

GRENFELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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 x̣ẉməθḳẉəỵəm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliłwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

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.

As you know our school is going through the **Seismic Upgrade Project**. We are excited that our building will be safer for our students and wheel chair accessible after the project has completed. Once again, here's the information on our school website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/66911/grenfell-elementary> and a project **Fact Sheet** which includes pertinent information.

During the construction, Grenfell students and staff will be relocated to a temporary site at South Hill swing site at **5987 Prince Albert Street**. VSB will organize school buses (at no cost to parents) to pick up students from Grenfell in the morning (approximately at 8:45am); school buses will drop students off back to Grenfell at the end of the school day (approximately at 3:15pm). We will share more busing information in the fall when it becomes available.

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:

Thiago, Aulia, Olamide, Yashnit, Rayna, Nathan P, Lucas, Jamie, Mia, Noah, Kara, Vincent, Gautam, Marcus, Layla, Juju, Emma, Melis, Cynthia, Lawrence, Vaness, Ryker, Darren, Chloe,

Roy, Tyler, Krishna, Ann, Mitsuki, Alex, Zyeah, Karen, Zulfa, Ansh, Jayden, Emily, Kieu Ny, Marc Andrew, AJ, Nathan C, Yuan, Jenny, Samuel, Kellie, Skyla, Ian, Camille, Firdous, Savarna, Lance, Maksim, Armaan, Jaxon, Vicky, Hannah, Serena and Aaron.

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 Leo Shum. Leo will receive a scholarship amount of \$300 towards his post-secondary education. Congratulations Leo! Thank you to Grenfell PAC for their generous support of this scholarship.

FAREWELL TO MS. MEZZAROBBA



After working as a teacher for 36 years and over 20 years at Grenfell, Ms. Mezz is retiring! Ms. Mezz is an amazing teacher. We have witnessed the transformation of students under her care. We appreciate her leadership at Grenfell as well. She has been the head teacher at Grenfell for over 10 years supporting the administrators when they are away from the office. We will miss you Ms. Mezz but

happy for you to start a new chapter in your life. We hope to see Ms. Mezz come back to Grenfell as a Teacher-On-Call when she is ready!

GOODBYE 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 Naima, David and Sandeep leave Grenfell to pursue other opportunities. After 10 years at Grenfell, Ms. Wiens has decided to accept a position closer to home. Ms. Phillips is also moving on to an assignment with a different district. We have been very lucky to have these staff at Grenfell. We wish them the best in their future endeavours.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION TEA

In recognition of the contributions made by our volunteers and as a small token of thanks, we hosted a Volunteer Tea as a way to show our appreciation. Volunteers such as supervising at school fieldtrips, driving students to sports events, running the PAC



functions, reading with students, just to name a few, leave lasting effect on our students and the school community. Thank you to the volunteers who were able to attend our Volunteer Appreciation Tea on **Wednesday, May 29**. If you were unable to attend the tea, please know that we appreciate your contribution to our school very much.

THANK YOU, GRENFELL PAC

We would like to thank Grenfell PAC for their support over the course of this year. The PAC has funded the school with the following purchases:

\$500 for library books

\$3600 (\$10 per student) added to classroom funds for teaching resources and classroom supplies

\$800 for bean bag chairs for Cozy Corners in 5 classrooms

\$800 for a portable score board in the gym

\$800 to acquire an outdoor pickleball net

\$770 for Resource Room supplies and resource materials

\$3000 for Music resources/instruments

\$850 for two ipads in the Music Room

\$150 for a Butterfly Larve Kit for the kindergarten classes

Thank you Grenfell parents and Grenfell PAC for your generosity!

Our sincere thanks to the PAC Executive 2023-24:

Julie Ali (PAC Chair)

Caitlin Glass (Secretary)

Sarika Gupta (Treasurer)

Jasmine Sanchez (Hot Lunch Coordinator)

Holly Zimmerman (Hot Lunch Co-Coordinator)

Patricia Sharma (Fundraising Coordinator)

Khine Ei (PAC website manager)

Julie and Khine will be moving to different schools in September. We wish them and their children all the best at the new schools. Sarika has been the PAC Treasurer in the past 5 years and is finally able to pass the torch to a new treasurer, Vanny Pheng. In addition, we have a new PAC website manager, Tony Niu. Welcome aboard Vanny and Tony.

At the June PAC meeting, Caitlin has graciously accepted the nomination as next year's PAC Chair. Thank you for your support, Caitlin! The PAC is looking for a parent who is able to take up the position as a PAC Secretary. Interested parents please contact Caitlin at grenfellpac@gmail.com



NEUFELD FARM FUNDRAISER Thank you for supporting the Grenfell PAC Neufeld Farm fundraiser. We have raised \$378.25. We hope you enjoy the products and thank you for supporting Grenfell PAC!



SOLMONIDS IN THE CLASSROOM

Every year, Grenfell participates in the Salmonid Enhancement Program. In January, we received 55 Coho Salmon eggs from Capilano Salmon Hatchery. As part of the program, Ms. Kinzel and Ms. Philips’s classes released 50 Coho fry on at Still Creek in the Renfrew Ravine on May 15th .



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

BC SUMMER READING CLUB AT VANCOUVER PUBLIC LIBRARY!



The Summer Reading Club is a great way for children to practice or improve their reading skills and to continue learning new things over the summer months.

The program welcomes K – 7 kids and their families to participate in a variety of free and inclusive activities and programs all summer long! Children can pick up their reading records at the library starting on June 17. At the Collingwood Branch, we have new toys related to coding, creating, and building, plus exciting programs such as a Screen-Free Minecraft Party, STEM Explorers, Get Your Book in the Library and more. Visit any VPL branch or vpl.ca/kids for more information. Have a great summer!



Parents Time Online: Supporting Early Literacy at Home with Learn. Develop. Succeed.

Are you worried about your child falling behind in reading this summer? Learn from the experts at LDS - Learn. Develop. Succeed. who support students with learning differences. This interactive workshop will teach you about reading readiness, including phonemic awareness, letters and sounds, and activities to help your early reader. Bring questions about early screening for learning differences like dyslexia. Learn when and how to get extra support for your child’s literacy challenges.

For families with children ages 4-8 with concerns about their child’s reading. Click [here](#) for more information.

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UNSUBSCRIBE FROM GRENFELL PAC MAIL LIST

If your child will be attending a new school in September (including current Grade 7 students), please unsubscribe from the Grenfell PAC mail list. The cost of the PAC subscription is user-based. Unsubscribing from the list when your child leaves Grenfell would reduce the cost to the PAC. To unsubscribe, please scroll down to the bottom of the Grenfell PAC email and click “unsubscribe from this list”. Thank you!

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024-2025

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

SCHOOL FEE SCHEDULE 2024-2025

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, June 26	Year end assembly for students and staff at 9:15am
Thursday, June 27	Last day of school for students (full day)
Tuesday, September 3	First Day of School Grade 1 to 7 (students attend from 9:00 -10:00 am)
Thursday, September 19	Meet the Teacher day (time to be confirmed)
Friday, September 20	Professional Development Day (students do not attend)
Monday, September 30	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 at a new school in September, we wish you all the best at your new schools. We hope you have enjoyed your time at Grenfell.

Calendar 2024-2025 Grenfell Elementary School



SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW

Number of Days in Session	187
Number of Days of Instruction	180
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non-Instructional Days 1 Administrative Day (June 27)

IMPORTANT DATES

First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 3, 2024
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Monday, September 30, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14, 2024
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11, 2024
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 20, 2024
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 23, 2024-Friday, January 3, 2025
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 6, 2025
Family Day	Monday, February 17, 2025
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 14, 2025
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 17 – Friday, March 28, 2025
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday March 31, 2025
Good Friday	Friday, April 18, 2025
Easter Monday	Monday April 21, 2025
Victoria Day	Monday, May 19, 2025
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 26, 2025
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 27, 2025

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS (SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION)

Friday, September 20, 2024	Professional Development Day (School-based)
Friday, October 25, 2024	Professional Development Day (Province wide)
Friday, November 22, 2024	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Wednesday, January 15, 2025	Professional Development Day (School-based)
Friday, February 14, 2025	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, April 28, 2025	Professional Development Day (District wide)

PARENT CONFERENCE DATES

EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES

Wednesday, October 23, 2024	Early dismissal at 2:00 pm
Thursday, October 24, 2024	Early dismissal at 2:00 pm
Wednesday, April 30, 2025	Early dismissal at 2:00 pm
Thursday, May 1, 2025	Early dismissal at 2:00 pm

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE TRANSLATE

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 Thông tin quan trọng - Xin tìm phiên dịch • महत्त्वपूर्ण जाणकारी-मिहतरबानी करके अनुवाद करे/करवाए • महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी - कृपया अनुवाद करें
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School Year 2024-2025
Standardized School Fee Schedule

Financial Hardship Policy

The Board of Education is committed to ensuring that no school-age student will be denied an opportunity to participate in a course, class or program because of an inability to pay fees. Parents and guardians unable to pay some or all school fees are invited to speak to their child's teacher, school counsellor, and/or the school Principal.

\$35.00 GENERAL SCHOOL FEE

The Vancouver School Board offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2023-2024 is \$35.00 per student*. This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year.

SUPPLEMENTAL FEES

Student Agenda/Planner \$12.00	Students at Grenfell Elementary will be using an Agenda/Planner. School agendas/planners are a valuable tool for teaching children how to organize and plan for school. While students are not required to have an agenda/planner it is designed to assist students with the skills of organization and time management and is a very useful communication tool often used between teachers and families.
Performance Fee \$15.00	We are pleased to enrich your child's learning through a wide variety of performances this year. This supplementary fee supports the school in bringing in talented and professional theatrical and musical performers that align with a particular educational theme. Parent support has made these opportunities possible, and we appreciate your continued contribution.
ADST Related Activity Fee \$15	Supplies for ADST projects and materials for classroom projects.
Field Studies – To be determined throughout the school year at the classroom level	Throughout the school year your child's teacher may plan supplementary learning opportunities at locations outside of the school and request monies towards entrance fees, transportation or equipment rental. Your child's teacher will communicate this information to you directly.

*All payments are made on SchoolCash Online. Please do not send money to school with your child.