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Dear Grandview/łuuqinak'uuh Community:

It is hard to believe that we have been back in school for a month. September is always an exciting and busy time at schools. We hope that everyone has settled into their routines. We look forward to all the events October will bring.

A reminder that students have a designated drop-off and pick-up schedule and location which were shared by classroom teachers. **It is essential to be on time for your child's designated drop-off and pick-up schedule. If your child is late, please have them check in at the office. For continued health and safety reasons** we will continue to ask families/caregivers to make an appointment with office or staff member in regards to meetings. We appreciate your continued support in keeping our school community healthy and safe.

Families/caregivers, please note that we have staff supervision starting at 8:40 before school and from 3:03 to 3:23 after-school. Please do not bring your child to school earlier unless there has been a prior arrangement with your child's teacher, or they have a special school commitment because there will be no supervision. In the afternoon, staff supervision ends at 3:23 pm. If you are going to be late, please call the school by 3pm. If it is after staff supervision time, your child will be asked to wait in the office or by the front entrance. **Please note after 3:23 pm it is the parent/caregiver's responsibility to supervise their child/ren if remaining on the school grounds to play on the playground, etc.**

Students participated in the annual Terry Fox Run this past month. Thank you to staff for organizing and to all who supported this event. I know that staff and students participated in discussions and learning opportunities leading up to the day. What an amazing way to show our Support and Respect to those affected by cancer by running in Terry's name, and the names of the many family members and friends that have touched our lives.

Thank you to all the families/caregivers that were able to attend the Meet the Teacher event. It was great to have everyone back into the school visiting. We are looking forward to planning future events.

This year the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) test is from October 3 – Nov. 10. The (FSA) is an annual provincial assessment

that will be conducted in Grade 4 and 7 classrooms across British Columbia. An email was shared with parents/caregivers of grade 4 and 7 students providing details about the assessment.

On October 20, officially "ShakeOut BC Day," millions of people worldwide will practice how to Drop, Cover, and Hold On at 2:00 PM during the *Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill!* The standard drill uses simple steps to inform all students how to perform "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" – a quake-safe action designed to protect lives and prevent injuries from falling furniture and flying objects that can become projectiles during ground shaking. Later in May, students will also be participating, in "The Big One at 2pm" with all schools in the Vancouver School District.

Although the weather is still unusually summer-like, we are settling into fall and anticipate winter soon. We need to remember that students are going out to play during recess and lunch. Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the seasonal weather. It is often cold and/or wet weather. Children are encouraged to dress in layers too, just in case. Also, do not forget to label your child's clothing. We are often finding jackets, sweaters and umbrellas left behind. It would be nice to know who to return them to.

Cell Phones

A reminder to students and parents that cell phones **are not to be used during school hours unless it is being used for educational purposes, supervised by staff.** Students **should not** be using cell phones to phone home during school hours. If any calls are required, the classroom teacher or the office will contact families/caregivers. If a student does bring a cell phone to school, they are being asked to keep it in their backpack during the day, (this includes recess and lunch) either turned off or on silent mode. Please be advised that school is not responsible for any lost or damaged devices. Thank you for your support.

Please continue to check our school website for school and district updates.

I would like to wish everyone a restful long weekend.

Ms. Margie Trovao, Principal

"Honoured to be working, learning and unlearning together on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷy̓m̓ Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh| Squamish & səliłwətaʔ |Tsilil-Waututh Nations"

SAFE ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

THANK YOU to the parents/caregivers who call/email their child(ren) lates & absences.

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. **Please report prior to 9 am if your child will be late or absent to the following telephone & extension or by email only.**

Please call **604-713-5159** school code 33 # or
Email to: graattendance@vsb.bc.ca.

Please leave a message with the following information: Child's Full Name, Child's Division and/or Teacher's Name, indicate whether he/she will be absent or late, reason for absence and length of absence.

Please note: Students arriving at 10:30 and later are marked absent for the morning.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

DIVISION 3 AND 4 ACTIVITY

A big thank you goes out to the City of Vancouver for organizing a fun event! Div. 3 & Div. 4 walked down to the new Rain Garden at E 2nd and Woodland, where we learned how it works. It maintains the natural water cycle while protecting local waters, fish, and water sources. It will also attract birds, butterflies, and beneficial insects. We worked together to paint the bike lane with herring and some designs. It was a fun afternoon and an example of how we can SOAR in the community.



Supportive: (Community)

- We are kind
- We are encouraging
- We welcome and include others

Open Hearted: (Self)

- We are open to new ideas
- We are peaceful problem solvers
- We can ask for help when we need it

Awesome Attitude: (Spirit)

- We persevere
- We are courageous learners
- We understand the importance of own story

Respect: (Well Being) We care about the well being of:

- ourselves



CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Mon, Oct 10 - SCHOOL IS CLOSED - Thanksgiving Day

Thurs, Oct 20 - ShakeOut BC at 2:00 PM

Fri, Oct 21 - NO SCHOOL - Professional Dev. Day

Fri, Nov 4 - Photo Re-take Day (Time to be determined)

Fri, Nov 11 - SCHOOL IS CLOSED - Remembrance Day

Mon, Nov 21 - Thurs, Nov 24 - Book Fair

Wed, Nov 23 and Thurs, Nov 24 - Student Led Parent Conferences -
Early Dismissal at 2pm on both days

Fri, Nov 25 - NO SCHOOL - Non-Instructional Indigenous Focus Day

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSISTANT

Hello Parents and Guardians:

This being the first newsletter of the year, I would like to introduce myself. I am the Neighbourhood Assistant and one of my roles is to support the families. I also teach the cooking program for students during class, and parents after school, which I plan to begin after Winter Break. We will have a group of 3 to 4 parents to start and we will share the meal we make together. At this time, we don't have childcare during this program. We have **Backpack Buddies Bags** (BBB, a food security sponsored program) **every Friday** afterschool (unless it's a Pro-day, then BBB will be on Thursday). Our next **Fruit bag** will be on October 26th after school. We will have **Frozen dinners** this month (date to be determined). These are available for pick-up at the staffroom window. Check the blackboard at the front of the school.

If you need some extra support feel free to call me at 604-713-5008 or email me at dmah@vsb.bc.ca. Have a safe and fun October!

Donna Mah, Neighbourhood Asst.

REMINDER TO RETURN FORMS

* School supplies fees \$35.00 for the school year (thank you to those who already paid)

* Monthly lunch envelopes

* Student verification forms/package - please complete and return these important documents to the school if you have not yet done so