

Sir Wilfrid Laurier News



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NEWSLETTER #8 April

March 31, 2019

Principal's Message

Dear Laurier Community,

Happy Spring to you all! I hope you enjoyed the two weeks of Spring Break with family and friends, as we embark on the last three months of this school year. The staff members are very happy to have our students back well-rested and relaxed. We look forward to many activities and events at our school in the coming months, starting with our school-wide student-led-conferences on April 10th and 11th. Students are dismissed at 2:00pm on these two days, as the conferences start shortly after. You have received or will receive information from your classroom teachers with more details about these conferences.

In order to facilitate a smooth transition to the last trimester of the school year, we would appreciate your support with the following:

-School attendance: The first morning bell is at 8:55am. Students should be in the classroom at 9:00am, ready to start a productive day of learning. Thank you to all of the families who are making an extra effort to ensure that students are developing a greater commitment to punctuality, so that class can get started right away.

-Before/After school supervision: School is in session from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The outside supervision takes place from 8:45am to 9:00am in the mornings and 3:00 to 3:15pm in the afternoons. The safety of our students is our first priority, and we need your support to do our job well with the only resources we have available to us at this time. Thank you for your consideration and ensuring that your children are not dropped off at and picked up from school outside of the supervision hours.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Laurier PAC for the amazing and tireless work they do for this community, from the monthly meetings to different educational, social and fundraiser events. Our Pancake Breakfast for our students and staff on March 13th was a success and I would like to thank once more the many parent volunteers who helped support this event.

This is a reminder that our PAC is hosting a free presentation, ***Understanding the Brain and How Technology Affects your Brain with Gary Anaka on April 9th at 7:00-8:30pm*** in the school gymnasium. Please read the information provided in this newsletter about this presentation and how to register.

You will continue to receive emails from Laurier's office with reminders and updates about different events and activities in the coming months.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Armin Samiei
Principal



PANCAKE BREAKFAST PHOTOS

Many thanks to many parent volunteers and staff members who showed up at school as early as 7:00am on March 13th to prepare the breakfast, serve and clean up! This event would not have happened without your support!



FUN DAY AT LAURIER!

On March 13th, we celebrated our students across grade levels with a breakfast of pancakes, turkey sausages and hot chocolate! The day continued with educational activities and free play in the afternoon. What a fun way to end the second term at Laurier!

Bye Term 2 and Hello Term 3!



Basketball and Intramurals at Laurier

Many thanks to all of our student athletes, who completed an amazing basketball season in Term 2. They practised before school and played games after school. Our gratitude goes to our coaches: Mr. Fisher, Mr. Holdham and Mr. Hong for coaching our Senior Basketball teams throughout the season and running intramurals at lunchtime.



Spring Scholastic Book Fair



Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be running in the library the week of April 8-11. Please take a look at the online schedule and sign up if you are able to volunteer your time:

<https://volunteersignup.org/FJPYX>

Thank you for your continued support of our Library Learning Commons!



MORNING/AFTERNOON SUPERVISION

School is in session from 9:00am to 3:00pm, with the first warning bell at 8:55am. The outside supervision takes place from **8:45am to 9:00am in the mornings** and **3:00 to 3:15pm in the afternoons**. There is no supervision outside these hours for students who are dropped off too early at school. The safety of our students is our first priority, and we need your support to do our job well with the only resources we have available to us at this time. Thank you for your consideration and for ensuring that your children are not dropped off or picked up from school outside of the supervision hours.

Vancouver Board of Education SAFE ARRIVAL PROCEDURES



If your child will be absent from school, please call **604-713-5159** to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message at the dedicated answering service by calling the number provided. You will be prompted to provide the two-digit extension for your child's school to access the school's voicemail box for reporting an absence. The two-digit extension for Laurier Elementary is **44**.

It is important to report your child's absence prior to 9:00 a.m. each day of the absence.

If your child is late for school they must sign in at the office before they make their way to the classroom. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LAURIER PAC

Hello all,

Welcome back to term 3. We are looking forward to lots of events this term.

Huge thank you to all who came out to help with the Bye-Bye Winter and Hello Spring Pancake breakfast for the kids on their fun day!

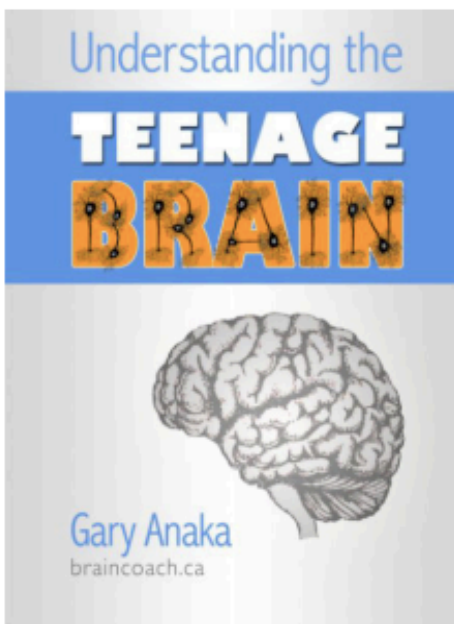
We are very excited to host our parent presentation on April 9, come out and learn about:

Understanding the Brain and How Technology Affects your Brain with Gary Anaka, Brain based learning facilitator www.braincoach.ca

Parent workshop hosted by Sir Wilfrid Laurier Elementary PAC

Understanding the Brain and How Technology Affects your Brain

With Gary Anaka, Brain based learning facilitator www.braincoach.ca



DISCOVER:

- Why the adolescent brain is in biological turmoil
- How dopamine drives their risk-taking behavior
- Strategies to effectively reach and teach adolescents, leading them to academic success and a life-long learning potential

Learn leading edge, easy to apply ideas from Neuroscience to help unleash the potential of the teenage brain. If you want to help teenagers in today's world, then you need to start with their brain.

This high energy, fun, surprising presentation is full of hope and optimism for the future of all teenagers.

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Location: Gymnasium, Sir Wilfrid Laurier Elementary (7350 Laurel Street, Vancouver)

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/understanding-the-teenage-brain-tickets-58767826150>

Bring a pen and your brain!

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- **Spring Craft Fair** – Wednesday April 24. Come and sell your handmade crafts and baking or come to see what our community creates
- **Staff Appreciation Lunch** – Wednesday May 8 - volunteers needed to help set up
- **Sports Day concession and hot lunch** – Thursday May 16 - volunteers needed to help on the day. Note: There will be a special hot lunch for this day – watch for orders. We also have t-shirts in the four team colours for sale
- **PAC Family Potluck and AGM** – Tuesday May 21- interested in a position on PAC? Stay for the meeting after the potluck and get involved. All welcome to the potluck!

As always, these events only happen with volunteer help. Thank you to all who make all our events possible! If you would like to get involved we are looking for help with the following events:

- **Hot Lunch** - volunteersignup.org/8PBHP THANK YOU!
- **Parent Presentation** - <https://volunteersignup.org/FFPWY>
- **Sports Day** - <https://volunteersignup.org/EAD7E>
- **Other opportunities posted on our PAC website** - <https://laurierpac.weebly.com/volunteer-opportunities.html>

Amazon

Buy from Amazon.ca ? Click through link <https://amzn.to/2t9c9b2> (also on PAC website) and PAC will receive a donation.

We are looking forward to hearing from you! If you have ideas, or would like to help with these events, please contact us at Laurier.pac@gmail.com or leave a message in the PAC box.

Laurier PAC



National Volunteer Week April 7 - 13 2019



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| | 1 | 2 | 3 Immunizations K & 6 and Follow-ups | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 Scholastic Book Fair | 9 Scholastic Book Fair | 10 -Scholastic Book Fair -Student-Led- Conferences: 2:00pm dismissal | 11 -Scholastic Book Fair -Student-Led- Conferences: 2:00pm dismissal | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 -K Audiology follow-up 9:15am -PAC Meeting @6:30pm in Library | 17 | 18 K Dental Screening @9:00am | 19 Good Friday School closed | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Easter Monday School closed | 23 Tennis BC (April 23-May 10) | 24 Spring Craft in the gym: 3:00- 6:00pm | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 ProD – School not in session for students | 30 | 31 | 28 | 29 | |