School Newsletter April 2018

# Sir Wilfrid Laurier

#### 重要信息 - 请翻译

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## **Dear Laurier Community,**

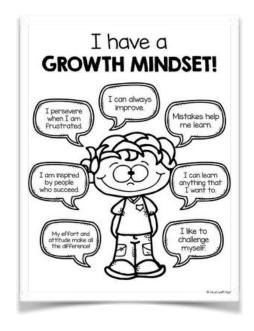
I want to welcome everyone back after a well deserved Spring Break. It is hard to believe that we have less than three months left of this school year. Spring has definitely sprung here at Laurier and we are looking forward to all the fun and adventure that the warmer weather affords us.

The last few months of the school year give students the opportunity to reflect on the learning they have already accomplished, identify areas for improvement and demonstrate growth in their final projects.

At Laurier we believe that student growth is best achieved through collaborative dialogue between yourself, your child, and the classroom teacher. I want to thank all the parents who attended our student led conferences. A big thank you to the teachers and staff who worked so hard with all of our students to help them get ready to present. I also want to thank the students themselves for the tremendous effort they put into preparing for these conferences. I was extremely proud to see students reflecting on their own learning and identifying areas for personal growth.

I trust that these conferences gave you some insight into your child's learning. We encourage you to continue having conversations at home about your child's own learning journey. Helping students understand that learning is a process and that there is always room for growth helps your child to create a growth mindset. When a child develops a growth mindset they become someone who is willing to take risks, to be self-reflective, to see failure as opportunity and ultimately become life long learners.

Risha Golby



# Important Dates in April:

Thursday, April 5th: Ready Set Learn 9:15 -10:30 in the Library for Pre-School Students 3 to 5 years old.

Friday, April 6th: Green Thumb Theatre Land of Trash Performance Gr 1 - 7

9:15 in the Gym.

**Tuesday, April 10th:** PAC Meeting, 6:30 PM in the library (all welcome)

Thursday, April 9th: Panorama School photo

Friday April 10th: Fire Drill

Monday, April 23rd: Keep Vancouver Spectacular - School Wide Clean Up

Day

Thursday, April 26th: Spring Craft Fair Organized by PAC 3:00 -6:30 in the Ilbrary.

Friday, April 27th: Professional Development Day (no school for students)

#### **Summer School -**

If you are interested in registering your child in summer school courses please visit the following web site for more information:



#### **Book Drive:**

Laurier Elementary will be holding a Book Drive for the Vancouver based charity BOOKS FOR ME! We will be accepting new and gently used books for children aged 6 months to 12 years.

Where do the books go? All donated books will be distributed to lower income and at-risk children in the Lower Mainland.

**When:** The Book Drive will run from Monday April 9th – Monday April 16th **Where:** There will be Collection boxes in the Office and the Library at Laurier Elementary

Thank you in advance for helping to support BOOKS FOR ME! For more information, visit their website at www.booksformevancouver.org



# Very Important Reminder Regarding Reporting Student Absences:

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. If your child will be



absent from school, please phone or email the school to report this absence as early as possible. This process is only effective if parents remember to call in!

Messages will be received before the office is open. 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.

If your child is going to be away from school please call the following number:

604-713-5159 ext. 44

## **Earthquake Reunification Drill:**

### **Parent Volunteers Needed**

On May 3rd we will be having our annual district wide earthquake drill. In the case of a real emergency, where we are required to evacuate the building, it is important that we have a process for a safe, calm and effective reunification of children with parents.

In order for our staff to practice we are requesting approximately 30 parent volunteers to assist us with this reunification drill. It would require that you be available to pick up your child early on May 3rd (approximately 2:30 PM). Our staff will be on site directing volunteer parents through this process. If you can assist us with this very important drill, please let Ms. Horne know in the office.

**Please note:** to ensure the safety of your child after an emergency we require that your child be picked up by a known guardian, and/or a specified designate. In the event of an emergency all parents/ guardians will be required to show identification to school staff at the front door of our building before being able to pick up his or her child/ren.

To assist us in a smooth reunification process please make sure that your information is up to date in the office (including family members or guardians that have permission to pick up your child). In the case of a real emergency please make sure you or your specified designate bring identification to present to school staff.

\* In the event of a real emergency Ms. Horne may not be available to check ID, so do not assume that the staff member you will be working with knows you - please bring ID









## Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.) Updates:

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Tuesday April 10, 6:30 pm: PAC meeting. All parents & guardians welcome, free childminding

**Thursday April 26:** Spring Craft & Bake Sale: An opportunity for the Laurier Community to come together and to see the range of creativity present in our community. Save the date! We hope to see you all there. If anyone would like to organize a silent auction as a PAC fundraiser please contact PAC. More details on table rentals to come next week

**Tuesday May 15** PAC Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Potluck - we will hold elections for next year's PAC exec - please consider joining us.

May (date to be confirmed) Staff Appreciation Lunch

Thursday May 17: Sports Day - Concession & Pizza Lunch

#### Volunteers needed:

We will need volunteers to assist with the Craft Fair, Staff Appreciation & Sports Day. Please contact us at laurier.pac@gmail.com if you can help. We will soon be posting a link to sign up for hot lunch volunteering on our PAC website https://laurierpac.weebly.com/volunteer-opportunities.html



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