

February 1, 2019

Graham Bruce School News



February 6, 2019

RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT THE NECESSITY OF UNSTRUCTURED PLAY

Graham Bruce is excited to participate in Global School Play Day 2019! There is a great deal of research that demonstrates the importance of unstructured, imaginative play as being essential to developing life skills.

Last year, over 3,885,493 students from over 6 continents participated in the Global School Play Day!

It is therefore with pleasure we invite students on Wednesday, February 6th to bring toys from home that will allow them to share their play with one another. The only restrictions: they must bring toys and these toys may NOT require batteries or electricity. No devices. Students can bring board games, dolls, Lego, blocks, trucks, cars, racetracks, playing cards, empty boxes, markers, jigsaw puzzles, blankets (for forts), social games (Charades, Pictionary, etc.) The only exception to the electronics rule would be a board game that has an electronic timer.

For information about Global School Play Day and links to research, go to globalschoolplayday.com

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

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

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES:

Feb. 5—Chinese New Year "Yearof the Pig"

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. 21—PAC Meeting 6:30-

8:00 in the Library

¯ **Feb. 26**—Div. 7—Farm Visit @ □ Van. Tech.

LOOKING AHEAD:

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.

Happy New Year, 恭喜发财, Gong Xi Fa Cai



Graham Bruce PAC News Update - Purdy's Chocolate Sales:

In the month of December, 2018, with the help of our superior staff and teachers at the school, all the children brought home a form to help sell Purdy's chocolates as a fundraiser. Many families were very much happy to help sell the chocolates in the hopes of winning either top sellers in their class or top Division sellers to win a Pizza Party! With 11 divisions in the school, there were many excited sellers. This year the options which were offered were: Milk Chocolate bars, Dark Chocolate bars, Nut Free Chocolate bars and Family Size Milk Almond bars. The PAC is proud to announce the following top sellers in each division:

Division 1: Cyrus and Tristan;
Division 2: Tintera, Henry and Malek;
Division 3: Brandon and Annabelle;
Division 4: Ayaan and Veronica;
Division 5: Fynn and Lily;
Division 6: Rylan and Tyra;
Division 7: Asha, Roger and Xyris;
Division 8: Angel and Simran;

Division 9: Saisha and Rachel; and Division 11: Emily and Jordan.



The winning division who sold the most chocolate bars and will win the Pizza party is - Division 7! Congratulations Division 7! Thank you to everyone in each division for helping to sell Purdy's chocolates. We can confidently inform you that the Milk Almond Bars were a hit - they were all sold out! Due to the festive holidays and everyone gradually returning their regular schedules, we will announce to Division 7 the date of the Pizza party at a later date, as well as the prize for the top sellers in each division. Graham Bruce PAC wishes to thank each and every one of you for all your sales efforts. No matter how big or small your sales were, you all are winners!

Allergies & Medicines:

Please let the school know if your child has a very serious life—threatening allergy or if they regularly take medication so that we can discuss safety procedures with you. Medication may only be administered at school once a "Request for Administration of Medication at School" form has been completed by your child's attending Physician. Once this form has been completed by your Physician the medication will be kept at the school office and the child will see Denise to have the proper doses administered. Please do not allow your child/children to bring any type of medication to school. If it gets into the wrong hands a serious injury could occur.

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 sick (i.e. fever and headaches, vomiting or upset stomach, diarrhea, etc.), to prevent the spread of the illness and to provide proper rest and care. Please note that if your child has vomiting or diarrhea they need to stay home for 48 hours AFTER the last occurrence of either the vomit or diarrhea.

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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Rollerblading at Graham Bruce



Once again our school was able to jump start the new year with Rollerblading gym classes! What a treat it was to watch all the students enjoy a heart happy activity. We at Graham Bruce, the staff and students, would like to thank our wonderful PAC for substantially subsidizing our Rollerblading program. So thanks to the PAC the cost to parents this year was only \$7.00 per student. We would also like to thank Tracy from West Coast Wheel Kids for running this program for us!

Illness or Appointment:

Please call our school at 604-713-4778 if your child is ill or will be absent from school due to an appointment. 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.

Rainy/Snowy Weather:

We also ask that since our weather is so rainy or possibly snowy, that children in <u>ALL</u> <u>GRADES</u>, bring an extra set of clothes to school which can stay in the classroom, just in case an accident happens while playing outside.



Home Contact/Safety Procedures:

Most of our safety procedures rely on our ability to contact you. Have you changed your home, cell or emergency phone numbers? Have you initialized your voice mail on a new cell phone? Have you recently changed your email account from "Yahoo" to "Gmail" or vice versa or an internet provider such as "Rogers" or "Telus" and now have a new email account? If so, please contact Denise by phone at 604-713-4778 or by email at dmeyer@vsb.bc.ca to have your information updated.

Attendance Matters

All of our students need to be at school before 8:55 am each school day and in classes ready to learn by 9:00 am. The first few minutes of the school day set the tone for the whole school day for a child. *Please help us help your*

child learn and grow by making sure that they are at school before 8:55 am. If your child is late or absent, please be sure to call our school either the morning of the absence by 8:45 am or the night before. Parents/caregivers can leave a message on the answering machine (604-713-4778) or with Denise (dmeyer@vsb.bc.ca) that can be relayed to the classroom teacher.

When you are on time it:

- helps increase learning time for all students
- helps increase teaching time for all teachers, and
- helps reduce disruptions in our classes at the start of the day



Windermere After School Programs

Term 2 of the Windermere After School Programs started the week of January 14th, 2019. Our students are partaking in Storytime Arts & Crafts, DIY Life Hacks, Mini Chefs, Piano Lessons and Fastbreak Indoor Soccer. Once again thanks to the Windermere staff and student leaders!

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 arrive by 8:55 a.m. each school day!

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Hot Lunch—Sushi
4	5 Chinese New Year Year of the Pig	6 Day of Play Please bring Toys No Electronics	7 School Nurse Visiting A Deck AM	8 Hot Lunch—Fresh Slice Pizza Day Fire Drill—10:15 a.m. School Assembly 1:15—2:00
11 School Nurse	12 Fire Safety House—	13	14 Gr. 7 Students vs	PRO-D DAY
Visiting A Deck AM	Div. 6, 7, 8		VPD—Volleyball Game at Lunch	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
FAMILY DAY SCHOOL IS CLOSED	19	20	Fire Drill 10:15 School Wide Performance "How the Raven Stole the Sun" PAC Meeting 6:30-	Hot Lunch—Riz Catering Day
25	26	27	8:00 Library 28	
	Div. 7—Farm Visit @Van Tech	Pink Day & Assembly		