

GRENFELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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GRENFELL IS MOVING TO SOUTH HILL!



Starting on **January 6th, 2025** (the first day of school after the winter break), Grenfell will be temporarily accommodated at South Hill swing site while the school is going through substantial upgrades. Grenfell has served the community since March 2, 1956 but needs seismic upgrade. All seismic upgrades and replacements of schools are



funded by the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The Ministry allocated \$29.2 million to seismically upgrade Grenfell.

A bus service to and from Grenfell Elementary will be provided while students are at the swing site (5987 Prince Albert Street). Bussing information was shared with families on December 11th. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions regarding the bus service.

GRENFELL JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT BUSINESS SHOW (JA BC)

On December 13 students in Divisions 1, 2 and 3 hosted the Business Show at the school showcasing their hard work over the past few weeks. Our school gymnasium was turned into a Winter Marketplace featuring crafts and items created by the students. Ten percent of the proceeds will be donated to support the Food Bank. Junior Achievement British Columbia is a program that teaches students financial literacy and entrepreneurial skills. Students work cooperatively designing and creating their products from the very beginning. They learn to budget, market, and interact with potential customers in the process of selling their products. We would like to thank all families and Grenfell students who supported the Grade 6 and 7s for their efforts.



WINTER CONCERT TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON

All parents and guardians are invited to attend the Winter Concert performed by students this **Thursday, December 19 at 1:15pm**. Doors will open at 1:00pm. Parents/guardians who arrive prior to 1:00pm are reminded to line up outside the main entrance. Families are welcome to donate to support our music program. We are looking forward to seeing parents and guardians at the concert.



LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found is filling up with winter clothes and accessories left behind by students. We will move Lost and Found to the Lunchroom this Thursday, on the day of the winter concert, to make it easier for parents to retrieve their child's lost items. A reminder to label your child's belongings! Items such as clothes, hats, mitts, water bottles, lunch kits or umbrellas can be easily returned if they are labeled. A simple way to label your child's items at school is to put your child's name and div # on a piece of masking tape and stick to their belongings.

RAINY AND COLD SEASON IS HERE



Students are reminded to dress warmly for outdoor activities during recess and lunch. Rain gear and winter clothing are recommended at school. For younger students, it's a good idea to send a set of spare clothes to change into in case they get wet. For older students who need to wear shorts for gym classes and after school sports: please have them bring a pair of pants for outside at recess and lunch. Thank you for your support.

PURDY'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER



Thank you for supporting the Purdy's chocolate PAC fundraiser. We sold over \$2200 worth of chocolate! The PAC's profit was \$574.09! Thank you for to the Grenfell families for supporting the Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser. Thank you to Grenfell PAC for organizing this fundraising event to support our school. Special thanks to the PAC fundraising coordinator, Patricia Sharma for coordinating this fundraiser. Thank you to Caitlin Glass and Vanni Pheng for sorting and bagging the chocolate.

COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING (CSL) REPORT CARDS

Students will receive three reports from the teachers. The three reports include two Learning Updates and one Summary Report in June. The first Learning Updates were sent home yesterday, December 16. The next Learning Updates will go home on March 10, 2025. In addition, there are two conferences with families to discuss your child's progress. Please be reminded that you're welcome to connect with your child's teacher or myself anytime regarding your child's progress at school. If you have any questions about the Learning Updates that went home recently, please do not hesitate to connect with your child's classroom teacher. As mentioned in an email to families, there is an information session for all elementary parents and guardians to learn more about the report cards (this evening) December 16, 2024, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Where: [Online Information Session](#)

SNOW CLOSURES DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

When the school is closed due to the bad weather, the Board will post information about snow closures by 6:00 am on the website at www.vsb.bc.ca and will inform local media stations, including:

- CKNW (980 AM)
- CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
- BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11)
- CITY TV (Cable channel 13)
- CIVB (1470 AM)
- CFHG (96.1 FM)
- CKWX (1130 AM)

Parents are encouraged to check the VSB website or listen to the radio/TV stations listed above to learn about school closures.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, December 19

Winter Concert at 1:15 pm (doors open at 1:00pm)

Friday, December 20

Last Day of instruction before winter vacation

Monday, January 6

School re-opens after winter break (at **South Hill**)

Wednesday, January 15

Pro-D Day (students do not attend)



We wish you a peaceful and joyful holiday season. All the best for 2025!