



LORD STRATHCONA ELEMENTARY

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JANUARY & FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Strathcona Families,

As we springboard into the second half of the school year, things certainly have not slowed down in terms of how busy Strathcona is. We are in the midst of relaunching PBIS (Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports) at Strathcona as a school wide initiative, and the students have successfully participated in Dragon Training, PBIS assemblies, and are taking part in the Kindness Challenge! Target areas as a school include hallway etiquette, cafeteria expectations, kind and respectful behaviour, and taking care of our school grounds and classroom environment.

Report cards went home last week, and we look forward to seeing many of you at February parent-teacher conferences next week!

February 1st also was busy with the launch of the Seamless Day Childcare pilot project with a before and after school care program with our amazing ECE team of Vashti and Ina.

It has been great to be a part of Strathcona basketball this past two months! Really impressed by the athletic improvement and school spirit exhibited by both teams. A special thanks to all the coaches that dedicate their time to support Strathcona sports.

Finally, I want to quickly introduce Pam Fernandes, our new vice principal. She is settling in quite nicely at Strath since the beginning of January. Pam has been teaching in various roles in both Ontario and British Columbia for over 15 years. The most recent 7 years have been spent as a counsellor in independent, and public secondary, and elementary schools. She is a Registered Clinical Counsellor and has her own private counselling practice. Pam is passionate about mental health and inclusion and believes everyone has a right to mainstream education. Pam uses a trauma informed lens to guide her practice and values relationship building as the foundation for creating safe and caring school environments. She is an active participant in the disability advocacy arena as a board member and committee member of two local disability organizations. Pam is also a parent of two young children ages 5 and 3, and looks forward to working with the Strathcona community.

Take care,

Jason Eng
Principal Strathcona

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

Students are supervised before school from **8:45 AM to 9:00 AM** and after school from **3:00 PM to 3:20 PM**. Children should not arrive before 8:45 AM or leave after 3:20 PM unless specifically requested to do so as part of an organized/supervised activity, otherwise they will be unsupervised.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Please remember to exercise caution when dropping off or picking up children from school. Familiarize yourself with restricted areas and avoid double parking and U-turns. Remind your children not to run between cars to cross the street. Please acknowledge and respect all traffic signs and parking regulations. Thank you for your cooperation in not doing student drop off in the staff parking lot.





DIGITAL RESPONSIBILITY

The following link is a guide for parents on digital responsibility. A wonderful resource to support families at home.

<https://saferschoolstogether.com/news-events/raising-digitally-responsible-youth-a-parents-guide/>

REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR KINDERGARTEN



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2018 begins on November 1.

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.

This year, children born in 2018 are eligible for kindergarten registration and will go to school starting September 2023.

The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **November 1 and ends on January 31**. Kindergarten applications received at any point within the priority enrolment time frame will be part of the priority enrolment period. 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

- Bring supporting documentation to your English catchment school office

Supporting documents needed:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child’s birth certificate
3. Applicable Immigration/Citizenship/Permanent Resident Documentation
4. Immunization records (if available)
5. Court orders/documents (if applicable)



If your child was born outside of Canada, you will need to go to the [VSB District - Newcomer Welcome Centre](#) and complete the initial registration there.

CROSS BOUNDARY REGISTRATION

Students in the Vancouver School District are allowed to register at a school outside of their catchment area as a cross boundary applicant. Cross boundary applications will only be considered after all in-catchment students have been accommodated.

How to Apply Cross Boundary:

Step 1: You MUST register at your English Catchment School BEFORE submitting a cross boundary application.

Step 2: [Complete an online Cross Boundary Application form](#)

Step 3: The school will inform you of the status of your cross boundary application by: March 31



	OPENS	CLOSES
CROSS BOUNDARY APPLICATION PERIOD No late or early applications will be accepted	Monday, February 1	Monday, February 28

Please note that the online Cross-Boundary Application form is for English program cross-boundary applications only. French Immersion cross-boundary applications are submitted directly to French Immersion school offices.

For more information: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5198/cross-boundary-application>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



WHAT'S GOING ON AT STRATHCONA

Wednesday, February 15	Parent/Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal (2PM)
Thursday, February 16	Parent/Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal (2PM)
Friday, February 17	Pro-D Day – no school for students
Monday, February 20	Family Day – school not in session
Wednesday, February 22	Pink Shirt Day
Monday, March 13 – Friday, March 24	Spring Vacation – school not in session
Monday, March 27	School Reopens after Spring Vacation

STUDENT SHOWCASE



Division 23

Div. 23 has been sharing about how to be the best Strathcona dragon we can be! We made a poster with different ways we can take care of others and show kindness.

On our recent field trip to Sun Yat Sen we learned dragons are fierce but kind creatures. With the help of our buddy class in Div. 2 we made a large dragon using lucky colours and mixed media. We also made rabbits celebrating the Chinese zodiac year of the Rabbit.



Dragon Training

Strathcona held a school wide Dragon Training Day on February 7 and 8. Students learned proper hallway etiquette, cafeteria expectations, and how to put in practice our school code of conduct – taking care of others, ourselves, and our school. We held an assembly to acknowledge and celebrate the effort students have put in. A prize draw was held. Congratulations to our first winners! More winners to come.



Strathcona Basketball

Strathcona basketball players joined Britannia Secondary's senior team to celebrate their love of basketball.

