

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), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

PARENTS: PLEASE READ BELOW FOR AN URGENT MESSAGE REGARDING THE GRENFELL PAC

GRENFELL SPRING CONCERT

Our Music teacher, Ms. Tchir, is organizing a spring concert for this **Thursday, May 9th** from 1:30 to 2:30pm in the school gymnasium. The theme of the concert is "Grenfell Summer Day". Feel free to dress up for the event! All parents and family members are invited to attend the concert. Donations are gratefully accepted at the door to support the Grenfell Music Program.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION TEA

In recognition of the contributions made by our volunteers, we would like to invite you to a Volunteer Tea as a way to show our appreciation. Volunteers such as supervising at school fieldtrips, driving students to sports events, running the PAC functions, reading with students, just to name a few, leave lasting effect on our students and the school community. An invitation will go out to the parent volunteers inviting you to attend the



Volunteer Appreciation Tea on **Wednesday, May 29 10:40-11:20 am**.

SOLMONIDS IN THE CLASSROOM

Every year, Grenfell participates in the Salmonid Enhancement Program. In January, we received 55 Coho Salmon eggs from Capilano Salmon Hatchery. As part of the program, Ms. Kinzel and Ms. Philips's classes will be releasing the salmon on May 15th at Still Creek in the Renfrew Ravine.

RELAX THE RULES DAY

The Relax the Rules fundraiser held on March 14th generated \$1699.00! The money will be used to support our outdoor classroom and school garden. Thank you to Ms. Cho for organizing this fundraiser. Thank you to our Outdoor Education Committee (Ms. Lee, Ms. Cho, Ms. Tomé and Mr. Walker) for their continued work enhancing our students' outdoor learning experience.



GRENFELL PAC- SPRING PURDY'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Thank you for supporting the PAC's Easter Purdy's chocolate fundraising. The PAC raised \$186 for the school. Thank you to Patricia Sharma for organizing this fundraiser.

URGENT CALLOUT: YOUR GRENFELL PAC NEEDS HELP



Hello parents!
The PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) needs your help!

The parent who has been the Treasurer for the past few years is stepping down, having given notice at the beginning of this school year. The PAC has been glad for her help in continuing to issue funds as needed, but they require an actively involved Treasurer who can attend meetings (either in person or virtually). This role is vital for both the PAC and the school. If they do not find someone to take over this position ASAP, they will be unable to continue providing the school with support next year.

Without an active Treasurer on the PAC, staff and students at Grenfell will miss out on some big things next year.

These include:

- The gaming grant from the BC government (\$8500 per year). These funds are only given to schools with at least 3 executives on their PACS, (they currently only have 2 parents filling “executive” roles)
- Hot Lunches – without someone managing the finances, they will be unable to pay vendors.
- Funds for things like new laptops and other technology, new library books, music supplies, sport equipment and more.

In addition to needing a new Treasurer, the current **website manager** is also stepping down. This is a position that can be done entirely remotely by communicating with the PAC Secretary.

Please contact the PAC at grenfellpac@gmail.com if you can help in any way. They are happy to provide necessary training as you transition into this role. The benefits of getting involved in the PAC is ever lasting. Attending the PAC meetings is a great way to connect with other Grenfell families, and to learn about your child’s school and programs through the principal updates at the PAC meetings and the opportunity for you to have a voice in your child's education. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming PAC meeting.

VS B 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 always be 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.

OUR GRADE 7's OFF TO CHEAKAMUS CAMP



We are pleased to be sending our Grade 7's to an overnight camp again from May 21 to 23, to Cheakamus Centre in Squamish. Students will engage in team building activities, such as archery, canoeing, orienteering, wilderness skills and nature hiking. We have been able to bring down the cost of the camp with a number of fundraisers and Community Link Funding . We would like to thank all families who supported our fundraiser by dropping off your recyclables to Return-It. Happy camping, Grade 7s! Grade 7 students who do not participate in the camp will attend school as usual.



GRENFELL GRIZZLY GAMES DAY Grizzly Games Day (Sports Day) will be held on Friday, May 17th starting at 10:50. We will be making *Grizzly Games 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. Students will attend school for the full day. Thank you to the Grade 7 students for running the cooperative game stations.



GRADE 7 SCHOOL LEAVING CEREMONY

The Grade 7 School Leaving Ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 20 at 1:15 pm. An email invitation will go out to Grade 7 families. We are looking forward to seeing our Grade 7 families at the ceremony.

LOST AND FOUND



Items are accumulating in the 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 be donated to charities at the end of the school year.

PAC HOT LUNCH & PAC EMAIL LIST



The two hot lunch dates in May will be **Thursday, June 9 and Thursday, May 23** . 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 next PAC meeting will be held on **Monday, May 13 at 6:00 pm** in the school library. Childcare will be provided. We hope to see you at the meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Thursday, May 9 | <i>Grenfell Summer Day</i> concert at 1:30 pm (school gymnasium) |
| Thursday, May 9 | PAC hot lunch (Papa John Pizza) |
| Monday, May 13 | PAC meeting at 6:00 pm in school library |
| Friday, May 17 | Grizzly Games Day (students attend school full day) |
| Monday, May 20 | Victoria Day holiday (school closed) |
| May 21-23 | Grade 7s to Cheakamus Centre |
| Thursday, May 23 | PAC hot lunch (Hi-Five Chicken) |
| Wednesday, May 29 | Volunteer Appreciation Tea @10:40 in school library |