



FAMILY BULLETIN

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Dear PW Community,

We're thrilled to share the exciting developments that have unfolded at Prince of Wales throughout the month of April. It's been a period of significant growth and achievement for our students, who have demonstrated remarkable dedication to their studies, excelling not only in academics but also in extracurricular activities and community service initiatives.

In the coming days, our staff will be providing Mid Semester 2 Learning Updates, offering valuable insights into student progress. Additionally, our students will be engaging in personal reflections on Core Competencies, with their insights set to be shared later this week. We kindly request that you mark May 8th on your calendars for Parent-Teacher Conferences, where you'll have the opportunity to gain deeper insights into your child's educational journey.

Behind the scenes, preparations for the upcoming school year are well underway. From crafting timetables to planning transition events to welcome the incoming Grade 8s (Grads of 2029), our team is diligently laying the groundwork. Furthermore, plans for our year-end events and graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2024 are taking shape, promising memorable celebrations ahead. As we are thinking about the end of year, we want to remind families that formal classes end on June 25th and students may be invited in by their teachers to complete any missed work on June 26th/June 27th.

We're delighted to report that our endeavors to define and improve a sense of belonging within our community have been met with resounding positivity and enthusiasm. From engaging in community activities during homeroom sessions to facilitating student forums, we've embraced opportunities to strengthen our bonds. As we prepare to participate in the Ministry of Education's student learning surveys, we eagerly anticipate gathering feedback from families, staff, and students alike. Your invaluable input will inform our future plans and contribute to the enhancement of our school community, as well as aid in the development of our School Learning Plan.

As we embark on the second half of Semester 2, let us celebrate a month of reflection and growth.

~Prince of Wales Administration 

Important Information - Please Translate
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES	
Mon April 22	Professional Development Day (Classes Not in Session)
Tues April 23	Rotation 2 Begins (AM: Period 2- Period 1 PM: Period 3- Period 4)
Thurs April 25	Mid Semester 2 Learning Updates posted to MyEd
Thurs May 2	Graduation Family Info Night (Virtual, 7:00 PM) Register for the virtual event HERE
Wed May 8	Immunization Clinic (Mini Gym) Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00 – 7:30pm (Early Dismissal @ 2:05 PM)
May 9	Grade 12 MADD Presentation, "Final Play", FIT EXTENDED (1:10 PM- 2:15 PM), Auditorium
Fri May 10	Collaborative Day- PM (Classes Dismissed at 1:45 PM)
Fri May 17	Professional Development Day (Classes Not in Session)
Mon May 20	Victoria Day (School Closed-Classes Not in Session)



Sangeeta Kauldher (she/her), David Cacchioni (he/him),
Principal (Grades 8,10,11) Vice Principal (Grades TREK,9,12)

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

We invite all parents/caregivers of PW students to join us for PAC meetings!

PAC Meetings & Events	
Meeting: Monday June 10, 2024 (AGM)	Staff Appreciation Lunch: Friday May 10, 2024

Next PAC Meeting- Monday June 10 @ 7:00 pm Library or Join via Zoom

In person: Library at 7:00 PM on June 10, with refreshments available from 6:30 PM.

Online: Join Zoom Meeting: Link (TBC)



Your active involvement and support are crucial in building a thriving and united school community. We look forward to your presence at these events as we work together to create an enriching educational experience for our children. We encourage all parents to get involved either in attending PAC meetings or volunteering or contributing to events. Please mark these dates in your calendar!

More information can be found on the [PAC webpage](#) along with notes from previous meetings. To sign up for PAC newsletters please visit <https://www.pwpac.org/contact/>



STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY- CAREGIVER FEEDBACK REQUESTED

The Student Learning Survey (SLS) provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. It is the only source of province-wide information about students' learning experiences through the perspectives of students, parents, caregivers, and school staff.

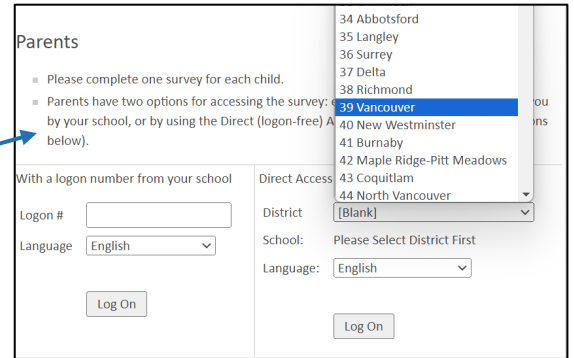
Schools and school districts use the SLS to make informed decisions around long-term planning and goal setting and in providing student supports. Grade 10 & 12 students have been asked to complete this.

Caregivers in our PW community, of students of any grade are asked to complete the SLS. The survey is available online at [Student Learning Survey - Province of British Columbia \(awinfosys.com\)](https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp) in 18 different languages. *The survey will be available until **May 3rd**. Please take 30 minutes to complete this anonymous survey, we appreciate your feedback.*

Instructions:

Logon to : <https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>

- Scroll down to "Parents" Section
- Use option 2 to logon (on the right)
- District Dropdown Menu: Select "39 Vancouver"
- School Dropdown Menu: Select "Prince of Wales"
- Select your preferred language
- Click Logon & complete the survey



PARENT RESOURCES- SACY

SACY (Supporting And Connecting Youth) workers, employees of Vancouver Coastal Health who work in Vancouver schools, are invaluable supports for school communities. Subscribe to their website <https://linktr.ee/sacyresources> to get updates on facilitated workshops and informative caregiver events.

Upcoming Event:

The workshop is titled "**Let's Talk Vaping: Information, Considerations and Impacts**" and is available free of charge for all district parents and caregivers. Keynote speakers include Dr. Milan Khara (Medical Lead at Saint Paul's Hospital Smoking Cessation Clinic) and Lauren Wilkinson (Tobacco & Vapour Reduction Coordinator at Vancouver Coastal Health).

The workshop will take place from 7:00pm - 8:30pm on Tuesday April 23rd, 2024, and will be located at Killarney Secondary School, 6454 Killarney Street, Vancouver.

If you are interested in attending, please register by clicking [HERE](#).

SUMMER LEARNING UPDATE



Please note that registration for Summer School courses opens on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at noon (12:00 pm) and closes on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 11:59 pm. Click [here](#) for the summer registration website. All courses are in-person. Review, Preview, Remedial and ELL courses run from July 3 to July 26, 2024. Completion courses run from

July 3 - August 2, 2024. Please note that course information will be available mid-April. Email questions to the Summer Learning office at: summerlearning@vsb.bc.ca. We also remind any students planning to take summer school, to please let their school counsellor know of their plans. Prince of Wales will be a Summer School host site again this year.

GRADE ASSEMBLIES & UNDERGRAD CELEBRATIONS

We will be asking students to attend assemblies during FIT over the next few week in **Grade Assemblies** to connect as a grade group, have an opportunity for students to share out their learning from the Student Forum and more! Please ensure your child is reminded of these dates. They will also be reminded on the Student Hub and Announcements.

May 6 (AM FIT: 8:40-9:20)- Grade 8 May 7 (PM FIT: 1:22- 2:02 PM)- Grade 10
May 13 (AM FIT: 8:40-9:20)- Grade 9 May 14 (PM FIT: 1:22- 2:02 PM)- Grade 11

We are planning our **Undergrad Celebration** on Tuesday June 25 during Period 1 and 2. Here we will celebrate academic, athletic and person growth achievements of Grades 8-12 students. More details to come,

GRADE 12 INFORMATION

The Grads of 2024 and their families received a Graduation Bulletin with detailed information on the Graduation Ceremony, Prom Dinner Dance, Graduation Requirements and Upcoming Graduation Events. This information is now posted on our website [HERE](#).





A couple key items for Grad of 2024 Families:

Family Information Night: For caregivers, we will be hosting a **Graduation Family Information meeting (Virtual) on May 2 @ 7:00 pm** to review shared information, go over expectations and answer any questions. Please save the date! Register for the virtual event [HERE](#).

Grad Ceremony Message: [FORM](#)- Complete by May 6
Submit your message to be read during the graduation ceremony as you cross the stage. Make sure it's in the third person and contains no more than 50 words. You might want to mention memorable moments, future plans, thank people who have supported you, or offer a reflective statement. Remember, it should be appropriate for a formal occasion.

Grad Keepsake Consent Form: We're creating a special graduation keepsake book this year in lieu of a yearbook. It will feature photos, graduation shots, and signing pages. On June 24th, grads can exchange and sign each other's keepsakes. This gift from the school requires media consent. Please fill out "Gr 12 Personal Info Consent for School Yearbook" on <https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/> by May 24.

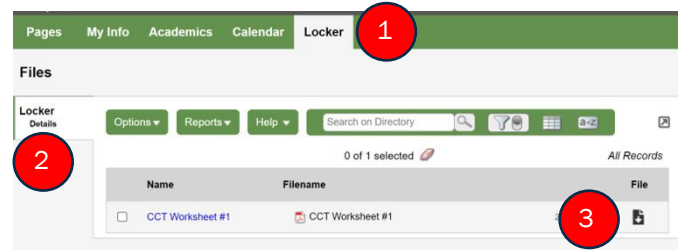
Volunteer Request for Graduation BBQ: During the June 24th Event, we are hoping to have food available for the grads to enjoy while celebrating their last day formal of classes of high school and signing their graduation keepsake book. Please note, last day of school is June 27 and Learning Updates will be published then. **We are looking for parent volunteers to help plan the event.** If you are interested, please email Ms. Kauldher (skauldher@vsb.bc.ca) with any ideas (food trucks, BBQ ideas etc.)

Donation request from the Parent Prom Committee: As parents of high school seniors, you know how much prom means to your children – it's not just a dance; it's a cherished milestone in their lives. We're reaching out to kindly request donations or sponsorships to help make this unforgettable event truly special. If you're interested in supporting the prom, please consider contributing here. Every donation, no matter the size, will make a difference. Visit [SchoolCashOnline](#), where it says "Select a Fund Destination", choose "S-Prince of Wales", enter your amount, **AND in the Message box be sure to type in "PW Prom 2024"**. Tax receipts will be automatically issued for any amount over \$20.

LEARNING UPDATES

Students will receive an **electronic Mid-Semester 2 Learning Update** published to their [MyEducationBC](#) account on **Thursday April 25th**. It **is recommended that you download and save a copy for future reference**.

This reporting period also marks the second of three reporting periods this year where students will post a self-reflection on the [core-competencies](#). Students have worked on this reflection of the personal goal-set in October and will have uploaded the worksheet to their MyEd Student Locker. When you log in to the MyEd Family Portal, (1) click on the "Locker" top tab, (2) then click "Details" side tab to see the uploaded worksheet. (3) Click on the Download icon to access the worksheet. **We encourage parents/guardians to read through and discuss this with your child.**



If your child receives an **IE** (Insufficient Evidence) for any of their classes, it is crucial they review the action plan on their Learning Update and connect with their teacher(s) to develop a plan to demonstrate their learning of the course material. Please note that all work must be submitted prior to the end of the semester to be assessed and evaluated for semester 2 *Summary of Learning* unless specified by the teacher. The end of the semester is the end of the course and teachers are unable to accept and assess work after the semester ends.

Lastly, a reminder to parents/guardians, that many teachers will return assignments in TEAMS (or in paper) with lots of constructive feedback attached. We encourage families to go through these assignments together to look at these valuable learning conversations.

If you have any questions about your child's progress, you are welcome to email the teacher or grade counsellor directly. Click [HERE](#) for our staff directory.

Note: Final Learning Updates will be published June 27th.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place in-person at PW on **Wednesday May 8th, from 5:00 - 7:30 pm**. These appointments are in-person and parents are invited into the school to meet with their child teachers in classrooms in the main building. Booking for appointments will take place online at <https://pw.schoolappointments.com/>

Bell Schedule For Parent Teacher Interviews: <i>Early Dismissal- May 8th, 2024</i>	
Block 1	8:40 AM - 9:45 AM
Block 2	10:00 AM - 11:05 AM
Lunch	11:05- 11:50 AM
Block 3	11:50 AM- 12:55 PM
Block 4	1:00 PM - 2:05 PM

To ensure a smooth process, please register for an account ahead of time and enter your children in preparation for the booking window to open. If you registered already in the fall, you do not register again. If



you need to register for an account, visit <https://pw.schoolappointments.com/> and click on the "REGISTER" tab on the top right. A walkthrough guide for using SchoolAppointments.com can be found [here](#).

The first window to book appointments will be open from **Tuesday April 30th at 7:00 pm to Thursday May 2nd at 9:00 am.** The **second booking window to book appointments will be open from Thursday May 2nd at 7:00 pm to Monday May 6th at 9:00 am.**

In order to give all families an opportunity to connect with teachers, parents will only be able to book a maximum of 2 appointments in the first booking window, and a further 3 appointments in the second registration window. A full-time teacher may have 120 students and only 22 appointment slots available for parent interviews. Interpreters are available in Mandarin, Cantonese and Korean. Please book them on-line simultaneously when you make an appointment with a teacher. If you require a translator in a different language, please connect with Mr. Cacchioni dcacchioni@vsb.bc.ca and we will do our best to support.

If you are unable to book a teacher appointment, please email the teacher directly to plan for an alternate option. All teacher emails can be found on our website [here](#).

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PW?

This week is Earth Week, and our Leadership class will be hosting an Earth Week Challenge week. We encourage all PW students to participate!

Tues April 23	Wed April 24	Thurs April 25	Fri April 26
Friendly commute for the whole week: We encourage the PW Community to walk/bike/carpool to work!	Green Day: Wear green to support awareness of Earth week.	Lights Off Day: Try not to use lights including our classrooms.	Bottle Drive Collection Day: Please bring in empty recyclable cans/bottles for the leadership class to collect. (You can also drop off and bottles in C203 before P1) <i>Note: Money raised will go to the Gardening Club.</i>

Highlighting a few events over the past month...



Eve Lazarus, writer and author of True Crime speaking to classes in the Learning Commons.



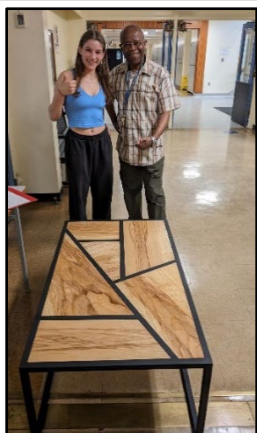
Students at our Spring Dance- enjoying the DJ, photobooth and more! Thanks to Student Council for planning a FUN event!



Mr. Choi with the Regional Poetry in Voice winners, which includes first place to PW's James H. (Grad 2026)

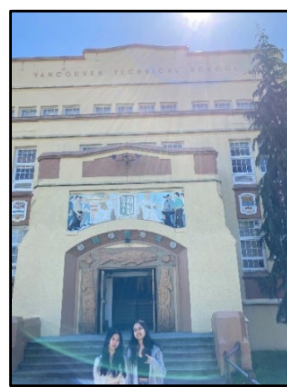


Mr. Cacchioni with our Student Forum participants. Thanks for all the insight on community and belonging! Looking forward to the next session.



Students are creating so many AMAZING things, including coffee tables!

Ellie B. (Grad 2024) with



Kassy & Leila (Grads of 2025) with our Sister School Switch Guest, Sonishi from Van Tech. Leila then got to attend Van Tech for the day and see what other schools are like! Thanks to the Vancouver District Student Council for organizing the event across the district!



GENERAL REMINDERS

Student Absences & Attendance

To report your child's absence, please contact the school at 604-713-8974

Information required:

- Date of absence
- Student number
- Student name
- Reason for absence (ie, sick, appointment)

Please note: Students cannot report their own absence.

Extended Absences

Any students who will be away for an extended period (travel, medical etc.) should contact their grade counsellor to complete an extended absence form. Teachers are not expected to reteach all material and students can complete assessments when they return based on teacher availability and recommendation. We encourage families not to schedule vacations when school is in session. Students should have conversations with their teachers about a plan for success. Please note, end of semester credit-recovery days may be required to complete these assessments.

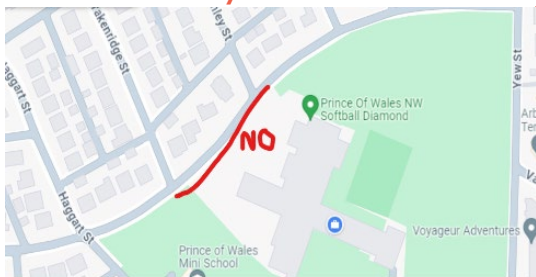
Daily Health Checks

Although there are no formal protocols, we encourage all students and staff to complete a daily health check. If you feel unwell, stay at home. Parents and caregivers are responsible for assessing their children daily before sending them to school. School administrators will ensure staff and other adults know they are responsible for assessing themselves daily for symptoms prior to entering the school.

Student Pick-up/Drop-off

Students bringing their cars to school are required to comply with all Vancouver City traffic and parking by-laws. Students are not permitted to park in the staff parking lots. For reasons of safety, parents/guardians and students are not permitted to use the staff parking areas for drop-off or pick-up purposes. Students should be considerate of neighbours when parking on the street, and to respect "residents only" parking areas. **Note: there are new parking restrictions on Eddington Drive in front of the school, take notice.**

The area directly in front of the school along Eddington Drive is a no-stopping zone.



Please do not pick-up or drop-off students there - stop a block away from the school entrance and have students walk. City by-law enforcement regularly patrols this area and gives electronic tickets for infractions. The number of cars recently seen stopping in this area has led to unsafe conditions for students crossing the road.