
- Set goals!
- Tell them you are proud of them 😊

KidsZone

**Second Wednesday of every month,
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Collingwood Branch
2985 Kingsway (at Rupert Street)**



Meet other kids and share books, crafts, and fun activities at the library.

For Grades K-7.

FREE

Drop-in



For more information: 604.665.3953 | vpl.ca/events

Join the conversation: [@VPL](https://twitter.com/VPL) [f](https://www.facebook.com/vancouverpubliclibrary) [i](https://www.instagram.com/vancouverpubliclibrary) /vancouverpubliclibrary

LEGO® Block Party

Saturdays

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Collingwood Branch
2985 Kingsway (at Rupert Street)**



Come in for some LEGO®, building fun at this block party!

Meet new friends and break out the bricks for a building bonanza at the library.

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EpiPens

If your child requires an EpiPen, we want to ensure that it is managed effectively in order to keep your child safe. Please observe the following two scenarios:

- **Allergy is Life-Threatening** – Your child needs to wear the EpiPen at all times at school. Please ensure that your child has an EpiPen case or holder that they can wear.
- **Allergy does not pose threat to life** – We will store your child’s EpiPen in a labelled, secured drawer in the First Aid room.



Westcoast Weather

In alignment with other VSB elementary schools, Weir has a westcoast weather policy. This means that we expect students and staff to dress for the weather. We will go outside for recess and lunch during light rain and snow conditions. In periods of excessively heavy rain or snow, we will hold inside recess and lunch periods.



Pink Shirt Day – February 22nd, 2023

Every February, we celebrate Pink Day. A day that focuses on celebrating the rich diversity around us. We acknowledge that our differences make us unique and interesting as we work together to end bullying. We encourage all staff and students to wear pink.



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

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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