

GRENFELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & salilwataʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

PROBABILITY CARNIVAL



Students in Div. 1 and 3 put their Math skills to the test! They have been learning about whole numbers, fractions, percent concepts. Using the knowledge that they learned about probability, students incorporated their learning into designing carnival fun games for others to enjoy. On Friday, February 28, students from K to 7 were able to enjoy the carnival games. Paying a \$1 entrance fee, students got to play 16 carnival games with many prizes to win. What are the chances of winning? Well, there's always a probability of 50/50! The entrance fee collected will go towards the Grade 7 year end fieldtip. Great job Divisions 1 and 3! Thank you to Ms. Segran, Mr. Tse and Mr. Pedra for working with the students.



COAST SALISH WEAVING

The grade 2s and 3s of Div 8 have been learning about traditional Coast Salish weaving, the art of creating textiles from thick strands of wool. It is an ancient practice that was done since time immemorial for countless years before colonization and continues today with new generations of weavers in local xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish nation) communities. In the old days, the materials used included mountain goat hair, woolly dog hair (a species that is now extinct) and plant fibres, such as from cedar or willow trees. The materials

are dyed so that intricate patterns can be woven into the design. Modern weavers usually use sheep's wool. By engaging in hands-on learning, students learned that weaving is a skill that can be developed with patience and time. We worked on weaving our pouches over several weeks. (by Ms. Kinzel)





VSB After the Bell: Live

Topic: Helping kids navigate social media, AI and online safety

Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Who: Jeff Spence, VSB District Principal of Information technology and Christina Walker, VSB Digital Literacy Mentor Teacher

In an increasingly digital world, understanding how to be a responsible and informed online citizen is more important than ever. Join VSB After The Bell: Live for an engaging session on digital literacy, where we'll explore how students can safely and responsibly navigate the online space.

Join experts in the field to discuss key topics including navigating social media platforms (Snapchat, Discord, Instagram, TikTok), the impact of Generative AI (Copilot, ChatGPT) and essential student online safety strategies. Learn how VSB is supporting both students and educators on this journey and gain practical insights to help your child thrive in the digital age.

Have questions? Ask ahead of time to get them answered live. Submit questions [here](#).

A link to the information will be sent a day before the event.

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<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/60332/podcast>

GRENFELL BREAK THE RULES DAY



The annual Break The Rules Day is back! This Thursday, March 13 students will be able to “defy” the school rules if they pay! This fun fundraiser is to support our school’s Outdoor Education. Thank you to all the parents and guardians who have paid to support the Break The Rules Day. Thank you to Ms. Cho for organizing this fundraiser.

STUDENT SAFETY PATROL



As you know the South Hill Swing Space does not have a large enough playground for students to play at recess and lunch. Students from Grade 2 to 7 need to cross Prince Albert Street to the VSB rented South Memorial Park for recess and lunch. Thank you to our student safety patrol volunteers who work tirelessly to patrol the cross walk. Our patrol students were trained by the VSD traffic department. We really appreciate our volunteers who give up their recess or lunch to keep our students safe!

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

Parents are invited to fill out the Student Learning Survey. The survey will close on **May 2** and can be completed electronically: <https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>

Please click on **Parents** then District **39 (Vancouver)** and **Sir Wilfred Grenfell Community**. Thank you



NEXT PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting is **Tuesday, April 15 at 9:00 am** in the Staff Room (South Hill Swing Space). We are looking forward to seeing you.

UPCOMING PAC HOT LUNCH DAY

The next hot lunch dates are **March 13** (Church's Chicken), **April 10** (Sushi Taku), **April 24** (Domino's). Thank you for supporting the PAC-run Hot Lunch Days. PAC hot lunch is a main fund raising for the PAC to generate revenue to support our school.

THANK YOU GRENFELL PAC

At the PAC meeting last October, the PAC executives approved a wishlist the teachers submitted. I'm pleased to share that the PAC are supporting us with the following purchases/expenses:

\$500 for library books

\$1600 (\$5 per student) added to classroom funds for teaching resources and classroom supplies

\$70 for 7 pairs of left-handed scissors

\$80 for a class set of white boards with markers

\$1600 chartered bus to Grade 7 Camp (Cheakamus Center in Squamish)

\$3000 laptops for an Intermediate class

\$3000 for Music resources/instruments

\$920 Raz Kids licences for Grades 1, 2 & 3 (home reading)

\$500 for two classes to go to a fieldtrip to Grouse Mountain

A total of \$11,370 has been allocated to the school. Thank you Grenfell parents and Grenfell PAC for your generosity!



WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY SPRING BREAK!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, March 10

Tuesday, March 11

Thursday, March 13

Friday, March 14

Monday, March 31

Thursday, April 10

Tuesday, April 15

Thursday, April 24

Monday, April 28

Wednesday, April 30

Thursday, May 1

Term 2 reports go home

Workshop on "Helping kids navigate social media, AI and online safety"

PAC Hot Lunch Day (Church's Chicken)

Break the Rules Day

Last day of instruction before spring vacation

School re-opens after spring vacation

PAC Hot Lunch Day (Sushi Taku)

PAC Meeting at 9:00 am in the Staff Room (South Hill Swing Space)

PAC Hot Lunch (Domino's)

Pro-d Day (students do not attend)

Parent-teacher conferences (2:00 pm early dismissal)

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