

October 26, 2018

Graham Bruce School News



Spring Forward or Fall Back?
On Sunday, November 4th, 2018
We Fall Back!
Turn your clocks back one hour!

Dear Parents/Guardians:

School Counsellor Led Parent Evening Series

10 Brain-Based Strategies To Help Children Handle Their Emotions

This educational video, by Tina Payne Bryson, co-author of 'The Whole-Brain Child', will be shown in 30 minute portions, followed by a discussion led by the school counsellor, Angela Roguski. In the discussion portion, parents or guardians will have the opportunity to ask questions, and brainstorm ways in which they may apply the new information to their parenting strategies and relationships with their children.

Dates: November 20, 27, December 4

Time: 6pm-7pm

Place: Graham Bruce Library

Cost: Free

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To register please e-mail Angela Roguski at arroguski@gmail.com or contact the Principal, Sean Marlyn, by November 13th. Please commit to attend all 3 evening sessions. Let us know if you require childcare, as we can provide it at the school. A minimum number of participants are required, so please sign up as soon as you can.

I look forward to working with you.

Angela Roguski

Next PAC Meeting:
November 15 @ 6:30 in
the Library
Babysitting Available

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

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES:

Oct. 26—Pumpkin Carving 4:00—6:00 p.m.—PAC Event

Oct. 29—Individual Photo Retake

Day—Wear your Smiles!

Oct. 31—Happy Halloween!

Halloween Costume Parade 9:30—

10:30 in the gym.

□ Nov. 6—Books for Me!

Nov. 7—Diwali

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

Nov. 14—Fire Drill (10:15 a.m.)

Nov. 15—PAC Meeting in Library @

6:30 pm, babysitting available.

Nov. 16—Multicultural Dinner in the

Gym time to be announced.

Nov. 20—School Counsellor Led

Parent Evening Series #1

Nov. 22—Dental Screening for

Kindergarten Students

Nov. 23—Meet the Gr. 7 Students

in the Gym, 9:00—Noon. Parents are

welcome to attend.

Nov. 26-Dance Play all week!

Nov. 27-School Counsellor Led

Parent Evening Series #2

LOOKING AHEAD:

Dec. 4-Books for Me!

Dec. 4—School Counsellor Led

Parent Evening Series #3

Dec. 5-Lockdown Drill



VERY IMPORTANT PLEASE READ DO YOU HAVE A CHILD BORN IN 2014?

Kindergarten registration starts on November 1st

With the opening of school registration for the 2019—2020 school year on November 1^{st} , the VSB will be implementing a new online registration service for parents. The registration process will have two steps:

<u>Step 1</u>: Complete the online registration process at <u>vsbapplynow.vsb.bc.ca</u> AND print out the completed registration form if your child was born in Canada.

If your child was born outside of Canada, you need to report to the VSB District Reception and Placement Centre (DRPC) at 1000 East 59th Avenue and complete the initial Kindergarten application there. Registration hours for DRPC are 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday to Friday on a first come, first serve basis.



Step 2: Bring the completed registration form along with the required documents to your catchment school.

Note: the registration process is not complete until you have competed both steps in the process. Visit the <u>Student Registration Page</u> on the Vancouver School Board website for more information.

Help is Available

Should you have questions or require assistance with any part of the registration process please contact your catchment school.

For more information on Kindergarten registration please visit: http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten

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". 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.
- 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. <u>Never double</u> 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.

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

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GRADE 7 INFORMATION FOR SECONDARY MINI SCHOOLS

Grade 7 parents are invited to visit the following website to review the various secondary mini school options for September 2019 - http://www.vsb.bc.ca/programs/mini-school-registration. Parents and students are also invited to attend the information nights listed on the VSB website and in the "Options" brochure.

Students interested in entering a Grade 8 Mini School Program in Sept. 2019 should check the above webpage from now until Nov. 30. The Test for entrance to most Mini School Programs takes place on **Tuesday**, **November 20**th, **2018**. Applications to programs must be received by Thursday, December 20th, 2018.

The calendar of Information Nights is posted on the above website. Please visit as many Information Nights as possible so you can select the program that best suits your student. Once you register for the test we cannot make any changes to your program selection. Also, the District has identified Friday, October 26th, 2018 to Thursday, November 8th, 2018 as the period to register online for the Tuesday, November 20th, 2018 District Cognitive Skills Test. This test is used as part of the screening process for the mini schools. You must register online from the VSB website (see link above) - there will be no exceptions to the deadline for registration this year!

Please note that if your child is not applying to a "Mini" School for Grade 8, the catchment school for this area, Windermere, will come to Graham Bruce in December and January to complete the high school registration.



Scholastic Book Fair

The first book fair of 2017—2018 was a huge success! We would like to thank all the students, parents/caregivers and staff that supported our library and bought books. Together we raised \$2,024.00 to buy books for the Graham Bruce School Library! Thanks once again for your support!

Be Safe on Halloween

- Go trick or treating in groups and with an adult.
- DO NOT eat your treats until after your parents have checked them.
- Wear reflector tape. You'll be easier to see in the dark.
- (i) Wear face paint instead of a mask. You'll see better!
- Cross the streets safely. It's hard for drivers to see little people in dark costumes.

YOU CAN HELP: Call 911 if you see persons acting suspiciously around our school. When you call give the school name, location and what is happening.



Halloween Costume Expectations at Graham Bruce:

Halloween needs to be fun and safe for students in K to Grade 7. Please be advised that costumes need to be appropriate for children ages 4-13 to wear in a school environment. Costumes can be adjusted for evening wear, as necessary. Face paint (with the exception of fake blood) and half masks are appropriate.

PLEASE NO FULL FACE MASKS-NO FAKE BLOOD (GUTS/GORE)-NO FAKE/REAL WEAPONS

Please check with your child's teacher or Mr. Marlyn prior to purchasing or creating your child's costume if you have questions about these expectations.

Superintendent: Ms. Suzanne Hoffman
Director of Instruction: Mr. Aaron Davis
Liaison Trustee: Mr. Allan Wong

Principal: Mr. Sean Marlyn (604-713-4778)
Secretary: Ms. Denise Meyer (604-713-4778)



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

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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5	6 Books For Me!	7 Diwali	8 Remembrance Day Assembly 11:00—12:00 Parents are welcome to attend but must be in	9 PRO-D DAY Curriculum Implementation NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
12 REMEMBRANCE DAY	13	14 Fire Drill 10:15 a.m.	the gym by 11:00 a.m. 15 PAC Meeting Library @ 6:30 pm Babysitting Available	16 Pot Luck Dinner More info to come
19	20	21	22 Kindergarten Dental Screening	Meet the Gr. 7's In the Gym 9:00—Noon
26	27	28	29	30
	Dance Play—Novembe	r 26 to November 30		