

GRENFELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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VSb DOG POLICY



We are continuing to see dog waste left on the playground at our school. Please be reminded that dogs are not allowed on school grounds Monday to Friday from 8:am to 5:00 pm. Outside of these times, the following rules apply:

1. Dogs must be always leashed.
2. Do not allow your dog to dig.
3. Always clean up after your dog.

Thank you for your help keeping our student play area clean and safe.



SALMONIDS IN THE CLASSROOM

Once again this year, Grenfell was part of the Salmonids in the Classroom program. Beginning in January, Grenfell received 57 Coho Salmon eyed eggs. Students were able to watch the salmon grow from eggs to alevin and then into fry. They learned about the life cycle of salmon

and their place in the ecosystem. As part of the program, Div. 9 and Div. 12 watched a salmon dissection demonstrated by Ms. Lee. Dissecting salmon provided an invaluable learning experience of learning about the different parts of a salmon. When the salmon fry were big enough, Div. 9 and Div. 12 took a fieldtrip to Renfrew Ravine to release them into the wild. It was a very fun and educational day! Thank you to Ms. Lee and Ms. Cho and all staff and students who participated in the program. Thank you to the parents who supervised the students at this field trip.



SARAH MCLACHLAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Grenfell is a partner school with the Sarah McLachlan School of Music. This year all students from Grade 3 to 7 received percussion lessons from Music School instructors. As a partner school, Grenfell students from Grade 3 and up are invited to attend the School Of Music after school music program. An email has gone out to families on how to sign up your child for free music lessons at the Sarah McLachlan School Of Music Studio.

OUR GRADE 7S OFF TO CHEAKAMUS CAMP



After a three-year pause due to Covid, we are pleased to be able to send our Grade 7s to an overnight camp again! From May 29 to 31, our Grade 7s will be going to the Cheakamus Centre in Squamish. Students will engage in team building activities, such as archery, canoeing, orienteering, wilderness skills and nature hike. We have been able to bring down the cost of the camp with a number of fundraisers and the support of Grenfell PAC. We would like to thank all families who supported our fundraisers by purchasing plants or buying frozen yogurt and freezies. Happy camping, Grade 7s!



GRENFELL SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will be held on Friday, June 2. The theme will be Grizzly games. We will be making Sports Day buttons in color groups and bearing our school logo, in lieu of ribbons to give to all participants. Students will be divided in the four colour groups. To show school spirit, students are encouraged to wear clothing representing their color group. Thank you to the PAC for working at the break station and providing students with donuts at the break station and freezies at the end of the event. Students will attend school for the full day. Thank you to the Grade 7 students for running the Sports Day cooperative game stations.



GRENFELL YEAR END CONCERT

Our Music teacher, Ms. Tchir, is organizing a year-end concert for Thursday, June 22 from 1:30 to 2:30pm in the school gymnasium. All parents are invited to attend the concert. We will send out an invitation shortly.



GRADE 7 SCHOOL LEAVING CEREMONY

The Grade 7 School Leaving Ceremony will be held on Friday, June 23 at 1:15 pm. An email invitation has gone out to Grade 7 families. We are looking forward to seeing our Grade 7s families at the ceremony.

LOST AND FOUND



Items are cuminating in Lost & Found. Parents and guardians: please feel free to come inside the building to retrieve lost items in the Lost & Found corner (located in the hallway in front of the library). Unclaimed items will will be donated to charities at the end of the school year.



FREEZIE SALE AT SCHOOL

The Grade 7 Students will be selling freezies to fundraise for Grade 7 year end activities and next year’s Grade 7 camp. For the month of June, freezies will be sold at lunch on Fridays. \$1 for 3 small freezies and \$2 for a jumbo size. Thank you to Mr. Pedra and the Grade 7 students for their hard work organizing the freezie sale.

PAC HOT LUNCH & PAC EMAIL LIST



The last two hot lunch dates of this year will be **Friday, June 2 and Thursday, June 22** . Running the hot lunch is one of the school functions for the PAC at Grenfell. Money raised will support the school. If you have not received PAC email or hot lunch order information, please subscribe to PAC email to receive information. Visit the PAC

website <https://sites.google.com/view/grenfellpac/home>. Add your email address and press the subscribe button to receive PAC emails.



NEXT PAC MEETING

Our last PAC meeting of this school year will be held on **Thursday, June 22 at 7:00 pm** in the school library. At this meeting, we will elect next year’s PAC executives. Childcare will be provided. We hope to see you at the meeting.

NEXT YEAR’S SCHOOL CALENDAR

Grenfell School’s 2023-2024 school calendar has been approved. Please find it attached at the end of this newsletter. The district’s Compact Calendar 2023-2024 can be found here:

<https://sbvsbstorage.blob.core.windows.net/media/Default/frf/5/Compact%20Calendar%202023-2024%20Final-1.pdf>

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| May 29 to 31 | Grade 7s to Cheakamus Centre |
| Friday, June 2 | Sports Day and PAC Hot Lunch |
| Tuesday, June 20 | School performance Kung Jaadee (Haida story telling) |
| Wednesday, June 21 | National Indigenous Peoples Day |
| Thursday, June 22 | Grenfell Year End Concert (1:30 to 2:30 pm) |
| Friday, June 23 | Grade 7 School Leaving Ceremony at 1:15 pm |
| Monday, June 26. | Grade 6s & 7s to Carlton Park |
| Wednesday, June 28 | Year-End Student Assembly |
| Thursday, June 29. | Last Full Day of student attendance |
| Tuesday, Sept 5. | First Day of school (9:00 to 10:00am) |
| Wednesday, Sept 6 | First Day of school for incoming Kindergarten |

Grenfell Elementary School Calendar 2023 - 2024

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 Administration Day (June 28)

Important Dates

First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Day in Lieu of National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	Monday, October 2, 2023
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 9, 2023
In Lieu of Remembrance Day	Monday, November 13, 2023
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 22, 2023
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 25, 2023 – Friday, January 5, 2024
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 8, 2024
Family Day	Monday, February 19, 2024
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 15, 2024
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 18, 2024 – Thursday, March 28, 2024
Good Friday	Friday, March 29, 2024
Easter Monday	Monday, April 1, 2024
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, April 2, 2024
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2024
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 27, 2024
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 28, 2024

Professional Development and Curriculum Implementation Days (School not in session)

Friday, September 22, 2023	Professional Development Day
Friday, October 20, 2023	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 24, 2023	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Wednesday, January 24, 2024	Professional Development Day
Friday, February 16, 2024	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Monday, April 22, 2024	Professional Development Day (District Wide)

Parent Conference Dates

Early Dismissal Times

Wednesday, October 25, 2023	Early Dismissal at 2:03 PM
Thursday, October 26, 2023	Early Dismissal at 2:03 PM
Wednesday, February 7, 2024	Early Dismissal at 2:03 PM
Thursday, February 8, 2024	Early Dismissal at 2:03 PM