

Sir Wilfrid Laurier News



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Principal's Message

Dear Laurier Community,

The month of May is promising more sunny and warm days in our beautiful city. We are looking forward to many outdoor activities and events at Laurier.

May starts with our second Earthquake Drill of the year, the Big One @2 on Thursday, May 2nd at 2:00pm. Please find more details about this drill in our newsletter. This Drill is part of a series of practice drills that are required to take place throughout the school year in all VSB schools, which include 6 Fire Drills, 2 Earthquake Drills and 2 Lockdowns Drills. Sports Day 2019 is taking place on May 16th and you will receive more information about the day via email. Our very dedicated Laurier PAC is inviting you to attend the PAC Potluck (5:30-6:30pm) followed by the AGM (6:30-7:30pm) on May 21st. I am looking forward to meeting many of you at this event.

I hope you find this newsletter about the upcoming events informative and helpful. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Wishing you a wonderful month of May!

Armin Samiei
Principal



Tweet from Mr. Fisher: *“I am so grateful to work, teach and learn in such a beautiful Supportive, Open Minded, Awesome, and Respectful school!”*

'The Big One at Two' District-Wide Earthquake Drill Thursday, May 2

Every year in May, the Vancouver Board of Education runs a district-wide Earthquake drill. This year the drill for all Vancouver schools will be held on **Thursday, May 2nd at 2:00 pm**. At 2:00 pm, all students and staff will begin the practice in their classrooms, by going under their desks and counting to 60 in unison.

After the count, everyone will proceed outside to the grass field, as we do during a Fire Drill. Once outside, we will set up our First Aid Station and Release Station. The Release Station is for coordinating the release of students to parents or guardians. In such an event, adults who are picking up students would check-in at the Release Station and sign-out the child that they are taking off of the school grounds.

The VSB has also implemented a radio communication process which will be used during this practice. Each school is equipped with a radio that can be used to communicate to the VSB Command Post with status information (i.e. injuries, structural damages, etc.) Schools are called one at a time to report their status. We must remain on the field until each school has completed their status reports. Once all schools have completed their status reports, students and staff may return to the building.



Welcome to Kindergarten – Wednesday May 29 2019

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Elementary will be holding our annual “Welcome to Kindergarten” event on Wednesday, May 29th from 9:15-11:15am. Children registered to Kindergarten in September 2019 have already been invited to this session with their parents and will participate in learning stations highlighting activities that can be done over the summer to support school readiness. Our new K families will meet the Principal, K Teachers, Resource Teachers, Teacher-Librarian, PAC Chair, Local Librarian, School Nurse and other staff members and community partners as part of this event.



Welcome to Kindergarten™
THE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

**TOGETHER, LET'S MAKE
YOUR CHILD'S START TO
KINDERGARTEN A BIG SUCCESS!**

Join us for a Welcome to Kindergarten™ orientation and share in family activities that will help your child have a successful transition to kindergarten.

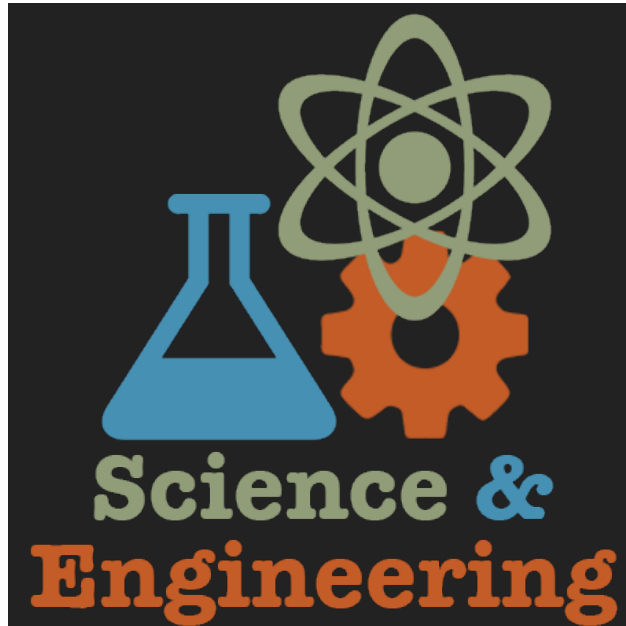


For other early learning resources please visit our website at: thelearningpartnership.ca

Geering Up UBC Engineering & Science for Kids at Laurier

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 May 8th, 9th, 10th, 16th and 23rd. 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.



Safer Schools Together Presentations

Safer Schools Together is responsible for developing the erase strategy in 2012, delivering over 280 training sessions to 18,000+ participants throughout the province. Educators, community partners and parents were trained on topics like social media, threat assessment and trauma response.

We are pleased to have a visit of Safer Schools Together at Laurier on Thursday, May 30th. We will have two sessions in the morning for our Gr. 3-7 students in the gym as follow:

- Gr. 3-5: 9:20-10:20am
- Gr. 6-7: 11:00am-12:00pm

The presentations will be on Social Media, Digital Citizenship, and the erase Report It Reporting Tool [60-minute presentation]. The student presentations focus on lessons and content that is most applicable to each particular age group. They cover all things digital, from digital citizenship and how to be a good digital citizen to the criminal consequences of cyber-bullying. Sessions also include an in-depth walkthrough of the newly released online anonymous reporting tool available to all students in BC.

Topics covered will include: (Based on age-range of students.):

- How to practice netiquette (online etiquette)
- How to recognize and respond to cyber-bullying, the criminal and social consequences of cyberbullying behaviour and the possession and distribution of intimate images (sexting)
- Digital media habits and oversharing, digital addiction, piracy and plagiarism
- The permanence of online posts
- The significance that your digital footprint plays in how others perceive you, particularly college admissions officers as well as potential employers
- The illusion of anonymity online will be spoken to in cautioning students from misrepresenting themselves online and creating false profiles
- Geo-locational settings will be covered including the dangers of social media and cell phone misuse
- A full walkthrough of the new erase Report It online anonymous reporting tool that is now available to all students throughout BC

TRACK AND FIELD 2019

Kudos to all of our participants for attending all the related practices with enthusiasm and determination. Many thanks to Ms. Boucher for leading the Laurier Track and Field Team 2019 with the help of Mr. Fisher, Ms. Virvilis, Ms. Sprintzios, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Wong and Ms. Jennifer (our student teacher). The team is open to Gr. 4-7 students.



BADMINTON 2019

Many thanks to Mr. Holdham for leading the Badminton Team 2019 with the help of Ms. Patricia Lee. Senior Boys and Girls (Gr. 6/7) are very engaged with this activity.



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,

Thank you to Liang Fung and Wynash Consulting who sponsored the Bye-Bye Winter and Hello Spring Pancake breakfast for the kids on their fun day!

Thank you to all who came out to our April events:

- **Understanding the Brain and How Technology Affects your Brain** with Gary Anaka, Brain based learning facilitator www.braincoach.ca
- **Spring Craft Fair** – Wednesday April 24

We are looking forward to our upcoming events in May:

- **Staff Appreciation Lunch** –Wednesday May 8 10:50-1:15
We are looking for volunteers to help us show our appreciation to our great staff by hosting a lunch. Volunteers will help with set up and decorating and cover some roles so staff can eat together - <https://www.volunteersignup.org/AMEBX>
- **Sports Day concession and hot lunch** – Thursday May 16 - volunteers needed to help on the day - <https://volunteersignup.org/EAD7E>
Note: There will be a special hot lunch for this day – Munchalunch is open for orders until Monday May 6th. Payment must be received by May 7th or orders will be cancelled. We also have t-shirts in the four team colours (red, blue, yellow & green) for sale. Please use the form on our website https://laurierpac.weebly.com/uploads/1/4/8/9/14892754/t-shirts_nov2018.pdf or get one from the office.
- **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!

Potluck 5:30-6:30 AGM 6:30-7:30

Please bring your family and a dish to share (peanut free please)! Enjoy a meal together with the school community and stay for the PAC Annual General Meeting (AGM). Also, **please bring your own reusable cutlery and dishes**. Childcare will be provided during the AGM.

The purpose of the AGM is to elect next year's executive (Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, etc) and make plans for next year. **We need a Hot Lunch Volunteer Coordinator to join the hot lunch team next year. If you can help please let us know.** The other executives have agreed to stand for re-election, but would be happy to see other parents take on these roles. It is also possible for people to share a job! To understand these PAC roles, please read the job descriptions that are included in this newsletter, or talk to any PAC member.

家长会年度会议(AGM)的目的是选出下一学年度的家长会干部 (主席, 会计, 秘书....等)和制定下一年度的计划。在新的學年, 我們需要一位學生午餐籌劃主席參與我們家長會, 如果各下有興趣, 請與我們聯絡! 其他的现任家长会的干部们都同意寻求连任, 但是如果您对任何家长会职位有兴趣, 我们也欢迎其他的家长踊跃参与。一个职位也可以由几个人共同分担! 若想对家长会职位有更多的瞭解, 请详见下列的职务说明或与家长会员询问。

As always, these events only happen with volunteer help. Thank you to all who make all our events possible!

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

Laurier PAC Executive Positions

Here are the main responsibilities of the PAC positions. While the duties are clearly listed, there is room to make the job your own. More details are available in the PAC Constitution (a copy is on the PAC website <http://laurierpac.weebly.com/>).

Chairperson or Co-Chairs:

The Chair runs the PAC meetings and is the official spokesperson for the PAC.

The Vice-Chairperson:

If there is only a Chair (and not co-chairs) the Vice-Chair assists the Chair and fills in needed.

The Treasurer:

The Treasurer keeps track of the PAC finances. All income and expenses go through the Treasurer who reports on finances at all meetings.

The Secretary:

The Secretary writes and distributes the minutes from all meetings. These four roles (above) have signing authority for the bank account as all cheques require two signatures.

The District PAC (DPAC) Representative:

The DPAC Representative attends the monthly Vancouver District PAC meetings to represent, speak, and vote on behalf of the Laurier PAC and reports back.

The Hot Lunch Coordinator(s):

The Hot Lunch Coordinators are in charge of all aspects of hot lunch. They plan, source, and execute all hot lunch menus for each of the three terms. They also handle ordering hot lunch through Muncha-Lunch (enter menus, answer questions, collect payments) and coordinate the team of volunteers.

The Event/Fundraising Coordinator(s):

The Event/Fundraising Coordinators plan and execute PAC events and fundraisers such as Movie Nights, Purdy's Sale, Family Photos, Craft Fairs, etc.

The Sports Day Coordinator(s):

The Sports Day Coordinator plans and organizes the lunch and concession of Sports Day.

The Craft Fair Coordinator(s): The Craft Fair Coordinator sends out the notices for the craft fair, collects the forms for the tables and organized the volunteers.

The Movie Night Coordinator(s): Pick a night, pick a movie, choose some snacks, ask for volunteers, get to gym a bit early to set up then run the concession and help clean up after. Your kids will have a great time!



Laurier Community,

We are excited to tell you about a very special program starting at our school in conjunction with Crayola. It's called Crayola ColorCycle – an amazing program devised to repurpose used markers rather than sending them to landfills!

The ColorCycle program has repurposed more than 70 tons of expended markers in the United States and Canada since 2013, and uses the most advanced plastic conversion technologies available today to make wax compounds for asphalt and roofing shingles as well as to generate electricity that can be used to heat homes, cook food, and power vehicles.

All around *Sir Wilfrid Laurier Elementary*, students and teachers will be collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house- even non-Crayola brands! Highlighters and dry erase markers can also be included. A drop-off box will be located at the school for your child to deposit the markers.

Thank you in advance for participating! With the help of parents like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can continue to keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year.

Remember, don't throw out that used marker—*ColorCycle it!*

Kathleen Virvilis and Karen Ageson

Learn more at <http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle>



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