



Laurier Elementary School

February News

2024-2025

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With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy'əm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Principal's Message

Happy Lunar New Year, Laurier Families!

As we welcome February, I want to reflect on the values that make our Laurier School community special. Guided by our Laurier Code of Conduct, we emphasize respect, responsibility, and safety. These principles are at the heart of everything we do, and we are proud to see our students SOAR as they embody them.

Today, we celebrated Monochrome Day, where students and staff wore a single colour of choice. The splash of colour was especially welcome on such a grey, rainy day. The day was a great success, thanks to the Soar Committee! We're looking forward to our next spirit day already!

February brings significant events such as Black History Month, Valentine's Day, and Pink Shirt Day. Our teachers will highlight Black History Month through lessons and presentations on the history, contributions and achievements of black Canadians and black people worldwide. We are committed to making equity, diversity, and inclusion part of our learning every month. Pink Shirt Day is on February 26th. Students are encouraged to wear pink to raise awareness about bullying and promote messages of friendship and positivity. We are stronger together when we share kindness and inclusion.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we are nurturing a positive and welcoming environment at Laurier where all our students can thrive.

Warm regards,

Geri Gruft
Principal

School Closures Due to Severe Weather



Be in the know, winter is coming!

Follow VSB on social media to stay updated about school closures due to severe weather.

During extreme weather conditions (heavy snowfall, extreme cold, freezing rain, extreme heat, etc.) VSB schools will remain open if possible.

If a District-wide closure is necessary, it will be announced by 6:30 a.m.

Stay updated:

Facebook: Vancouver School Board

Instagram: @vsb39

X: @vsb39

VSB website: vsb.bc.ca

Student Learning Survey: Grade 4 and 7

The **Student Learning Survey** in British Columbia is an annual online survey designed to gather feedback from students in Grades 4, 7, 10, and 12, their parents, and school staff about their educational experiences. The survey aims to collect valuable insights to help improve the educational system. It is voluntary and anonymous. Parents can complete the survey for each child they have in the specified grades. The data collected is used by schools, districts, and government ministries for planning and research. Your participation is highly valued as it contributes to enhancing the educational experiences for all students in British Columbia. Parents can participate in the survey by going to this link and choosing our district and school from the drop-down menu.

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

Returning to Laurier Next Year?

We are gathering data to determine enrollment numbers for next school year. If you haven't already, thank you for completing the form, linked below, for every K-6 student that you have currently attending Laurier.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WC6KCzB7CEq6t9dVWeDjpYMD34LdFQ1DomvQTs-w9npUQjVZWkiOT0FFUVk0OEZZNFVHRTNYSUxWVC4u>

Important Dates

- Wednesday, February 12th – **Laurier PAC Family Dance Party. Ticket info below!!**
- Friday, February 14th - **Professional Development Day** for Staff. No school for students.
- Monday, February 17th – **Family Day Holiday**. School closed.
- Tuesday, February 18th – **PAC Meeting Via Google Meets**
- Friday, February 28th – **First day of Ramadan**
- Friday, March 7th – **Intermediate Spring Concert**
- Monday, March 10th – **Written Learning Update #2** Goes Home
- Tuesday, March 11th – **PAC Meeting**
- Friday, March 14th – **Last Day of Instruction before March Break**
- Monday, March 31st – **School Re-Opens after March Break**

PAC News



Family Dance Party

The PAC organized **Family Dance Party** is coming up quickly!

On Wednesday, February 12, 2025 from 5pm to 7:30, students and parents can dance the evening away with DJ Rock 'N'Beau. Tickets are available today via your child's SchoolCash account, <https://www.schoolcashonline.com/>. We're looking forward to a fabulous Laurier community event!

Laurier Pink T-Shirt and Sweatshirt Sale starting soon!

Order Laurier SOAR T-Shirts and Sweatshirts in Pink just in time for this **year's Pink Shirt Day** on Wednesday, February, 26th. Our pink shirt sale will start next Monday February 3rd.

Order your shirts at <https://munchalunch.com/schools/laurier> (our hot lunch and fundraising order system). Payment is by e-transfer. Ordering will close at 9pm on February 15th, so be sure to order soon! Shirts will be delivered to students in their classrooms on Monday February 24th.

We believe that any Laurier student who would like a t-shirt should have one and the cost of a shirt should not prevent a student from having one - Please email us in this regard at laurier.pac@gmail.com or if you have any other questions or need help ordering.

HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Join the Hot Lunch Program: A Delicious Way to Make a Difference!

By dedicating just a small portion of your time, you can help ensure the ongoing success of our Hot Lunch Program. We are looking for 2-3 volunteers daily from Mondays to Fridays between 11:30AM to 12:00PM and Volunteers review orders and deliver them to the classrooms. Training and Orientation will be provided! Follow this link to sign up: <https://volunteersignup.org/9W8F3>
For more information, feel free to contact the PAC Hot Lunch team by email at laurier.hotlunch@gmail.com.

PEDALHEADS DISCOUNT:

Laurier has obtained a special discount from Pedalheads that can be used for bike, trail, swim or soccer programs for spring or summer. Registration has now started. Any Laurier family who wants to attend these programs at Pedalheads will receive a \$25 discount if they use the code **25LAURIER**. This code is valid for any pedalheads program, <https://pedalheads.com/en/british-columbia> in BC until June 30, 2025.



Laurier PAC 2025 Direct Appeal Fundraising – Please see the PAC news email sent to families on Monday, January 27th.

Next PAC Meeting - Tuesday, February 18th 2025 at 6:30pm via Google Meets

We will share more information including the meeting link and an agenda prior to the meeting. We hope to see you there!