

# Sir Wilfrid Laurier News



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**NEWSLETTER #10 June**

**May 31, 2019**

## Principal's Message

Dear Laurier Community,

It is hard to believe that the 2018-2019 school year is drawing to a close. I extend my most sincere thanks for your continued support this school year. This year has been busy and full of exciting learning activities offering our students many opportunities.

There are many events happening for our students in June such as our Primary, Intermediate and Evening Concerts and the Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony. This is in addition to all the field trips that our staff have been organizing and the year-end celebratory event that our SOAR Committee is working on. Also, for our families, PAC is hosting a special presentation by the VSB District Principal of Aboriginal Education, Chas Desjarlais, on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the library. This presentation will offer insights into the integration of Aboriginal perspectives into teaching and learning.

I would like to take this opportunity once more to thank our PAC members for their tireless work for our community. Many thanks for the most recent activities: a beautiful Staff Appreciation Lunch, participation in our Sports Day event and the Family Potluck. Our PAC members are always involved, engaged and ready for new projects at Laurier! Our gratitude goes to our departing PAC executives and we warmly welcome our new and returning members. Please check the PAC corner in this newsletter for more information about the PAC positions for 2019-2020.

This school year, our Staff has been very involved in developing our three-year school plan with a focus on Critical Thinking. The core competency of Critical Thinking is a set of intellectual proficiencies that our students need to develop in order to engage in deep and life-long learning, such as making decisions, analyzing issues, solving problems, inquiring and self-assessing. Our three-year school plan will be available on our school website before the end of the school year. This school year, we were also able to expand our outdoor education program by completing a previous project that included our outdoor classroom adjacent to our garden.

Laurier is a magical place with dedicated teachers and staff members and an active PAC. Our students are engaged in many activities, and new learning happens every day. I am proud of all the efforts and achievements. Watching our children discover their passions, learn new skills, gain knowledge, solve problems, and enthusiastically participate in all the opportunities that have been provided, has been a great joy.

Enjoy the beautiful month of June!

Armin Samiei  
Principal

Sports Day @Laurier – “Tug of War”: Div. 1 and 2 vs. staff!  
Thank you Ms. Sprintzios for leading our Sports Day Event!



## Parent Volunteer Appreciation Tea



Please come and join us in the library on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am after the concert, even if you forgot to RSVP!

Your hours of volunteer service at Laurier School make a real difference to our learning community. The gift of your time is much appreciated. Thank-you for your commitment.

Staff and students of Laurier invite you to join us at a celebration in recognition of your service on

Friday, June 7, 2019  
at  
Laurier School Library  
10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Please RSVP BY WED., May 29  
[jlum@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jlum@vsb.bc.ca)

# BIKE/WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Our Walk/Bike to School Week from May 27-31 was a success! We encouraged all students to bike and/or wheel or walk to school throughout the week. This week was about highlighting the importance of active transportation and healthy living. Thanks Ms. Magdee for leading the event!



## Laurier Year-End Concerts 2019



### JUNE 7<sup>th</sup> and JUNE 14<sup>th</sup> MORNING CONCERTS

We are excited to remind you of the dates for our Primary and Intermediate Concerts that will take place in the school gymnasium on the following dates:

- **June 7:**
  - **9:15 – 9:45am:** Primary (Div. 7 - Div. 13)
  - **9:45-10:15am:** Laurier Choir & Ukulele Band
- **June 14:**
  - **9:15 - 10:00am:** Intermediate Concert (Div. 1 - Div. 7)

\*\*Div. 7 will be performing for both primary and intermediate concerts.

### JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> EVENING CONCERT: *A Night of Music at Laurier*

The Laurier Choir and Ukulele Band will be performing at this concert, which will start at 7pm and end around 8:00pm. Tickets for this concert are \$3 per person and \$6 per family. The money we raise goes to our music fund. We collect cash at the door on the night of the concert.

Many thanks to our students for many hours of practice and Ms. Chung for working so tirelessly with our students.

### ***MOVING? Let us know!***

**Are you returning in September 2019?**

**If you are not returning to Nightingale in September 2019 and have not yet informed us, please let the Office know immediately as this may affect class size and composition for the next school year.**

### **Change of Address or Phone Number?**

Please inform the Office if you have changed your address or telephone number. For safety and enrolment purposes, it is very important that the school office has this information.

# Notice of Late Return

Please notify the school if your child(ren) will be returning **LATER THAN noon on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**, but **prior to September 27<sup>th</sup>**. Please note: If the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school **by noon on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**, your child's space will be given to another student on the school's waitlist. Please complete the form below if this applies to your child(ren) and return it to school by June 22<sup>nd</sup>.



## *Sir Wilfrid Laurier Elementary School*

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### 2019 NOTICE OF LATE RETURN FORM

This form is to be completed for any student expecting to return to school **LATER THAN noon on Tuesday, September 3, 2019** but prior to **September 27, 2019**.

**Please note: If, by 12:00PM on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the school cannot verify that your child will be in attendance by Friday, September 27, 2019, your child's space will be given to another student on the school's waitlist.**

The School Phone is 604-713-4925

Email: [laurier@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:laurier@vsb.bc.ca)

My child(ren) will be attending Sir Wilfrid Laurier Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year, but **will NOT be in attendance in the school before noon on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Please reserve a space in your school for my child(ren).**

\_\_\_\_\_, Current Div. \_\_\_\_\_ in Grade \_\_\_\_\_ for Sept. 2019  
*Last Name First Name*

\_\_\_\_\_, Current Div. \_\_\_\_\_ in Grade \_\_\_\_\_ for Sept. 2019  
*Last Name First Name*

\_\_\_\_\_, Current Div. \_\_\_\_\_ in Grade \_\_\_\_\_ for Sept. 2019  
*Last Name First Name*

The expected **DATE OF RETURN** for our child(ren) is \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for late return: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note: Space will not be held beyond September 27, 2019.**

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Or Legal Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL BEFORE JUNE 21<sup>st</sup>**

## 3,500 SOAR Tickets!

The Laurier SOAR Committee is excited to announce the final Fun Day reward. In September, we set a goal of 3,500 SOAR tickets. We are just 200 SOAR tickets away from reaching our goal. Congratulations, Laurier! We can do it! We will celebrate with a School-Wide Fun Day Picnic at Oak Park on Tuesday, June 25 from 11:45am-2:00pm. We will enjoy picnic lunches at Oak Park, followed by free play on the grass field. Each class will have their own sign-up sheet of picnic items to share. Please see your classroom teacher. The SOAR Committee will provide sports equipment to play with on the grass field. Many thanks to our SOAR Committee, our dedicated students and our amazing teachers, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Boucher and Ms. Sprintzios for organizing and leading all the activities and keeping our SOAR Board up to date!



## Track and Field

The Laurier Track and Field team has been in full swing this May! Our team consists of students from Grades 4-7. Our students participating in Shotput, Long Jump, High Jump, and Running events, with mini meets hosted each week. We participated at the final Track and Field meet at Churchill Secondary School on May 28<sup>th</sup>! We are so proud of all of our athletes! Many thanks to our hardworking coaches: Ms. Boucher, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Chohan, Ms. Virvilis and Mr. Fisher!





## TECH FAIR

By Shaheen Jivraj – UBC Teacher Candidate

On Friday, May 3rd, a Tech Fair was organized for Division 11. The experience allowed students to sample education technology stations that focussed on the Critical Thinking skills of ideating, sharing, making, collaborating, and building through play and natural curiosity. The goal of the Tech Fair was to showcase technologies that are play-based and extend human capabilities as an alternative to tap-and-play technologies that most children engage with. The students worked with Ozobots, 4D Animal and Dinosaur apps, Osmo, a 4D colouring app (Quiver), and virtual reality (VR) goggles. Students were paired and shared resources to encourage maximum interactivity with each other. There were Grade 7 student volunteers at each station who were prompted to encourage discussion, collaboration and ideating. The students were delighted and engaged and had fun exploring and experimenting with the technologies.

Dr. Yvonne Dawydiak, UBC Instructional Specialist and Technology Integration Mentor, Faculty-Wide Programs, PDCE and Ms. Jivraj co-facilitated this fair. They also offered a workshop to our primary teachers at lunchtime.



## Library News



All library books are due **Thursday, June 6**.  
If a book cannot be found, please see Ms. Altman in the library.



## LOST AND FOUND

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO COME AND CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND IF YOUR CHILD IS MISSING ANYTHING! All non-claimed items will be donated to charities on June 28<sup>th</sup>.**

## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019-2020

Please note that our calendar has now been approved and is included in this newsletter. You can also find the 2019-2020 school calendar on our school website.

School re-opens for the 2019-2020 school year on **Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**. All students are expected to arrive at 9:00 am and report as follows:

- Last year's Grades K - 6 to last year's classrooms
- All new students Grades 1-7 to the gym
- All new Kindergarten students please refer to the gradual entry schedule that you received on the orientation day (May 29), which you can also find on our school website. First day for new K students is Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

We will be in session for only a short time on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dismissal will be at 10:00am. We hope to have students settled into their new classrooms by the end of the first week. Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> will be the first full day for students in grades 1 to 7.

## Warm Weather/Appropriate Dress



As the Weather warms up, our students will come to school in comfortable and appropriate outfits for the weather. Please remember to send your child to school with a hat and sunscreen on sunny, warm days. A bottle of water will help your child to hydrate throughout the day. Flip-flops are discouraged for safety. Thank you for your support!

## Sun Awareness

A reminder by the Canadian Dermatology Association to:

SLIP on a SHIRT (long sleeve)

SLAP on a HAT (wide brimmed)

SLOP on some SUN SCREEN (SPF 15 or more)

WEAR your SUNGLASSES (100% UV protection)

BEWARE of the SUN from 10:00 am to 3:00pm



## 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,  
Last newsletter of the year – June is here!

Thank you to all who came out to our May events

- **Staff Appreciation Lunch** –Wednesday May 8
- **Sports Day concession and hot lunch** – Thursday May 16
- **PAC Family Potluck and AGM** – Tuesday May 21

Please see the year end newsletter below to see the results of the AGM elections, and the minutes posted on our website for the draft budget. We are looking forward to one more event in June

- **Chas Desjarlais, District Vice Principal - Aboriginal Education** – Tuesday June 4 7:00 – 8:00 pm  
We have invited Ms. Desjarlais to present to parents on the Indigenous program in our schools and ways PAC and parents can get involved. Hope to see you there.
- We also have an assortment of t-shirts for sale. Please use the form on our website:  
[https://laurierpac.weebly.com/uploads/1/4/8/9/14892754/t-shirts\\_-nov2018.pdf](https://laurierpac.weebly.com/uploads/1/4/8/9/14892754/t-shirts_-nov2018.pdf) or get one from the office.

Huge thank you to all who helped with all our activities – especially our hot lunch volunteers and coordinators who supplied over 12,000 meals this year and made a huge fundraising contribution!

Have a great summer! See you in September. First PAC meeting will be Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm and potluck on meet the teacher night. Laurier PAC

Meeting Dates for next year all 6:30 pm in the school library:

September	Tuesday, Sept 17, 2019
October	Wednesday, Oct 16, 2019
November	Tuesday, Nov 19, 2019
December	No meeting
January	Tuesday, Jan 14, 2020
February	Wednesday, Feb 19, 2020
March	Tuesday, Mar 10, 2020
April	Wednesday, April 15, 2020
May (AGM & Potluck)	Wednesday, May 27, 2020
June	No meeting



# LAURIER PAC ANNUAL REPORT

June 2019

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Elementary PAC

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## Thank-you!

Thank-you to everyone who came out to the PAC Family Potluck and AGM. We would like to take this opportunity to re-cap our successful year.

## Volunteers

Without our volunteers none of our ideas or activities would happen. Thank you to all who came out and helped. Your spirit helps make Laurier SOAR!

THANK YOU!!!

## Events and Fundraisers

- Two family potlucks
  - Meet the teacher potluck (September)
  - Family Potluck (May)
- Two community Craft Fairs
  - Winter Craft Fair (November)
  - Spring Craft & Bake Sale (April)
- Two movie nights
  - Hotel Transylvania 3 (October)
  - Paddington 2 (February)
- T-shirt sales
- Lunar New Year Celebration (February)
- Bye Bye Winter Pancake Breakfast
- Gary Anaka- Brain Guy – Parent and Student Sessions
- Sports Day concession and lunch
- Hot Lunch – 155 days of hot lunch, 12,150 lunches served plus Sports Day!
- Friendship Contact List
- Purdy's Chocolate sales
- Earthbites Program
- Purchased 20 resin tables
- Painted SOAR logo in gym

Made possible by over 55 parent/family volunteers! Thank You!!

## BUDGET SUMMARY – MAJOR ITEMS

Revenue:	
Hot Lunch	\$12,500
Direct Appeal	\$2,940
Purdy's Fundraising	\$1,250
Grant from BC Government	\$7,687
Major Expenses:	
Earthbites Program	\$10,000
Classroom Funding	\$5,250
Gary Anaka - Brain Guy	\$740
Author visit	\$1,150
Logo Painting in Gym	\$1,350
20 Resin Tables	\$1,723

For more details see the PAC meeting minutes. They are emailed home and posted on our web site

Next year's budget was presented at AGM will be voted on at the September meeting, please join us or email any comments.

## PAC Positions

At the AGM on May 21, the following positions have been filled. We still have a few vacant positions.

Chair: Ann Mukai

Vice Chair: Anita Parkinson

Treasurer: Emily Tsen

Secretary: Donna Lei

Past Chair: Vacant

Hot lunch Coordinators: Katy Won, Kate Chang, Winola Chu & Stephan Tollenaar

DPAC Representative: Anita Chui

Sports Day Coordinator: *Vacant*

Event/Fundraising Coordinator: *Vacant*

Thank-you to Paola Baca who has served many roles on PAC over many years and finished up with a great sports day. Thank-you also to Anita Chui and Karen Lidhar who have expertly grown our hot-lunch program to the huge success it is! 🙏🙏

Come join us for our first PAC meeting of the school year on Tues, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30pm.



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	3	4	5	6	7 -Primary Concert 9:15-10:15am in gym - Volunteer Tea @10:15am in Library Last Hot Lunch	8
9	10	11	12	13 Evening Concert	14 -Intermediate Concert 9:15- 10:15am in gym	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 SOAR Year End Celebration	26 Grade 7 Graduation Ceremony	27 Last day of school for students – Report Cards go home	28 Administrative Day	29
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## CALENDAR 2019 – 2020

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Elementary School

### 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 Administrative Day (June 26)

### Important Dates

School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 3, 2019
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14, 2019
Remembrance Day Holiday	Monday, November 11, 2019
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 20, 2019
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 23, 2019 – Friday, January 3, 2020
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 6, 2020
Family Day	Monday, February 17, 2020
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 13, 2020
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27, 2020
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 30, 2020
Good Friday	Friday, April 10, 2020
Easter Monday	Monday, April 13, 2020
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2020
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 25, 2020
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 26, 2020

### Professional Development (school not in session)

Monday September 23, 2019	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 25, 2019	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 8, 2019	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Monday, January 20, 2020	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 14, 2020	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Friday, May 15, 2020	Indigenous Focus Professional Day (District Wide)

### Parent Conference Dates

### Early Dismissal Times

Wednesday, November 6, 2019	2:00pm
Thursday, November 7, 2019	2:00pm
Wednesday, April 22, 2020	2:00pm
Thursday, April 23, 2020	2:00pm