



September 28, 2018

# Graham Bruce School News

Dear Parents/Guardians of Graham Bruce Students:

Happy fall, everyone! We are off to a great start to 2018-19. On Sept. 20 our students and staff braved the rain to bring off our annual Terry Fox Run. We raised \$718.85. This Friday, we will be having our annual Orange Shirt day and assembly to recognize the legacy of residential schools, and to promote reconciliation. Our assembly is at 1:15 pm and parents are welcome to attend.

On our Professional day (September 24) we spent some time working on our Math goal for the School Plan. In particular, we will be choosing a narrower focus for problem solving, so that we can assess the effectiveness of our teaching strategies. We are also working on with our counselor, Angela Roguski, on social-emotional learning for our students. She has been visiting a number of classes to teach students about the brain and self-regulation.

We have some new staff members that we would like to welcome. Paul Parungao is teaching Division 3 while Terri Haines is on leave, and Kristie Girard is in for Doug Palylyk in Division 4 during his leave. We would also like to welcome our new Special Education Assistant, Romana Jandrijevic.

Our Goal Setting Conferences are coming up next week on October 3 and 4. We look forward to seeing you at the school to discuss your child's goals for the year.

Sincerely,  
Mr. S. Marlyn, Principal

**School Office Hours:  
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES:**

- Oct. 1—4—Scholastic Book Fair in the Library!
- Oct. 3—Parent/Teacher Conferences, students dismissed at 2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 4—Parent/Teacher Conferences, students dismissed at 2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 8—Thanksgiving. School Closed.
- Oct. 11—Fire Drill (10:15 a.m.)
- Oct. 11—PAC Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- Oct. 19—PRO-D Day—No School for Students.
- Oct. 29—Individual Photo Retake Day—Wear your Smiles!
- Oct. 31—Happy Halloween!
- LOOKING AHEAD:**
- Nov. 6—Books for Me!
- Nov. 8—Remembrance Day Assembly. Parents are welcome to attend. Please be at the gym by 11:00 a.m.
- Nov. 9—Curriculum Implementation Day—No School for Students.
- Nov. 12—Remembrance Day. School Closed.
- Nov. 14—Fire Drill (10:15 a.m.)
- Nov. 27—Meet the Gr. 7 Students in the Gym. Parents are welcome to attend.

## Parent Education Series 2018-2019

VCH in collaboration with the VSB are offering a series of **Child and Youth Wellbeing Workshops**.

**Cost: FREE**

**Location:** VSB Education Centre, 1580 West Broadway Street, Room 180

**Time:** 6pm (2hours)

**Topics:**

- Navigating the Mental Health System: October 2nd, 2018
- Anxiety in Children and Youth: November 13th, 2018
- Depression in Children and Youth, January 10th, 2019
- Responding to Challenging Behaviour: February 12th, 2019
- Supporting Your Child with ADHD: April 16th, 2019
- Encouraging Healthy Eating in Children: May 22nd, 2019

\*To register go to [eventbrite.ca](http://eventbrite.ca) and search the workshop title

**Next PAC Meeting:  
October 11 @ 6:30 in  
the Library**

## PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT GOAL SETTING CONFERENCES

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

And Thursday, October 4, 2018

Student's Dismissed at 2:00 p.m. Both Days.

### Orange Shirt Day

Today was Orange Shirt Day at Graham Bruce School! Orange Shirt day is a national movement that opens the door to annual conversations on all aspects of residential schools.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which Aboriginal children were taken from their homes to residential schools. The theme of this year's Orange Shirt Day is "Every Child Matters." Please see the following link for more information <http://www.orangeshirtday.org>.

In the spirit of healing and reconciliation, teachers and students at Graham Bruce has been discussing Orange Shirt Day this week, reading relevant stories, and today we covered our classroom doors with orange paper shirts.



### Books for Me! Returns October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

*Books for Me!* is BACK. On Tuesday, October 2, your child will be coming home with a lightly used book donated by a non-profit organization called *Books for Me!* This program started in our school in January 2014. Graham Bruce School is so fortunate to have this amazing community partner. The program is quite simple. On the first Tuesday of each month, students at Graham Bruce are given the opportunity to choose a lightly used book and bring it home to read and add to their home library. Please take the time to talk with your child about the books that they choose and lovingly encourage them to read the books that they bring home. If your child is away the day of Books for Me! the program is set up so he/she can choose two books the next month. Happy reading!

### Terry Fox Run

On Thursday, September 20 Graham Bruce participated in the Terry Fox Run. A great time was had by all. To date, Graham Bruce has raised \$718.85. Thank you to our PAC for donating mandarin oranges for our 11 divisions, and to Mrs. David and Division 2 for their hard work promoting and collecting the donations on a daily basis.



### Scholastic Book Fair

The first Scholastic Book Fair for 2018—2019 will be held in the Library from Monday, October 1 to Thursday, October 4, 2018. The hours will be Monday & Tuesday, 3:00 to 3:30, Wednesday 2:00 to 7:00 and Thursday, 2:00 to 4:00. Come and browse the new books for sale at the Book Fair! This is an important fundraiser for our school library! **Check out the much anticipated Amulet #8 and you can pre-order the new Diary of a Wimpy Kid called "The Meltdown" due out October 25, 2018.**



#### Mission Statement

To provide a safe and respectful learning environment  
For all students to achieve their full potential as lifelong learners and  
to become responsible, contributing citizens in our ever-changing society.

#### School Code of Conduct

At Graham Bruce School we care for and respect:  
Ourselves  
Others  
Our Community

## Traffic—Safety and Requests

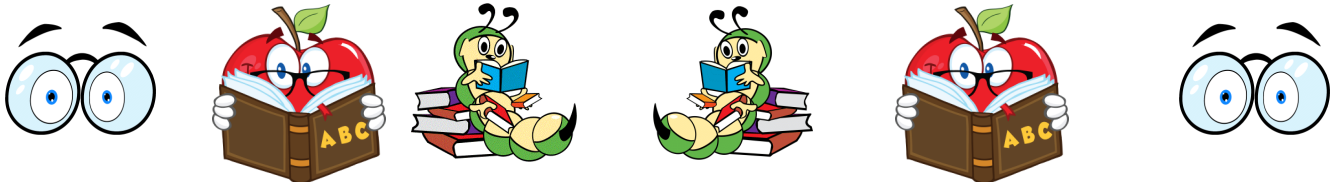
During school days it is requested that parents/guardians respect the signs at the front of the school that state "No Parking, 8:00—5:00, Monday to Friday" and "No Stopping, 8:00—5:00, Monday to Friday". We have students attending our school that are in wheelchairs and their bus must have safe access to the school.

As a reminder to all parents and caregivers, the following regulations are in force during school times (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday).

1. When school is in session, a 30-km/h school zone speed limit is in effect from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every school day, unless otherwise posted. Also, remember that vehicles approaching from both directions must stop for school buses when their lights are flashing.
2. Do not stop or park on the wrong side of the street to drop off your children. This is becoming an increasing problem and poses significant risk to our children.
3. Always yield to pedestrians (it's the law). Pedestrians should cross at corners. Jay Walking or crossing in the middle of the block is very dangerous. **U-TURNS ARE ILLEGAL.**
4. When dropping off children in a school zone, stop and allow them to exit onto the sidewalk side of the car. **Never double park and allow a child to cross mid-block.**
5. If a vehicle is stopped in front of you or in the lane next to you, they may be yielding for a pedestrian, so be prepared to stop.



Please note that our school has partnered with the VPD, who will be randomly monitoring and ticketing drivers along Tanner and Moscrop Streets and in the surrounding area for road infractions. Thank you to those parents/guardians who comply with the rules of the road.



## **Scooters, Bikes and Skateboard Safety**

It has come to our attention that many children are riding scooters, bikes and skateboards without helmets. **This is a major safety concern.** If your child is riding any of these items we ask that they be wearing a helmet. All students are expected to walk their scooter, bike or skateboard at all times on school property on school days between 8:00—4:00 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the provision of a helmet please contact Mr. Marlyn at 604-713-4778 or smarlyn@vsb.bc.ca.



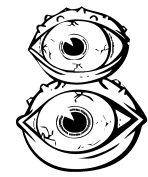
**Acting Superintendent:**  
**Director of Instruction:**  
**Liaison Trustee:**  
**Principal:**  
**Secretary:**

Ms. Suzanne Hoffman  
Mr. Aaron Davis  
Mr. Allan Wong  
Mr. Sean Marlyn (604-713-4778)  
Ms. Denise Meyer (604-713-4778)

**NOTICE**  
**NUT-FREE ZONE**  
NO FOOD WITH PEANUTS OR  
TRACES OF NUTS TO BE  
CONSUMED ON THESE PREMISES



# October



Thank you for helping us help your child/children have a great day at school by making sure they arrive by 8:55 a.m. each school day!


**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

1 <b>Please note CC means "Cross Country"</b>	2 CC Practice—8:00 am  CC Meet 3:00—5:00 pm	3 <b>Parent/Teacher Goal Setting Conferences—<u>Students dismissed at 2:00 pm</u></b>	4 CC Practice—8:00 am <b>Parent/Teacher Goal Setting Conferences—<u>Students dismissed at 2:00 pm</u></b>	5 Hot Lunch Friday Sushi
8 Thanksgiving 	9 CC Practice—8:00 am	10 CC Meet 3:00—5:00 pm	11 CC Practice—8:00 am Fire Drill—10:15 am  PAC Meeting—6:30 pm	12 Hot Lunch Friday Pizza
15	16 CC Practice—8:00 am	17	18 CC Practice—8:00 am  Great BC Shake Out 10:18 am  CC City Meet Noon—3:15 pm	19  PRO-D Day No School for Student
22	23	24	25	26 Hot Lunch Friday Subway
29	30	31 