



# Emily Carr Elementary School

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We live, work, play and learn on the traditional and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Coast Salish Nations.

## Dear Carr Families and Friends,

Only two weeks remain in this very unusual school year. Thank you for the part you have played in keeping everyone safe and healthy. Please enjoy reading details of some recent and upcoming events.

**June is Indigenous History Month** Recently we all heard the tragic news about the 215 children found buried at the Kamloops Residential School site. Our hearts ache as we honour and remember these children and all who suffered in residential schools. Our thoughts and condolences are with all the families. *We stand in continued commitment to the ongoing reconciliation work that is necessary for the truth to be known and shared through education.*

At school, many staff and students wore orange; we kept our flag at half-mast throughout the week.

## Healing Song



I hope that families were able to view this moving event on Wednesday, June 9 @ 11:10am. If not, here is the link: <https://youtu.be/UoPYNFKaaxs> From the VSB Website: *Songs and singing are deeply important within Indigenous communities. Everyone is invited to listen, reflect, join and witness virtually in healing songs led by Davita Marsden from the Indigenous Education Department at the Vancouver School District on Wednesday, June 9 at 11:10 am as a way to come together and to heal with one another. It is dedicated to the 215 children and families of the Secwépmc and Nlaka'pamux peoples.*

## Pride Month

June is also Pride Month. On their own initiative, students from Div. 3 hand created LGBTQ2+ flags to share with all the classrooms, and they helped create a wonderful SOGI display board. Our staff and students continue to work and learn together to make this a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.



## VSB Stronger Together - Anti-Racism and Non-Discrimination Engagement

A letter was sent to all VSB families this week by the district. Please read it carefully as we are all being strongly encouraged to complete the survey: families, community members, staffs and students - grade 6 -12. For more information, here is a link to the VSB Stronger Together website:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/06cb34560f5641968e4d27227e282206>

## Sports Week At CARR



Sports Week at CARR finished on June 7th, students were divided into different coloured teams and for an hour before our first recess, teams played sports day games and had other competitions. Thank you to Ms Hufty for organizing everything, and to Mr. Wong and the Gr. 7s for their help in creating and running the many fun stations. Thank you also to parents for providing some healthy popsicle treats for the week!

## Grade 7 Year End Event



Friday, June 25 is the day of our Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony. It will occur in the morning, followed by an individually packaged lunch from the Spaghetti Factory and a fun-filled afternoon of Camp type games. PAC photographer Lydia will be on hand taking photographs from a distance. Congratulations to our Gr. 7s as they move on to high school and bright futures!

## The last day of school for students



Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school for students. This is a full day; school will be in session from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Communicating Student Learning (CSL) Year End written reports will go home on this day as well. If your family will be leaving school early, we will hold their report card to be picked up in September. We are not able to mail them or give them to anyone but the legal parent or guardian of the student.

Specific details regarding school opening and the first day of school will be coming to you in late August.



## 2021 Notice of Late Return Form

Parents who know they will be returning to Carr LATER THAN noon on **Wednesday, September 8, 2021** but prior to **September 30, 2021**, must complete this [survey](#) for any student expecting to return to Emily Carr. **If you are returning as usual, there is no need to do anything.**

## The Vancouver Public Library Summer Reading Club is Back!

The VPL Summer Reading Club is a free reading incentive program designed to help kids stay excited about reading over the summer. It also invites them to explore other types of literacies and find ways to participate that best meet their needs. The program starts on June 14<sup>th</sup> – this year's theme is Crack the Case! Kids will have the opportunity to participate in fun library activities over the summer. This year the VPL will be providing virtual programs over Zoom and hopefully some distanced outdoor options as well.

Children and their families will have access to many theme-related books in accessible formats, including audio and ebooks. Library staff can help with access to these materials. For general book recommendations, check out the VPL's Summer Reading Club themed booklists.



Registration is online (<https://bcsrc.ca/>) and children can also visit the library to receive a reading record and to collect their medal at the end of the summer! For resources and more information about the BC SRC, please visit the library's website ([vpl.ca/kids](http://vpl.ca/kids)) or the BC SRC Kids' website ([bcsrc.ca](http://bcsrc.ca)).

Here is a helpful video that explains what the program is all about and how to register:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLZlshAvzh4>



**Thank you to PAC for all the behind the scenes work this year. It has not been an easy year in terms of fundraising and organizing. We wish our outgoing Chair Katie McConnell the very best and thank her for her many years of service at Carr. Katie, we know you'll still be around though! Welcome to our incoming Chair - Roy Quinones, Vice Chair and**

**New Family Liaison - Charlotte Wilkinson, Angela Waterlow as Secretary and Alex Cheng as Treasurer. PAC email: emilycarrpac@gmail.com**

## Good-byes...

To students moving on at the end of the school year, including our Grade 7s – we will miss you and we wish you the very best in your future endeavours.

Mr. Eric Hartman – our dear Mr. Hartman is moving on to grace another school with his many talents. Eric, you will be missed by staff, students and the community!

Ms Sidoropoulos – thank you so much for being with us this year in Mr. Hartman’s Gr. 2 class. You made a difficult year that much better with your kind heart and unending patience.

Ms MacKenzie – you wore many hats this year – Gr. 5/6 teacher, Learning support and Prep. Thank you for your unflagging energy and your willingness to pivot!

Renee Unruh – we enjoyed your support on Wednesdays in the office. Best of luck to you!

**Carr welcomes** Mrs. Surbjit Bains to our Learning Support Team. Mrs. Bains brings a wealth of experience with her and is excited to join the community.

### June Checklist for Parents:

1. Please return to school any textbooks, library books or iPads you may have borrowed by June 29<sup>th</sup>.
2. If you are returning later than noon on **September 8, 2021** but prior to **September 30, 2021**, please complete this [survey](#) for any student expecting to return to Carr.
3. **CSL reports will come home with students on the last day of school, June 29<sup>th</sup>.** Reports not picked up will be held until September. We cannot accommodate requests for electronic copies or mail out.
4. Please check the school website at the end of August for important new information. Please ensure that we have the correct email address for any electronic communications sent from school.

### **Important Dates:**

June 29<sup>th</sup>: Last day for students  
June 30<sup>th</sup>: Administrative Day  
July 1<sup>st</sup>: Canada Day  
Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>: First day of school

And now....

## Learning Commons with Teacher Librarian Mrs. Booth:

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE RETURNED THEIR BOOKS ON TIME. **OVERDUES OVERDUES AND OVERDUES.** PLEASE RETURN THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OR CONTACT MRS. BOOTH ([lbooth@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:lbooth@vsb.bc.ca)) DIRECTLY IF THEY ARE MISLOCATED. WE HAVE LESS THAN 2 WEEKS.

Thank you to all the families and students for your support this year in the Learning Commons. Our final term continues to be filled with collaboration, excitement, and learning. See work below from Div. 5 and Div. 14

### **Mr. Ahn’s Div. 5 Spaghetti Building Challenge**

Build a spaghetti bridge 50 cm in length that can sustain a 1 kg weight for 1 minute. All of the teams worked to make it to round 2 and several even went on to round 3. The final winner was based on which bridge was the lightest.

Student Reflections: *If I was going to do this again, the weight doesn't really matter - the supports are important. Iris I learned the bottom bit is more important than the triangles on the top. They gave more support to the bottom. It's helpful because it's the main support.* Hayden



1<sup>st</sup> place Rojus, Iris, Michael

2<sup>nd</sup> place Olivia C, Dylan and Sam

3<sup>rd</sup> place Hayden Zeynep Sophie



Ms. McClenahan's Div. 14: Airplanes, Airplanes, Airplanes. Students are learning about why airplanes fly through forces like thrust, lift, drag and weight. They made 3D models of airplanes and then will test out several types of paper airplanes in the last couple of weeks.



Finally.....

BOOKS GIVE A SOUL TO THE UNIVERSE, WINGS TO THE MIND, FLIGHT TO THE IMAGINATION, AND LIFE TO EVERYTHING. - PLATO

Re-enacting The Heartwood Hotel, Mona the mouse, by Kallie George.

Chloe Div. 7 and Jackson Div. 14



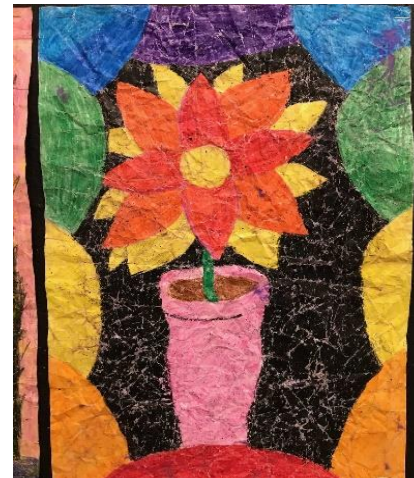
**DIVISION 3:** In honour and respect, following the tragic discovery of the graves of 215 Indigenous children at the former Kamloops Residential School.



**DIVISION 11:** We have been studying shapes in traditional Northwest Coast Art and students were asked to decorate the inside of a whale. According to the story *The Six Cedar Trees* by Margot Lindahl (published by Strong Nations Publishing), the whale symbolizes belonging and family which I hope will lead to the path of healing.



**DIV. 6: CRACKED WAX RESIST**



Have a wonderful summer!