

Sir Wilfrid Laurier News



“LAURIER EAGLES S.O.A.R”

Supportive, Open-minded, Awesome, Respectful

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Principal's Message

Welcome back from the holidays! I hope everyone had an opportunity to enjoy their vacation time. Winter Break provides the much needed opportunity to connect with family and recharge for the New Year.

The staff members at Laurier are looking forward to 2020 being filled with excitement for new learning and new experiences. We will continue to S.O.A.R in our community and reinforce the importance of being Supportive, Open-Minded, Awesome and Responsible. As we begin the New Year, it is always a good time to focus once again on our personal goals and to adjust and fine tune the steps we must take to achieve them. I encourage parents to sit down with their child(ren) and discuss their performance, celebrate the successes and develop goals and next steps. This is also a good time to review Sir Wilfrid Laurier's code of conduct, which is included in this newsletter.

Students will receive their first written progress reports on January 31st. As explained in previous newsletters, the communication of student learning to parents is based on clear standards and expectations and is intended to make learning visible. Students are encouraged to think of the questions: *Where am I now? Where am I going? What do I need to do to get there?* The progress reports will continue to focus on your child's strengths, areas for growth and ways to support learning. Teachers will use a newly improved template to communicate student learning this January.

With the official arrival of winter, we know that weather can be unpredictable in Vancouver. Please have your child dressed appropriately for outdoor play on rainy, snowy and during cold winter months. Make sure they have hats, gloves, boots and warm coats every day when walking to and from school and for playing outside during recess and lunch breaks. Please send your child(ren) with a spare change of clothes in their backpack.

Finally, I wish everyone a very Happy New Year and I look forward to witnessing the many successes and achievements of our students as the year unfolds.

Thanks for reading this newsletter, and as always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Armin Samiei
Principal



The Laurier Learning Tree – Div. 2

Laurier Code of Conduct

(Please review this code with your child regularly.)

At Sir Wilfrid Laurier we encourage all student to S.O.A.R. with success. (Supportive -Open Minded- Awesome - Respectful)

Purpose:

Laurier's Code of Conduct has been created to help maintain a safe, caring and orderly school environment. The Purpose of the Code of Conduct is:

1. To encourage the development of socially responsible behaviour resulting in a positive reputation for students and the school community.
2. To foster a safe, respectful and welcoming learning environment for all students, staff and parents.
3. To clearly communicate behavioural expectations to the school community.

The Code of Conduct applies to all members of the school community at school, traveling to and from the school, at any school-related activity at any location, or any circumstance/activity that will have an impact on the school environment. At Sir Wilfrid Laurier Elementary School we believe that character development through the proactive teaching of positive social skills is paramount to the success of any student.

At Laurier the staff have adopted a School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (S.W.P.B.S) approach to supporting behaviour. The staff explicitly teach and model what it means to S.O.A.R in all locations in the school and at home.

Supportive means:

- we welcome everyone
- we include others
- we are helpful
- we are kind

Awesome means:

- we try our best
- we are cool (we know how to self-regulate)
- we have fun
- we are proud to be ourselves

Open Minded means:

- we are flexible
- we try new things
- we make new friends
- we are brave

Respectful means:

- we respect ourselves
- we respect others
- we respect the environment
- we respect our school

Minor Misbehavior:

- staff member will speak directly to the student to review appropriate behaviour
- the student will be reminded of the school Code of Conduct and prompted to identify his or her breach of the Code. The expectation will be retaught, role-modeled and positively reinforced.

Serious or Repeated Misbehavior:

- reported to teacher/principal
- discussion and reflection with the student, reminding student of our Code of Conduct
- alternative choices the student could have made
- record of the incident and action taken
- parents will be contacted to review the Code of Conduct with their child
- may include loss of privileges (playground, classroom or school privileges)
- may include some type of restorative justice

Very Serious Misbehaviour:

- reflection on past behaviour
- discussion with staff involved
- parents contacted
- officials or other agencies contacted as needed
- School Board Officials, the Police, MCFD or other community agencies may be contacted if deemed necessary.

Unacceptable Conduct:

The following are examples of conduct that must be reported as soon as possible to a staff member or supervising adult:

- Bullying, harassment, intimidation or exclusion
- interfering with an orderly environment
- interfering with the learning of others

JANUARY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS



HOOBIYEE
2020
TSAMIKS EDITION

We invite you to join us...

Celebrate the Nisga'a New Year by sharing our culture through stories, songs and dances

When: February 28 & 29, 2020
Time: 10:30 am—9:00pm
Where: PNE Forum (2901 E. Hasting Street, Vancouver)

FREE ADMISSION

This is an alcohol free event.
We reserve the right to refuse admittance at the door.

For More Information Contact:
Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society
3973 Dumfries Street, Vancouver BC V5N 5R3
Phone (604) 646-4944 | Website: www.tsamiks.com

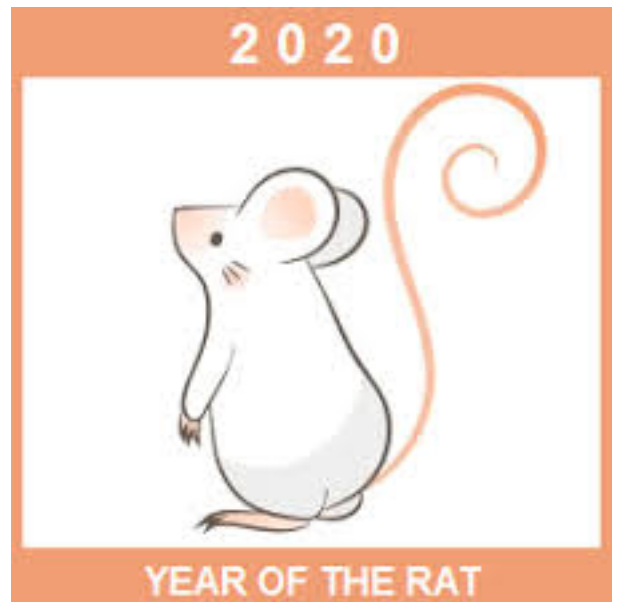
HoobiYee {Ho-be-yeh} is a celebration of the waxing crescent moon, during the latter part of winter, each year. The Nisga'a People of North Western British Columbia, watch for the positioning of the moon and the stars as a prediction of the coming harvest. Like many other communities, they celebrate the New Year with family, friends and community.

PAC Event: Celebration of the Lunar New Year and HoobiYee

Thursday, January 16th – 3:00-4:00pm – Library

Once more, our PAC is organizing an after school event to celebrate the Lunar New Year and HoobiYee.

Happy Lunar New Year



Lunar New Year is the beginning of a calendar year whose months are cycles of the moon and is celebrated worldwide in many regions and countries.

2020 is the **Year of the Rat** according to Chinese zodiac. Rat is the first in the 12-year cycle of Chinese zodiac. The Years of the Rat include 1912, 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020, 2032. In Chinese culture, rats were seen as a sign of wealth and surplus.

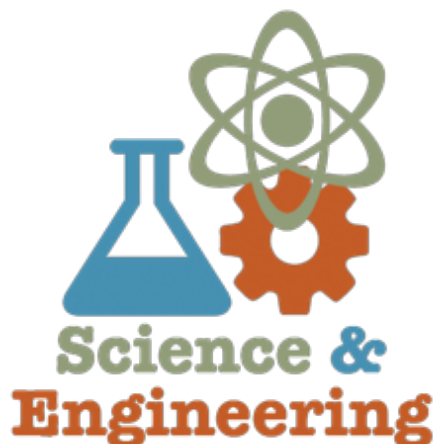
School Event: Celebration of the Lunar New Year: Lion's Dance

Friday, January 24th – 9:30am – Gym

Our Lion's Dance this year will be performed by the UBC Kung Fu Association on January 24th to celebrate the Lunar New Year and to bring good luck, peace and harmony to our community.

Geering Up UBC Engineering & Science for Kids at Laurier

January 22nd -24th



UBC Geering Up Engineering Outreach is a non-profit organization with the mandate of promoting science, engineering and technology to youth across British Columbia. Affiliated with the University of British Columbia, Geering Up is designed, organized and operated by UBC students. The facilitators endeavour to show program participants how fun, exciting and useful engineering and science can be. We are pleased to have the Geering Up UBC Engineering and Science for Kids coming to Laurier on January 22nd, 23rd and 24th.

The instructors will bring 1 to 1.5 hour workshops straight to each classroom, from K to Gr. 7, with interactive demonstrations, activities, and take-home projects for students to create.

One Woman Circus

Circus Arts Residency – January 29th – 31st

Hands-on circus arts workshops introduce students to a range of circus skills like feather balancing, juggling, unicycle, rola bola and stilts. Students across grade levels will experience a mix of physical education and performing arts activities. Results: greater student self-confidence, body awareness and self-discipline while having big fun.

On January 29th to 31st, our students will work with Sand Northrup, who offers curriculum relevant circus workshops that demonstrate open learning mindset in action. There is an emphasis on mindfulness, personal effort, self-regulation and incremental learning through focused practice.



Young Actors Primary Projects

January 27, 29, 30 and February 3, 4

Our primary students have the opportunity to participate in the Young Actors Projects in January and February. The Young Actors Project introduces kids to the art of acting (Over 30,000 students in 2016/2017!). But what else does it do?

Drama empowers kids with self-confidence. Kids need to believe in their creative ideas and have the bravery to express them in front of others. YAP school workshops make that kind of risk-taking fun, not scary. Students communicate characters, feelings, and stories, which increase their focus and exercise their imaginations. They develop trust through cooperation and collaboration with their peers – learning to accept and build on each other's creative ideas. These are skills required not just for the stage – but for the stage of life.



SAFE DRIVING IN SCHOOL ZONES

Vancouver City Council has passed changes to the fees around **stopping violations** which will **double the fines for violations which occur in the vicinity of schools, 8am-5pm on school days**. This was passed Dec. 3 2019 and has come into effect **Jan 1, 2020**. The Council report notes that "to support the City's Moving Towards Zero goals, (City) staff have identified a number of safety related parking offences, in particular those that impact vulnerable road users, where fine amounts should be increased to further discourage unsafe parking behaviour."



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

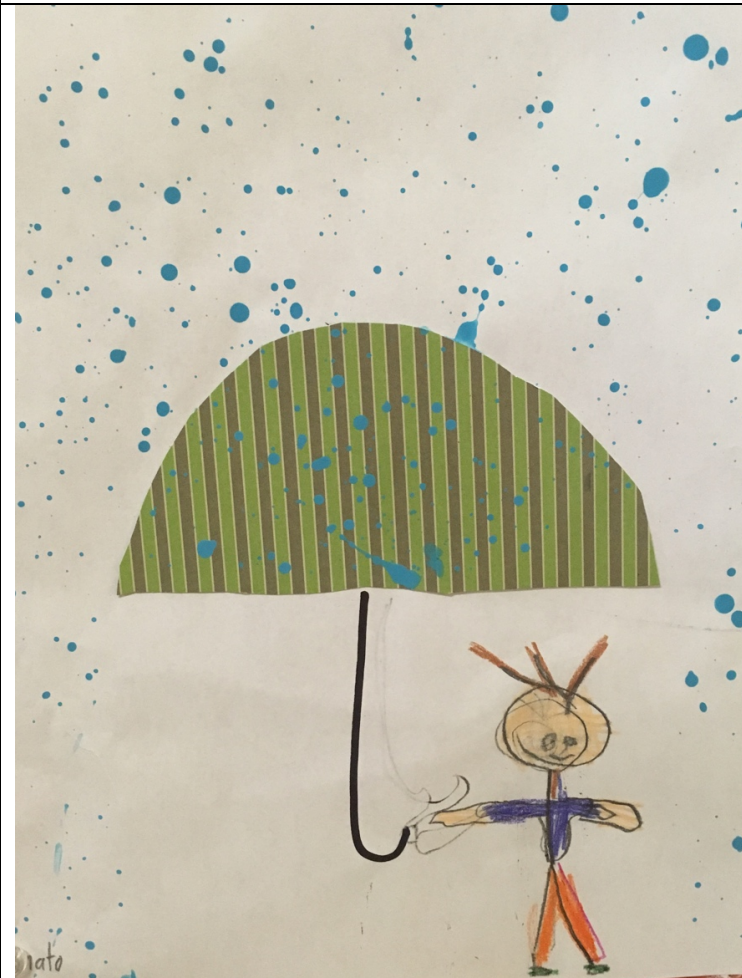


If your child will be absent from school, please call **604-713-5159** to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message at the dedicated answering service by calling the number provided. You will be prompted to provide the two-digit extension for your child's school to access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



How to Dress Kids for Cold Weather

Think of layering as a sandwich

Base Layer



Midlayer



Outer Layer





Settlement Workers in Schools

"Supporting and Connecting Families in Schools & Communities"



Settlement Workers In Schools (SWIS) Program in collaboration with Kerrisdale Community Center jointly present a series of parenting workshops in Winter 2020

温哥华教育局学校移民安顿项目与 Kerrisdale 社区中心于 2020 年冬季联合举办
一系列家长育儿研讨会-如何在加国培育下一代 – 文化差异

Family Relationships 家庭关系

日期/时间 Friday 2020-Jan-10 9:30am - 11am

- My Family Values 我的家庭价值观
- What is Your Parenting Style? 您的教养孩子方式是甚么类型?
- How to Communicate More Effectively? 如何更有效的沟通?

Peer Relationships 朋辈关系

日期/时间 Friday 2020-Feb-28 9:30am – 11am

- Supporting Healthy Friendships 支持健康的友谊
- Bullying Myths and Facts 欺凌的迷思与事实
- How to Prevent Aggression in Children 如何预防孩子们的攻击行为

My Tween & Me modules are provided by B. C. Council for Families. Workshop will be conducted in English &/or Chinese.

讲座资料由卑诗省家庭委员会提供, 研讨会将以英语和/或中文进行。

Address/地址 5851 West Boulevard, Vancouver. Extra free underground parking available at the Royal Canadian Legion (right across the Kerrisdale Community Center) 额外免费地下停车位可在社区中心对面皇家加拿大军团找到。

For inquiry & registration, please phone or text to VSB SWIS Elisabeth Chan @ 778-227-5452 or email to echan@vsb.bc.ca

查询和登记: 请联系温哥华教育局职员伊丽莎白陈 (语音/短信/电邮) 778-227-5452 / echan@vsb.bc.ca

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Severe Weather



Vancouver School Board has procedures that are followed in situations where severe weather, like heavy snowfall or very high winds, might be affecting schools.

All schools in the Vancouver School District will remain open if at all possible during severe weather events. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 7:00 a.m. at the latest. Details of district-wide or individual school closures will be announced through the media and the [district website front page](#).

Please note that no announcement will be made stating that schools are open. Only closures and delayed openings will be announced.

Information about any district-wide closures will be sent to Metro Vancouver radio and television stations. Please check the following stations for school closure information (but do not call them).

<i>Radio</i>	<i>Television</i>
CBC AM 690 radio, 88.1 FM	Global BC
CKNW AM 980 radio	CBC TV
News AM 1130 radio	CTV BC
Fairchild AM 1470 radio	City TV

Individual school closures due to unique circumstances (e.g. power outages) will be announced as early as possible on the district website as well as on the affected schools' websites. On occasion, schools may delay the start of the school day. If this happens, specific details will be posted on the school and district websites.

Student safety is the first priority of Vancouver School Board. Schools will be kept open except under extreme circumstances to provide the option of attendance for all, but the decision to attend is the responsibility of each family.

Parents/guardians are responsible for their children's safe travel to and from school. If for any reason a parent/guardian feels that a child cannot travel safely to school, then they should make other arrangements.

During extreme weather conditions it is also common for police and other authorities to advise citizens to avoid unnecessary travel. Parents should take this advice as well. Students will not be penalized for lack of attendance under such poor weather conditions. Students are reminded to wear appropriate clothing for the conditions. When sidewalks and roads are slippery, students walking to school should take extra care.

We encourage you to review your own preparations for severe weather conditions and ensure that you are familiar with the city's response procedures for those conditions. We request that you strictly adhere to parking restrictions in and around all Vancouver schools. Your child's school will contact you about any changes to driving routes that may be put into effect on streets adjacent to the school.

Busing

VSB bus transportation will attempt to operate on their normal schedule during days with snow or other severe weather. Significant changes to the bus schedule as a result of weather conditions will be reported on the district website. Should the condition of side streets require a cancellation or change to the operation of school buses for students using the service, affected families will be informed.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2015 began on November 1st 2019.

All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (French Immersion, Montessori, etc.) and/or a cross boundary placement.

The priority registration period for Kindergarten opened on **Friday November 1st and closes at 4 pm on Friday January 31st**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

Applying for Kindergarten is a **2-Step process**:

Step 1: Completion of an online application form.

Step 2: Bringing supporting documentation, along with your child, to your neighbourhood English catchment school.

Supporting Documents Needed:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records
5. Court Orders/Documents (if applicable)

If you want to apply for a Choice program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school.

Applications for Choice programs and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2020.

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than available space* at the school, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1st and January 31st

1. **In-catchment** Kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining Kindergarten spaces.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
4. Between January 31st and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

In-catchment Kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31st will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

Note: There will be **no priority** given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31st.

For more information on kindergarten registration visit: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

* Available Space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the district. (Administrative Procedure 300)



1 Apply Online



2 Visit your catchment school with necessary documents

A MESSAGE FROM THE LAURIER PAC

Happy New Year!

PAC Events: This term PAC has two events planned.

- **Lunar New Year Celebration** – Thursday January 16th 3 – 4 pm. An event for parents/caregivers and students to come together and do a craft/activity to mark Hoobiyee and Chinese New Year. Please join us after school 3:00-4:00 pm Thursday Jan 16. If you have ideas to celebrate the Lunar New Year at Laurier please let us know.

Please note: this is not a drop off event

- **Family Movie Night** – Thursday February 27 .

PAC Meetings: The PAC Meetings this term will be Tuesday January 14th, Wednesday February 19th and Tuesday March 10th at 6:30 pm in the library. Free child care provided.

Looking for Volunteers – please check our webpage for info and links <https://laurierpac.weebly.com/volunteer-opportunities.html>

1. **Hot Lunch** - If you are able to volunteer to help at a hot lunch or two (or more!) before spring break please sign up at www.volunteersignup.org/DXT8P THANK YOU!
2. **Lunar New Year Thurs Feb 16 3-4 pm** – Suggest and activity or help with the event www.volunteersignup.org/4CYPR
3. **Movie Night** Thursday February 27 – If you can help out on movie night please sign up. www.volunteersignup.org/MQPFE

We are looking forward to hearing from you! You can join these activities anytime. Thanks for your support and for making Laurier a wonderful place for our students. If you are interested in joining these activities, please contact us at Laurier.pac@gmail.com.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for events please contact us at Laurier.pac@gmail.com or leave a message in the PAC box.

Laurier PAC

BELL SCHEDULE

-WARNING BELL: 8:55 am

-Classes start @9:00am

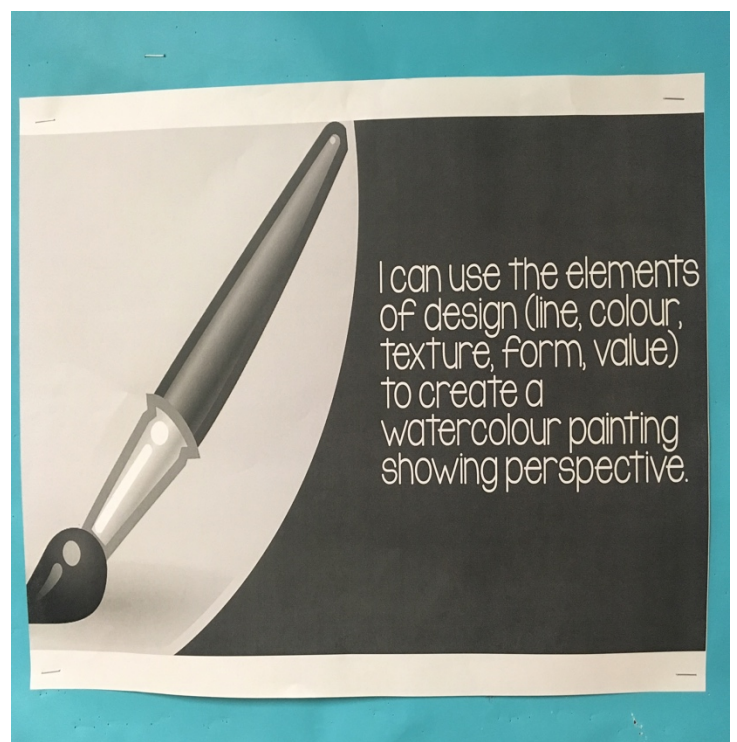
-Recess: 10:30– 10:45am

-Lunch time: 12:00 – 12:47pm

-Homeroom: 12:47 – 12:50pm

-School ends @3:00pm

Birch Tree Water Paintings by Div. 4





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5	6 First Day of School after Winter Break	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Lockdown Drill #2 – 1:00pm	14 PAC Meeting @6:30pm - Library	15	16 PAC Event: Lunar New Year/Hobiye celebration @3:00-4:00 pm in the library	17	18
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