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Newsletter

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Principal's Message:



It's hard to believe that December is here already! Where has the time gone? It's a very busy and exciting time of year! The excitement and anticipation for the programs and activities surrounding the coming holiday season is absolutely evident at Waverley Elementary!

Welcome back to Ms. Nijjar who has returned to work in the library and a big thank you to Ms. Dhillon who was in for Ms. Nijjar while she was on maternity leave. A big welcome to Ms. Lani Morden who will be the new principal of Waverley starting January 1st, 2022. I know Ms. Morden will love the Waverley community.

Snow Closures:

In the event that schools are closed due to weather conditions, the Vancouver School Board will contact the following radio and television stations to make an announcement by 6 am:

- * CKNW (980AM)
- * CKWX (NEWS 1130AM)
- * FAIRCHILD RADIO (CJVB AM 1470/CFHG FM 96.1)
- * CBC RADIO (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
- * BCTV/Global
- * CITY TV

In addition, information on snow closures will be available online at

www.vsb.bc.ca.



Supervision of Students and Reminder To Send Lunches With Children:



Students are supervised before school from 8:45 am to 9:00 am and after school from 3:00 pm to 3:15 pm. Children should not arrive before 8:45 am or leave after 3:15 pm.

A reminder to all families and students to arrive as close to the bell time as possible and to leave as soon as students are dismissed. Thank you for your cooperation.



Also, a reminder to please send lunches to the school with the children in the morning.

Fall Weather and Rainy Days:



With the change of seasons comes a change in weather. Students will be going outside for recess and lunch, so please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the colder, wetter weather. Since the students are picked up and dropped off on the gravel field, please send them with an umbrella if the weather will be rainy. Thank you for your support.

Student Pick Up/Drop Off and Parking:

There has been a lot of congestion around the school at pick up and drop off times as well as vehicles being parked or stopped illegally, especially on Waverley Street. We have had several concerns relayed back to the school from neighbouring schools and care homes as well as the general community. Please see the attached safety reminder sheet below. Remember to always choose safety over convenience. Also, you might want to consider parking far from the school and walking to and from the car; the extra walk for you and your children can be a nice opportunity to catch up on the school day. It's healthy too!

Pedestrian Safety Reminder

For the safety of the children, please drive carefully and obey traffic signs around school grounds. The following are traffic signs that are typically posted around Vancouver schools.



“NO STOPPING 8am - 5pm SCHOOL DAYS”

These signs designate the zones where vehicles are not permitted to stop under any circumstances. These zones are kept clear to provide good sight lines for drivers to see students and students to see drivers.



“NO PARKING 8am - 5pm SCHOOL DAYS”

These signs designate the zones for active picking up and dropping off of students. Do not park and leave the vehicle in these zones.



School Area Signs

This sign is used in advance of school to warn drivers that children may be walking along or crossing the road. On local streets 30 km/hr signs are posted and the speed limit is 30 km/hr from 8am - 5pm on school days.



School Crosswalk Signs

A school crosswalk sign indicates where children will be crossing the road. Vehicles must yield to pedestrians at all intersections and crosswalks. Vehicles must remain stopped until children are safely across and on the curb. Please remember children are playful and impulsive and may enter the roadway suddenly.



School Safety Patrols

School safety patrols direct and help students cross at intersections near schools. The school safety patrols are given important responsibilities and follow established procedures to help to ensure the safety of students. Please respect the patrol.

Traffic Safety Tips for Parents

Encourage walking, cycling, or carpooling to school. If you must drive, park a couple of blocks away and walk to the school. Reduce traffic congestion and make school zones safer.



Please remember that the staff parking lot is for VSB staff and is not to be used to drop off or pick up zone. Thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter.

Waverley Strong Start:

Do you have 0-5 year olds at home? Come join us for a morning fun at Waverley StrongStart!



Waverley StrongStart is back open from 9:30am-11:30am **Monday to Friday** and still has space for new and returning families! StrongStart is a **free drop-in** program, and we can accommodate up to 10 families each day on a first come first served basis. If you are looking for something to do in the morning with your babies, toddlers, and preschoolers, come join us anytime! For more information, please scan this QR code or check our website at <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/programs/strong-start>



PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) Meeting:



This past PAC meeting was held on Tuesday, November 16th. An election was held for the PAC Executive Committee:

Chairperson – Glenn Nicholson

Treasurer – Peggy Porter

Secretary – Holly Cruise

Members at Large – Dora Kwon, Tak Ko

Thank you to these parents who have volunteered their time to support our school community! The next PAC meeting will be January 26th, 2022. PAC meetings are set for the remainder of the school year on the 4th Wednesday of every month. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Waverley PAC Return-It Fundraiser information:

Help raise funds for Waverley students by collecting refundable cans & bottles!

Bring your bags of clean empties to school on the last Thursday of every month. The next drop off date is Friday, December 17th between 8:30 and 9:15. Bring your returnables to the North entrance on Elliott Street and 46th (The entrance with the ramp). A PAC volunteer will collect the bags. NO BAG? Don't worry. Just bring your empties in your own bag from home, and we will provide a receptacle for them.



The Waverley Elementary School Parents Advisory Council has a fundraising page for Waverley PAC 2021 Fundraiser on Indigo. Every time we shop online through our group's fundraising page, Waverley PAC 2021 Fundraiser earns cash back! It's that easy. All funds raised will go towards the needs of the school.

If we work together, we'll meet our \$1,000 goal in no time.

Join our fundraiser now using our **invite code QTP4MM** at [Indigo](#)



Watch for information about our Read-A-Thon Fundraiser coming in January!

The Waverley Read-A-Thon will help fund much needed technology updates for our classrooms. The iPads and Apple TV's will support student learning by engagement in interactive, curriculum based, individual and group activities and projects.

Thank you for your support!

Questions? Email wavepac@gmail.com

Kindergarten Registration Procedures 2022-2023:

Applications for Kindergarten for the 2022 – 2023 year have begun. Catchment students applying for registration between November 1st, 2021 through January 31st, 2022 will be given first consideration over those who apply later. If you have a child born in 2017 or know someone that will have a child attending Kindergarten in September 2022 please register them during the above time frame in order to help guarantee your child's placement in their home school.

All kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or a cross boundary placement.

The priority registration period for Kindergarten opened on November 1 and closes at 4 pm on January 31st. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants. Applying for kindergarten is a 2-step process:

Step 1: Completion of an online application form

Step 2: Verifying documentation

- Contact your English catchment school office to set up an appointment to bring your supporting documentation
- Bring supporting documentation to your English catchment school office during your scheduled appointment

Supporting documents needed:

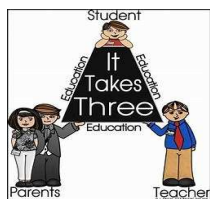
1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records
5. Court orders/documents (if applicable)

If you want to apply for a District program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for District programs and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2022.

For more information on kindergarten registration visit: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>.



Communicating Student Learning:



Communicating Student Learning is about more than simply the written report cards. Communicating Student Learning (CSL) is an ongoing process of communicating to parents using strengths-based language about their child's learning in specific reference to the student's strengths, their areas for growth, and a plan for further support with the goal of advancing student learning, not simply reporting it. While the minimum requirement is for 5 communications overall, the majority of teachers regularly communicate far more often. As to written progress reports, they should be viewed simply as 2 of the required communications but in written form and are meant to work alongside the other communications.

- **All schools/teachers will be issuing two formal written reports** for the 2021-2022 school year in January 2022 and June 2022. Waverley will be sending reports home on Friday, January 28th, 2022.
- Letter grades in grades 4-7 will be replaced with reporting student achievement on a proficiency scale. The report will include:
 - Descriptive Written Comments addressing:
 - Student Learning Strengths
 - Areas for Growth

- Ways to Support Learning
- Student Competency Scale (In Relation to Grade Level Expectations):
 - BEGINNING to acquire knowledge, skills, strategies and processes
 - DEVELOPING the ability to apply knowledge, skills, strategies and processes
 - APPLYING knowledge, skills, strategies and processes consistently
 - EXTENDING knowledge, skills, strategies and processes creatively and strategically
- The scale is not an equivalent to grades, more importantly, it is meant to provide descriptive feedback that supports growth.

Mark your Calendar for these upcoming dates:



Monday, December 6th
 Friday, December 17th
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 Tuesday, January 4th
 Monday, January 17th
 Friday, January 28th
 Monday, January 31st

BC Agriculture in the Classroom Mandarin Orange delivery
 Bring your returnables to the school for the PAC Fundraiser 8:30 – 9:15 am
 Last day of school before the winter holidays. Students dismissed at 3 pm.
 School reopens after winter holidays.
 Professional Development Day, no school for students on that day.
 Reports Home
 Kindergarten priority registration closes at 4 pm