



December 21, 2018

Graham Bruce School News

Dear Parents/Guardians of Graham Bruce:


We have had a great first term at Graham Bruce, and are looking forward to an even better 2019. We hope you had a chance to see our Winter Concert. Lots of great dances, songs, and rhythm to celebrate the season. It is amazing how many things Graham Bruce students, staff, parents, and outside donors have done in just a month to contribute to our school community. Here is a brief recap:

- On November 8 we had a moving Remembrance Day assembly ably led by Ms. Tsang. The assembly included a group singalong of "Where have all the Flowers Gone".
- Our PAC Multicultural Potluck Dinner took place On November 16. It was great to have a chance to meet so many parents, and to share such delicious food.
- On November 23 all of the students and staff had a chance to "Meet the Grade 7's". Our Grade 7 students made displays about their lives and interests to share. I really enjoyed having a chance to talk with all the students about their interests and goals.
- Our school "Books and Breakfast" program started the end of November. This program was funded by a donation from Vancouver Sun Adopt a School. After a newspaper article about the program, a number of other donors stepped forward to support our school. We really appreciate all these contributions. Thanks to Denise Meyer, who initiated the program, and has been running it on a daily basis.
- From November 26-30, all students had a chance to participate in a creative Dance program put on by Dance P13y. Students were very enthusiastic about these sessions.
- In late November and early December all students had a chance to participate in the Science Alive Cancode workshops where they got a chance to do computer coding activities appropriate to their age level.

On behalf of all the staff at Graham Bruce I would like to wish you a very happy holiday season. We look forward to seeing you on January 7 to start the new year.

Sincerely,

Mr. S. Marlyn, Principal



'He puzzled and puzzled till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. Maybe Christmas, he thought....doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps....means a little bit more!

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

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES:

- **Dec. 21**—Last Day of School before Winter Break. **School Dismissed at 3:00 p.m.**
- **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.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Feb. 6**—"Day of Play"
- **Feb. 8**—School Assembly (1:15–2:00)
- **Feb. 15**—PRO-D Day—No School for Students
- **Feb. 18**—Family Day—School Closed
- **Feb. 21**—Fire Drill—10:15
- **Feb. 21**—School Performance "How the Raven Stole the Sun"
- **Feb. 26**—Div. 7—Farm Visit @ Van. Tech.
- **Mar. 8**—School Assembly (1:15–2:00)
- **Mar. 11–14**—Book Fair
- **Mar. 13**—Parent/Teacher Conferences. Students Dismissed at 2:00 p.m.
- **Mar. 14**—Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- **Mar. 18–Mar. 29**—Spring Break & District Closure Weeks. School Reopens on April 1st, 2019.



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 1st, 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 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. Jaywalking 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.

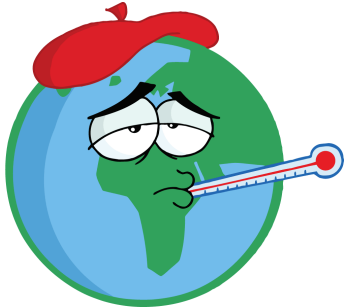
School Code of Conduct

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

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.



Litterless Lunches:

Graham Bruce continues to work towards more 'Green' efforts. In addition to our recycling program, we are now looking to "Litterless" lunches as we help students develop everyday habits that help the Earth. As of January, we will ask all students to bring home their lunch leftovers and wrappers. Some suggestions to promote litterless lunches include:

- use a lunch bag
- provide reusable lunch or snack containers
- cloth napkins and washable cutlery
- reusable sandwich wrappers
- reusable water bottle

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 may be 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 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)



January 2019

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
7	8	9	10	11
Rollerblading Week 1				
14	15 FIRE DRILL—10:15	16	17	18
Rollerblading Week 2				
21	22 DIV. 7 FARM WORKSHOP @ GRAHAM BRUCE	23	24	25 SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 1:15—2:00 PM
28 PRO-D DAY NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	29	30	31	February 1, 2019