

Sir Wilfrid Laurier News



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NEWSLETTER #6 February

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Principal's Message

Dear Laurier Community,

Today, your child is bringing home the first written progress report of the school year, which communicates their learning at school. Our next school-wide informal reporting/communicating student learning will take place on April 22nd and 23rd, mostly in the format of Student-Led-Conferences or Parent-Teacher Meetings. Letters will be sent home to book a date and time for your visit. In the meantime, our dedicated teachers are always available if you have any questions with regard to your child's performance at school. Please check the following link on the District website for more information on the Assessment and Communication of Student Learning:

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Learning/Assessment_Reporting/Pages/default.aspx

January was a month full of celebratory events to mark the Lunar New Year and Hoobiyee. Many thanks to our PAC executive and parent volunteers for organizing an afternoon of arts and crafts and gathering the community in the library to celebrate these events! The Lion's Dance on January 24th brought prosperity and good luck to our school for the upcoming year! Our students also benefited from a variety of learning activities that reinforced the curriculum such as science and engineering workshops by Geering Up UBC Engineering & Science for Kids, Primary Young Actors Projects and One Woman Circus Art Residency Workshops.

February will continue to provide our students with more extra-curricular activities for different age groups, such as Arts Umbrella, Primary Young Actors Projects and Project Chef as well as Pink Shirt Day to promote friendship and compassion.

I wish you a wonderful and meaningful month of February and as always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Armin Samiei
Principal





ARTS UMBRELLA

Inspiring creativity. For good.

ARTS UMBRELLA VISUAL AND THEATRE ARTS AT LAURIER

Stage Coach Drama Workshops February 11- 13: Divisions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9

Acting, whether on-stage or on-screen, is an inherently collaborative art form. This makes it a perfect vehicle in which to explore the theme of Creating Connection to Yourself and Others. Humans are social creatures and learning how to make mindful connections enables us to connect with ourselves and others in the world around us.

Students will:

- Be present and aware of themselves and other performers, and respond in a supportive manner while working collaboratively.
- Reflect and describe their emotional experience of a theatrical activity as an observer and as a participant.
- Trust their emotional experience and actively participate by making and accepting offers while working in a group.
- Demonstrate a willingness to take risks by exploring and experimenting with various emotions and physicality within the exercises.

Van Go Visual Arts Outreach Program: A WORLD OF BIRDS February 24-26: Divisions 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11

Students will have the opportunity to create a unique, realistic drawing of a bird (within its own habitat) using the fundamental elements of art and design. To inspire these workshops, students will be introduced to the historical artist James Fenwick Landsdowne, who drew and painted birds his entire life, and contemporary artist Myfanwy MacLeod, whose monumental sculptures of chickadees are on permanent display in Vancouver's Olympic Village.

PINK SHIRT DAY

Come to School in Pink on February 26th



At VSB, we are getting excited about the upcoming annual PINK SHIRT DAY, taking place this year on February 26th! As you likely know, Pink Shirt Day is the annual celebration throughout British Columbia of kindness, respect and empathy in order to prevent bullying behavior and raise awareness on bullying-related issues. This year marks the 12th year since Pink Shirt Day began as a movement. The focus of this year's campaign is **LIFT EACH OTHER UP**. Visit <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca> for more information.



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,

Thanks to all who have gotten the year off to such a great start. It was fun to see so many families at our Lunar New Year Celebration to learn about Lunar New Year and Hoobiyee traditions. Happy Year of the Rat!

Our next event is **Movie Night, Thursday February 27**. Bring your family and watch the delightful “Up” together in the gym. Doors open 5:30, movie to start by 6. Watch for more information. Hope to see you all come out and enjoy our great Laurier community.

As always, these events only happen with volunteer help. Please consider volunteering:

1. **Hot Lunch** - www.volunteersignup.org/DXT8P THANK YOU!
2. **Movie Night** – volunteersignup.org/MQPFE

We cancelled our January PAC meeting due to the snowy weather but please join us at our February meeting on Wednesday February 19 at 6:30 pm. Visit <https://laurierpac.weebly.com/pac-meetings.html> for more information and past minutes.

Vancouver School Board (VSB) is now issuing tax receipts for donations made online. If you would like to donate directly to PAC or the school please visit:

<https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/1869/196/false/true>. Under “Fund Destination” scroll down to E-Sir Wilfrid Laurier PAC or E-Sir Wilfrid Laurier or find a direct link on our website <https://laurierpac.weebly.com/events--fundraising.html>. A tax receipt will be issued electronically at the time of 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



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