

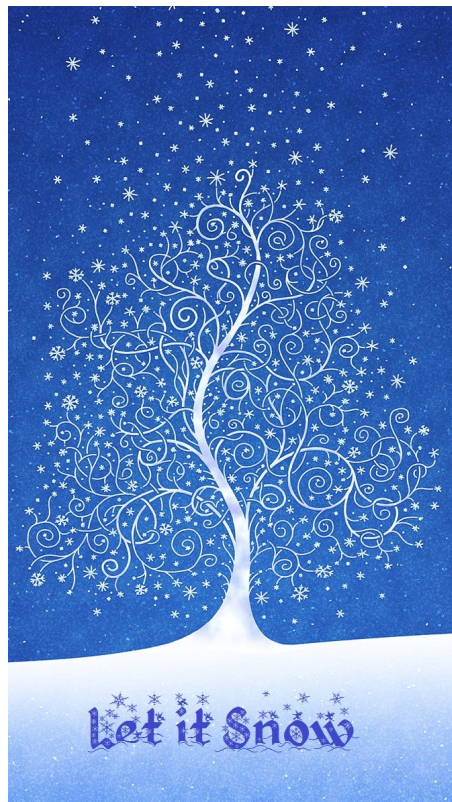


December 3, 2018

# Graham Bruce School News

## School Snow Closure Information

Information regarding school closures in the event of snow, or other emergency situations, will be posted to the Vancouver School Boards website [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) by 6:00 a.m. The Vancouver School Board will also provide this information to the following radio stations by 6:00 a.m. on the morning of the closure: CKNW (980 AM), CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM), CJVB (1470 AM), CFHG (96.1 FM), CKWX (1130 AM). You may also want to watch the morning shows for BCTV/Global (Cable Channel 11) or CITY TV (Cable Channel 13). School closure information is also available online at [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) Please do not call the media outlets to confirm school openings or closures!



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

### IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES:

- Dec. 3—Div. 7 & 8 to Burnaby Village Museum
  - Dec. 4—Indigenous Knowledge Keeper visit to Div. 4 & 5
  - Dec. 4—Books for Me!
  - Dec. 4—School Counsellor Led Parent Evening Series #3
  - Dec. 5—Div. 1 & 2 to Windermere in the morning
  - Dec. 5—Lockdown Drill
  - Dec. 5—Div. 4 & 5 to Windermere in the afternoon
  - Dec. 6—Science Alive CANCODE
  - Dec. 7—Science Alive CANCODE
  - Dec. 7—School Assembly (1:15—2:00)
  - Dec. 10—Science Alive CANCODE
  - Dec. 14—Report Cards Home Today!
  - Dec. 17—Entire School to Metropolis for "The Grinch" Rehearsal
  - Dec. 19—Winter Concert @ 1:15 p.m.—more information to come
  - Dec. 21—Sing-Along School Assembly (11:30—12:10)
  - Dec. 21—Last Day of School before Winter Break. School Dismissed at 3:00 p.m.
- LOOKING AHEAD:**
- Jan. 7—School Re-opens after Winter Break
  - Jan. 15—Fire Drill 10:15 a.m.
  - Jan. 22—Farm Workshop Div. 7 at Bruce for the Afternoon
  - Jan. 28—PRO-D Day, no school for students.

## GB's Remembrance Day Assembly

Our Remembrance Day Assembly was a reflection of our community sharing the need to remember all heroes who have fought and continue to fight for our peace. A big thank you to all staff, classes and student leaders



who made this assembly memorable, meaningful, celebratory and touching.





## VERY IMPORTANT PLEASE READ DO YOU HAVE A CHILD BORN IN 2014? Kindergarten registration starts on November 1<sup>st</sup>

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

**Step 1:** Complete the online registration process at [vsbapplynow.vsb.bc.ca](http://vsbapplynow.vsb.bc.ca) 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 completed both steps in the process. Visit the [Student Registration Page](#) 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.
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.

### 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

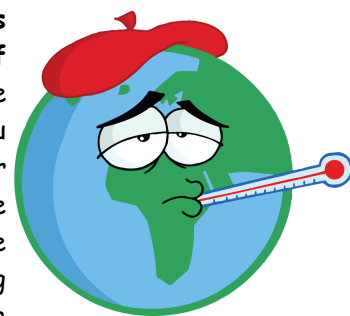
## GB's Volleyball Teams

Our Volleyball Teams consisted of Sr. Girls coached by Ms. Learmonth and Ms. Anne, and Sr. Boys coached by Mr. Tam. We would like to thank the parents who supported our teams, thank you!



## Cold and Flu Season

Regular hand washing is our first line of defense! We are in the midst of the cold and flu season as the poor weather keeps us inside making it easier for the "bugs" to spread among people. The health authorities stress that regular and proper hand washing is an effective prevention process. Parents are asked to keep a child home from school if she/he is ill to prevent the spread of the illness and to provide proper rest and care.



## Extended Vacation Requests from Families during the School Year



Just a reminder to families that if you choose to go on an extended vacation during the school year, teachers are **NOT** expected to provide assignments either before or after, or give any make-up tests or examinations. It is the student's responsibility for learning any content material missed and students will be marked absent during the duration of the time away from school. Please limit your vacation so that your child is absent for a maximum of 30 school days. Please note that Graham Bruce is currently full, and we have had to place students at other schools, so if your child is away for longer than 30 days and a new student registers at the school your space maybe given to the new arrival.

## Important Parental Reminders:

Please call our school at 713-4778 if your child is ill or absent from school. Also, notify our school immediately if your child has a contagious disease. This is for the safety of other students and staff at our school. Thank you. Please check out the Vancouver Coastal Health "Sneezes & Diseases" Resource Book for Parents and Caregivers on the Graham Bruce website or at the following link: [Sneezes and Diseases](#).

Most of our safety procedures rely on our ability to contact you. Have you changed your home, cell or emergency phone numbers? If so, please contact Denise by phone at 604-713-4778 or by email at [dmeyer@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:dmeyer@vsb.bc.ca) to have your information updated.

We also ask that since our weather is so rainy or possibly snowy, that children in **ALL GRADES**, bring an extra set of clothes to school which can stay in the classroom, just in case an accident happens while playing outside. Thanks for your help in this matter.

**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)



# December 2018

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**

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