

GRENFELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This year I again have reason to thank everyone in the Grenfell school community for all the wonderful support they have provided over the course of the school year. We really have an exceptional group of students, staff, and parents here. The community and spirit at Grenfell is simply remarkable. Every day, I come to work with such admiration and gratitude for this community. It has been a privilege serving Grenfell School and the community this year. We will do our best to continue to make Grenfell a great place for students to learn and play.

To the students and families who are leaving us, we wish you all the best at your new schools. We know you'll do great things.

Finally, as you head into your well-earned vacations, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe summer.

Sincerely,
Maureen McDonnell



GRADE 7 FAREWELL

I would like to congratulate all the grade 7 students for their many accomplishments in their final year at Grenfell. You will be missed! We are all very proud of each and every one of you, and we hope that you will remember your time here fondly. Come back visit us anytime!

Congratulations to the following students who are moving on to high school in September:

Aiden, Aileen, Alexa, Aryan, Atalay, Audrey, Austin, Ava, Ayush, Barak, Bella, Benson, Byron, Casey, Castalia, Cecilia, Charlotte, Claire, Emma, Gurshaan, Harmit, Jacob, James, Jarman, Jayden, Jayver, Jazmine,

Jernie, John, Katerina, Kaylin, Kevin, Kim, Kingsley, Kingston, Lara, Marco, Marcus, Mariia, Nathanael, Noah, Norah, Phill, Phoenix, Reilly, Riya, Sadie, Salma, Samadhi, Serena, Shruti, Sophia, Tejas, Tiago, Timmy, Tony, Victor, Viell, Wesley, Yuvraj, and Zayden!

GRENFELL SCHOLARSHIP

Grenfell PAC generously supports a scholarship awarded to former Grenfell students and Grade 12 Windermere graduates. The recipient of this year's Grenfell Scholarship is Jabez Pitos. Jabez will receive a scholarship amount of \$200 towards his post-secondary education. Congratulations Jabez! Thank you to Grenfell PAC for their generous support of this scholarship.

FAREWELL TO OUR STAFF

This is the time of the year when we must say farewell to some of the staff at Grenfell. We are sad to see our Student Support staffers Kerri, Alexa and Sandeep leave Grenfell to pursue other opportunities. Our Indigenous Education Worker, Ms. Melissa Yellowknee is leaving Grenfell to study to become a teacher. We are very excited for her. After 26 years at Grenfell, Ms. McCague has decided to accept a position closer to home. Ms. Wong and Ms. Jackson are moving on to different assignments with the district. We have been very lucky to have these staff at Grenfell. We wish them the best in their future endeavours.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PAVANI



Pavani, our Grade 4 student excels in gymnastics. She recently collected 3 Gold medals & 1 Silver medal in Rhythmic Gymnastics at the BC Winter Games in Vernon. We are very proud of you, Pavani!



OUTDOOR LEARNING CELEBRATION



Divisions 9, 12 and 13 celebrated a successful year of gardening and outdoor learning with a "Garden Party"! All classes rotated through three stations. At one station students made and played with scented salt dough, using herbs and

flowers from the garden. At another station students made and ate salads with fresh vegetables such as lettuce and peas from the garden. At the third station students enjoyed strawberry rhubarb crisp, made by students in Division 9 with rhubarb they had harvested earlier in the day. We all enjoy our beautiful and bountiful school garden!



POLICE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER

During the summer holidays, please report any suspicious activities to the Police non-emergency number: (604) 717-3321 when school is not in session. Thank you for keeping our neighbourhood safe.



SUMMER READING CLUB AT VANCOUVER PUBLIC LIBRARY (VPL)

Summer Reading Club is back at Vancouver Public Library! This fun and free program for school-aged children launches on June 14th and registration details have been added to the VPL Kid's Website <https://www.vpl.ca/kids> . To participate, all you need to do is set a goal and try out different library challenges - like listen to a story, attend a virtual library program, or, of course... read something! Once your challenges are complete, visit your local library to pick up a medal.

NEXT YEAR'S SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please find the next year's calendar **attached at the end of this newsletter.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, June 29	Last day of school for students
Tuesday, September 5	First Day of School (students attend from 9:00 -10:00 am)
Friday, September 22	Professional Development Day (students do not attend)
Monday, October 2	Day in Lieu of National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (school not in session)

The Grenfell staff would like to wish you a great summer and we look forward to seeing you in September. To the students who will start a new school in September, we wish you all the best at your new schools. We hope you have enjoyed your time at Grenfell.



Grenfell Elementary School Calendar 2023 - 2024

School Operation Overview

Number of Days in Session	188
Number of Days of Instruction	181
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non-Instructional Days 1 Administration Day (June 28)

Important Dates

First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Day in Lieu of National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	Monday, October 2, 2023
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 9, 2023
In Lieu of Remembrance Day	Monday, November 13, 2023
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 22, 2023
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 25, 2023 – Friday, January 5, 2024
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 8, 2024
Family Day	Monday, February 19, 2024
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 15, 2024
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 18, 2024 – Thursday, March 28, 2024
Good Friday	Friday, March 29, 2024
Easter Monday	Monday, April 1, 2024
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, April 2, 2024
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2024
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 27, 2024
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 28, 2024

Professional Development and Curriculum Implementation Days (School not in session)

Friday, September 22, 2023	Professional Development Day
Friday, October 20, 2023	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 24, 2023	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Wednesday, January 24, 2024	Professional Development Day
Friday, February 16, 2024	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Monday, April 22, 2024	Professional Development Day (District Wide)

Parent Conference Dates

Early Dismissal Times

Wednesday, October 25, 2023	Early Dismissal at 2:03 PM
Thursday, October 26, 2023	Early Dismissal at 2:03 PM
Wednesday, February 7, 2024	Early Dismissal at 2:03 PM
Thursday, February 8, 2024	Early Dismissal at 2:03 PM