

Graham Bruce Elementary News

May 1, 2020

Dear Graham Bruce Families,

This week, the district gave us the OK to invite families to pick up student belongings. This is not required, but is an option for those who wish to do so. Many teachers came to the school to organize items in their classrooms, and it was so nice to see them!

If you have not picked up your child's belongings, and you would like to collect them this week, please contact your child's teacher. We can arrange a time for you to come to the school – always with health and safety in mind! Please note that, for safety reasons, only students will be permitted to enter the building. Some teachers have organized safe pick-up from outside the school, so there should not be a need to enter the building.

I hope you are staying healthy and safe.

Sincerely,
Karen Noel-Bentley
Principal

Student Accounts – Office 365

As students access and use their VSB Office 365 accounts, please remember the following:

- You can download the Office 365 apps (including Word, PowerPoint, Teams, etc.) for free from your child's online Office 365 account. As long as your child is a VSB student, you will be able to use these resources for free.
- If you have not already done so, please change your child's password from the default, "student". You can change it at <https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca/>
 - NOTE: You will need your child's 9-digit PEN number (please ask your child's teacher if you do not have it) and birth date.

School Code of Conduct

At Graham Bruce School we care for and respect:

Ourselves
Others
Our Community

Continuity of Learning

As we continue with our learning from home, your child's teachers have been in regular communication to support your child with their learning.

Please note that the Vancouver School Board has a website dedicated to supporting families with continuity of learning. I encourage you to take a look, and check it regularly as it is being continually updated.

www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Learning/Continuity_of_Learning

Looking Ahead

The provincial response to the pandemic has been communicated regularly in the media. This leads to natural questions about when we will re-open. While we continue to work on effective connection, communication, and learning from afar, we are also working on plans for the eventual return to school. We do not have a timeline, but we will be ready when the time comes to welcome our students back to school.

As always, the health and safety of our students, staff, and families are our first priority. Any plan that is implemented will ensure that health and safety are the driving force.

We will maintain regular communication about plans and procedures for the next two months, and thinking ahead to the fall. Updates will be posted on the school website and the Vancouver School Board website.

Please take a look at the May 1st video update from Superintendent Suzanne Hoffman. It can be found on the VSB website, and will be sent as a link in an email to all Bruce families.

www.vsb.bc.ca

Superintendent: Ms. Suzanne Hoffman

Director of Instruction: Mr. Aaron Davis

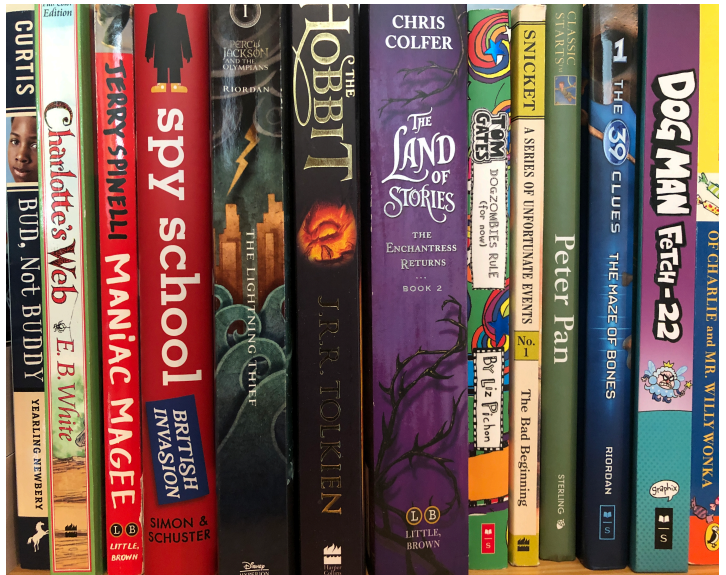
Liaison Trustee: Mr. Allan Wong

Principal: Ms. Karen Noel-Bentley (604-713-4778 or knoelbentley@vsb.bc.ca)

Secretary: Ms. Denise Meyer (604-713-4778 or dmeyer@vsb.bc.ca)

Graham Bruce Library Newsletter

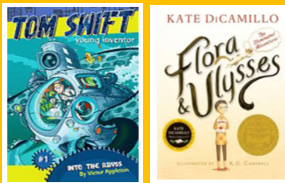
April 30th, 2020



During this difficult time, reading is a great way to take an adventure without leaving your home!

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

- Dr. Seuss (I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!)




Check out one of these, or other books on the VPL free access to [Tumblebooks](https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/BooksList.aspx?categoryID=227) (https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/BooksList.aspx?categoryID=227)

VSBC Library Access

Students have access to Databases/Subscriptions and other useful links. Including World Book Encyclopedia, Atlases, Bookflix, etc

VSBC library site: <https://library.vsb.bc.ca>

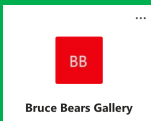
Then choose Graham Bruce Community School

Students can  using their student # and password (same as their email but without the @...)

If the site requires, **ID: 39bu password: library**

NOTE: temporary Vancouver Sun

ID: vsbforip@vsb.bc.ca password: newspaper1 (until June 30)



What are you Reading?

There is a new student and staff Book Review channel on Bruce Bears Gallery Team for grades 1-7. Students are encouraged to write a review of a book they have recently read (novel, graphic novel, picture book, non-fiction, magazine). The review should include the title, author, a short summary and a rating out of 5 stars.

April is a great time to go outside and fly a kite!

Check out children's author, Oliver Jeffers, reading his own book about an adventure flying a kite - [Stuck](#)

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hipx6HJs4XQ>)

