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Principal's Message

Dear Laurier Community,

October was an eventful month at Laurier full of activities, from Gymnastics stations, Cross Country practices and final district event to our PAC-sponsored health education presentations, our students had the opportunity to remain engaged with their learning in different settings.

On October 25th, our staff participated in a variety of conferences and learning activities as part of the provincial professional development day. This is a time for our teachers and support staff to focus on different aspects of their practice and explore new approaches that best support student learning.

October was also a time for really fun activities! Our students enjoyed a series of educational and fun activities organized on Halloween day by our staff, and the entire school participated in a parade in the gym to showcase the many creative costumes! Movie Night on October 29th gathered our community together and everyone enjoyed the movie and pizza! Thank you to our PAC executive for organizing the evening.

We will be reflecting on peace and what it means to us during the month of November. We will be coming together for a Remembrance Day assembly on November 7th at 11:00 a.m. in our Gym.

On November 6th and 7th, we will have our parent-teacher conferences. The teachers at Laurier value communication between home and school and appreciate having the opportunity to work collaboratively to ensure that your child is able to experience success at school. Please remember that students are dismissed at 2:00pm on both days and should be picked up at this time.

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

SUPPORT STAFF DAY: Tuesday, November 5th 2019



On November 5th, Vancouver School Board is acknowledging the work of all of our support staff: We thank our support staff for all that they do each and every day to help our students to engage fully in the life of the school, and to succeed in their endeavours.

**Happy SUPPORT STAFF
Appreciation Day!**

****Thank you to all of our
caring, kind and dedicated staff
at Laurier****



Kindergarten Registration

What do PARENTS need to KNOW?

www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten



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

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 opens 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

DIGITAL RESPONSIBILITY

At Laurier, we teach the students using the 4 C's of 21st Century Learning. We place a great emphasis on teaching around creativity, collaboration, communication, and community. The world we live in also requires that we teach our students the skills that will help them be good digital citizens. As part of the applied design, skills, and technology curriculum, we teach the students the knowledge of how to be good digital citizens.

We expect students to practice social responsibility and good digital citizenship when using technology. As Laurier students, they are expected to S.O.A.R. online, at school, at home, and within the community. In order to support responsible online citizenship at home, it is important that parents also reinforce these expectations by monitoring their children's online behaviour when students are using technology. It is important that we help students with the choices they make while gaming and/or participating in social media sites. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents how they can support their children at home with safe and responsible digital citizenship:

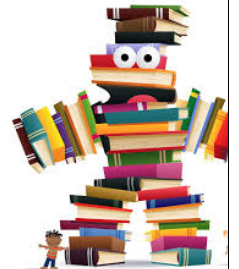
- Be aware of what your child is doing online with regards to both gaming and social media
- Be aware of who your children are communicating with in the digital world by making yourself aware of what your son or daughter is doing online, and who they are talking to.
- Only allow your son or daughter to join/participate in sites that they are willing to have you participate in as well.
- Limit the amount screen of time your son or daughter has in a day. Consider having Wi-Fi-free hours where the Wi-Fi is switched off or unplugged at night.

Please review the Government of Canada's Digital Citizenship Guide for parents if you need any more information on this topic, or need any help facilitating conversation about digital citizenship with your child:
<https://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/cmpgns/cmpgn-06/gd-prnts-en.aspx>

If you have any questions or need support please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher and/or the school principal, Mrs. Samiei.

Scholastic Book Fair!

Look out for our Book Fair coming November 4th-7th. It will be open 8:30-9:00am and from 3:00-4:00pm in the library. We will also be open until 5:00pm during conferences on Wednesday and Thursday, so be sure to come and check it out! The Book Fair is a great fundraiser for our library and there will be many great books for the kids! See you there!
*There will be a sign-up coming by email if any parents would like to sign up and volunteer at the Book Fair.



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.

In Kindergarten, We Visit Amazing Places!

Laurier's kindergarteners visited Southlands Farm in Vancouver. We learned how to read a horse's ears to know if the horse is feeling happy or not. We visited honey bee homes, goats, chickens, the stables, the pond and the orchard. We ate a rainy picnic lunch before choosing our "just right" pumpkins (success criteria: I can carry my pumpkin by myself!).



Div. 12 & 13 – Ms. Murphy/Ms. Virvilis and Mr. Holdham's K students visiting the Southlands Farm

Cross-Country District Meet 2019-2020

Thank you to all of our coaches: Ms. Murphy, Ms. Virvilis, Ms. Boucher, Ms. Vivian Lee for volunteering your time to practise with our students.

Special thanks to Ms. Murphy for leading the event at the district level on October 17th at Trout Lake Park!



At Laurier, We Are Ready To Celebrate! Happy Halloween!







Laurier Eagles Invading the School Library!



Thank you to all of our Staff members for making this day a fun and safe one for our students at school. Special thanks to Ms. Murphy for leading us with the Laurier Eagles costumes! Thanks to all of our parents and guardians for joining our Halloween Parade this morning in the gym!

Safety recommendations when going out trick-or-treating:

- Wear costumes that are short enough so that you do not trip.
- Decorate costumes with reflective tape.
- Shoes should fit well so you do not fall.
- Costumes should be “flame resistant.”
- When you go out, carry a glow stick or flashlight with new batteries.
- It can be hard to see out of a mask, so use makeup or face paint instead.
- Trick or treat in groups with a trusted adult – It’s safer and more fun.
- Carry a cellular phone with you, if possible.
- Visit only houses with the lights on.
- Don’t eat any treats unless they are checked by a parent, or the adult looking after you.
- Always remember to keep yourself safe.

Have a Happy and Safe Halloween!

Thank you for taking the time to review these guidelines with your children.



A MESSAGE FROM THE LAURIER PAC

WOW!!! October has been a busy month with our hot lunch program ramping up, Saleema Noon Parent and Student presentations. We also have the following events between this month and into November: Fresh to You fundraiser, Direct Appeal, Purdy's fundraisers, Winter Craft Fair and Movie Night. We hope to see you get involved in one of our many activities.

Volunteers Wanted Please!

If you have some time and would like to get involved at our school please consider these volunteer opportunities. Thank you!

Hot Lunch: Each day volunteers help distribute hot lunches to the students from 11:30am to 12:30pm. It is easy and a fun way to sneak a peek at your child at school www.volunteersignup.org/TMM38

Purdy's Order Packaging: (Nov 28 9:15 am) volunteersignup.org/KAWWM

Winter Craft & Bake Sale: (Nov 28 2:30 - 5:30) volunteersignup.org/AW4CR

Fresh to You Order Bundling and Distribution: (date and time TBA, pending delivery of fruits/vegetables) volunteersignup.org/LCTJK

Direct Appeal:

Our Direct Appeal fundraiser is underway to help fund PAC initiatives. PAC has already sponsored the Saleema Noon Parent and Student presentations and is committed to paying for the majority of the Earthbites program. Thank you to all those who have already donated! If you have not already donated, please consider doing so online using the SchoolCashOnline.com, the same account you use to pay for school fees. Tax receipts are automatically generated.

To make a donation:

1. Go to <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/1869/196/false/true>
(this link is also on our PAC website <https://laurierpac.weebly.com/events--fundraising.html>)
2. Select the school PAC from the Fund Destination drop-down menu.

Choose **E-Sir Wilfrid Laurier PAC**

Enter the campaign name in the message field: **2019 Direct Appeal**

Purdy's Chocolates Fundraiser:

Purdy's Fundraiser has officially launched! We've heard Laurier parents enjoy doing their holiday shopping knowing 25% of sales will go back to our school. Order deadline is November 17th. Orders will be available for pickup at the Winter Craft Fair Thursday November 28th.

Ordering is done online, just click the link for your child's class and login or create an account. You can send your child's link and friends and family can also participate. If you need assistance with your child's login, please let us know.

"Fresh to You" Fundraiser Update:

Thank-you all for participating and helping to **break the record with over \$1,500 raised!**

Special recognition goes to:

- Samantha's family (Div.10) who sold 13 bundles of veggies and fruits
- Damien (Div 1), Bethany (Div 5) and Emily (Div 5) who each sold 8 bundles
- Kaede (Div 7) and Haydee (Div 6) with 5 bundles each

2019 Winter Craft and Bake Fair:

Following the success of the previous craft fairs, PAC is hosting a Winter/Christmas Craft and Bake Fair Thursday November 28, 3-5 pm in the gym. The Laurier 2019 Christmas Craft and Bake Fair is a wonderful opportunity to unleash the inner artist and entrepreneur in your child!! Space is limited so act fast. \$20 per table and the last day of registration is Friday, November 15th, 2019.

Hot Lunch Disposable Cutlery Free Challenge:

Thank you to all who brought reusable cutlery this week! We are doing a great job with our challenge! If you have any comments or suggestions for the challenge, please send us your thoughts.

Recognition!!!

Thank you to Miranda Lam for putting together the Friendship List. The friendship list was sent out with the PAC envelope. Every family should now have a copy. Please let us know if you need a replacement. Kindly remember that the purpose of the friendship list is to help kids connect with other kids at school – no solicitations please.

Thank you to all who came out for the Saleema Noon Parent Presentation. It was great to see so many parents.

Next PAC meeting: Tuesday, Nov 19, 2019 6:30 in the school library (*Child Care Provided*)

If you have any question, suggestions or comments, we would love to hear from you, please email us at laurier.pac@gmail.com. Also, be sure to check out our website. laurierpac.weebly.com where there is information on PAC meetings and minutes, Events, Fundraising, Hot Lunch, Volunteer Opportunities, and information on Earthbites. We also have a facebook page Sir-Wilfrid-Laurier-Elementary-PAC, come join us!

Laurier PAC



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3	4 Scholastic Book Fair	5 Scholastic Book Fair	6 Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:00pm Dismissal Scholastic Book Fair	7 Remembrance Day Assembly @11:00am – Gym Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:00pm Dismissal Scholastic Book Fair	8 ProD – School closed for Students	9
10	11 Remembrance Day - School Closed	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Pedestrian Safety Presentation K-7 @9:00am – Gym PAC Meeting @6:30 - library	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Craft Fair @3:00-5:00pm	29	30