



MACCORKINDALE 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) & səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Principal's Message



As the weather begins to warm up and signs of spring emerge, we are looking forward to an exciting and productive season ahead. Term 2 Written Learning Updates will be sent home on Monday, March 10. These updates provide a great opportunity for families to engage in meaningful conversations with their children about their academic progress, goals, accomplishments, and aspirations. We encourage you to take some time to review the report with your child and discuss their learning journey. To guide your conversation, you might ask questions like: "What are you most proud of?"; "Were there any surprises in your report?"; "What efforts made a difference in your progress?"; "What excites you about the next term?"

Additionally, Spring Break is just around the corner! The last day of school before the break is Friday, March 14, and classes will resume on Monday, March 31. After the break, we'll be heading into the final three months of the school year—let's make them count!

Outside Days

Every day is an OUTSIDE day! The weather has been unpredictable, with wet days becoming increasingly normal. It is important that students are dressed appropriately for outside play (for students' safety avoid open-toed footwear). If their clothes become wet and cold, it is very difficult for them to focus on learning throughout the day. Please ensure that your child is dressed for outside play. Consider sending extra clothes for your child as a change.



Term 2 Learning Updates

Term 2 Written Learning Updates will be sent home March 10th. For more information on the learning updates, please see the following document provided by the Ministry of Education.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/reporting/K-12-student-reporting-one-pager-for-parents-and-caregivers.pdf>

Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

Daylight Savings Time



Don't forget to set your clocks forward! Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, so remember to move your clocks ahead by one hour on Saturday night. While we may lose an hour of sleep, we'll gain more daylight in the evenings—just in time to enjoy the warmer spring weather!

Cold and Flu Season

With cold and flu season still upon us, we would like to remind parents to help keep our community healthy by keeping your child(ren) home if they are not feeling well. Staying home when feeling unwell will reduce the spread of illness throughout our school community. We will be sending any students who are ill home without exception.



Before and After School Supervision



We kindly remind you that morning supervision **begins at 8:40 AM**. For your child's safety, please ensure they are not left unattended on school grounds before this time.

Additionally, students who walk home independently should go directly home after dismissal. After-school supervision is in place to ensure students are safely picked up. If your child wishes to stay and play after school, they must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe!

Traffic Safety



Please be reminded that the safety of children is our primary concern. We ask that you please:

- Follow all the parking and stopping rules posted
- Do not make illegal turns near the school
- Refrain from parking or stopping anywhere that is prohibited
- Consider parking 1-2 blocks from the school and walk over to the school
- Use walkways; avoid walking through the parking lot or alleys for safety reasons.
- **NOT** use the school parking lot for pick up/drop off

We appreciate the efforts of drivers who follow these instructions for Battison Street and therefore working with the school to ensure a safe arrival and departure for each student every day. Thank you!

Killarney Traffic Calming

The city of Vancouver is engaging with the community to help assess, design and implement quick-build traffic calming measures. You may have received information about a survey that is open from February 19-March 28. For more information: www.ShapeYourCity.ca/Killarney-Traffic-Calming



Student Learning Surveys

The Vancouver School Board is participating in the 2025 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers can complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys any time **before May 2, 2025**, providing immediate results to the school and the district.

To complete the survey:

1. Use any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access
2. Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
3. Click on “Parents”
 - District: *39-Vancouver*
 - School: *Dr. HN MacCorkindale*
 - Language: *the language of your choice*
4. Click on the blue “Logon” button



VSB After the Bell: Live- An Online Learning Series for Families

Introducing VSB After the Bell: Live, a new series of information sessions designed to provide families with direct access to educators and experts on key topics affecting student learning and well-being.

As an extension of our [podcast, After the Bell](#), the learning series is designed to be accessible and informative, featuring education subject matter experts, live Q&A and practical takeaways for families. For March, we will be exploring how to navigate social media, AI and online safety.

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

Date: 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.



Important Dates

Monday, March 10 Written Learning Update #2 sent home
Friday, March 14 BYB Assembly
Friday, March 14 Last Day of Instruction before Spring Break
Monday, March 31 School Re-Opens after Spring Break



Planning Ahead



Monday, April 7 Grade 7 Field Trip to Camp Jubilee
Wednesday, April 16 Class Photos
Friday, April 18 Good Friday- No School
Monday, April 21 Easter – No school
April 22-24 Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday, April 23 Spring Conferences- EARLY DISMISSAL @2pm
Thursday, April 24 Spring Conferences- EARLY DISMISSAL @2pm
Friday, April 25 Be Your Best Assembly
Monday, April 28 District Wide Pro-D Day- No school for students

PAC News

Hot Lunch Order deadline approaching!! Please get your orders in and paid for before March 14th, we will not be accepting any late orders. PAC would like to thank everyone who came out and supported our first ever MacCorkindale Movie Night! 144 attendees exceeded all of our expectations! Now that we know how popular this is, we will be organizing another movie night. Please make sure you follow us on social media for updates. Our next PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15th at 6:30pm, we hope that you will join us!