School Newsletter May 2018

# Sir Wilfrid Laurier

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#### **Dear Laurier Community,**

While it is hard to believe that we only have two months left of school, the beautiful weather that May has provided is a welcome change. May and June are typically busy months at Laurier. The warm weather allows us the opportunity to get out and explore, while the end of the year gives us a chance to celebrate this year's accomplishments.

The sunny weather has provided the perfect backdrop for our tennis unit. A big thank you to Daniel from Tennis BC for the amazing job he is doing exposing our students to such a great sport. We are so lucky to have the tennis courts at Laurier and it is nice to see what a "tennis buzz" has been built up around the school.

There are lots of fun activities planned for the month of May. Track and Filed for Gr 4-7 is well underway. Thank you to all the staff and parents who have volunteered to help coach. Track will culminate on May 29th with an all-day Track and Field event at Churchill.

We have had another tremendous turnout for Badminton this year. A big thank you to the staff who have volunteered their time to assist with our growing Laurier team. Div 12, 13, 14 and 15 are working hard preparing for "Busy Town". I know that the parents who have already had the opportunity to participate in 'Busy Town' would agree that it is one of the highlights of the year.

In May we will be hosting our Welcome to Kindergarten event, which allows us the opportunity to meet next year's incoming students and gives us an opportunity to share with families why Laurier is such a fantastic place to come grow and learn.

Our annual Laurier Sports Day will be on May 17th, 2018. If you have time, make sure to drop by and check out the fun. If you can volunteer some time please let the PAC know, as they can always use some help organizing lunch and treats for the day.

#### Risha Golby





Date:	Location:	<u>Time:</u>	Event:
Thursday, May 10th		3:45 - 4:45	Junior Track Mini Meet
Monday May 14th -	Laurier		Last Day of Tennis
Tuesday May 15th -	Laurier	5:30 - 8:30	PAC Pot Luck and AGM & Elections (6:30)
	Churchill	3:15 - 4:45	Sr. Track Mini Meet
Wed. May 16th	Churchill	3:15 - 4:45	Jr. Track Mini Meet
Thursday May 17th	Laurier	All Day	Sports Day
Friday May 18th	Laurier		School Closed
Monday May 21st	Laurier		School Closed - Victoria Day
Wed. May 23rd	Churchill	3:15 - 4:45	Sr. Track Mini Meet
Thursday May 24th	Laurier Libra	nry 9:15- 10:30	Welcome To Kindergarten
Thursday May 24th	Churchill	3:15 - 4:45	Jr. Track Mini Meet
Tuesday May 29th	Churchill	All Day	Jr. and Sr. District Track and Field Meet



## The Big One - Earth Quake Drill

Today the Vancouver School District's Earthquake Drill took place. All Vancouver schools participate in this emergency preparedness drill annually. Staff and students practice evacuating the school at and assemble on the field. You may have noticed our staff wearing bright yellow vest as they carried out their various emergency duties ranging from supervision of students to Search and Rescue. "The Big One at Two" drill is our chance to practise how to protect ourselves, and for everyone to become better prepared. We learn from each drill and make improvements. As with anything, to act quickly you must practise often. Thank you for your co-operation in helping us prepare for a major earthquake.

We would like to thank those individual families who volunteered to participate in our Big One @ 2:00 Earthquake Reunification procedure. It is an excellent chance for us to practice the process from start to finish. In case of a real emergency we ask that all parents or guardians, when picking up their child from the school **bring photo identification so that we can assist in getting your child back to you as soon as possible**.

### 2018-19 General School Fees

The 2017-18 School Fees information that was communicated to families in May of last year stated that this school year would be the final year that school supplies would be purchased for a set fee by the school district and that starting in September 2018, parents would need to purchase items on their own. Please note that the general school supplies fee will still be charged for the upcoming 2018-19 school year. The Vancouver School Board will continue its service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2018-2019 will remain at \$25.00 per student.

This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. In addition, each year we ask parents if possible to provide items as per a supplemental list that is given out at year end for both primary and intermediate students.



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

A **HUGE** thank you to Kate Chang and all who participated and came out to the Spring Craft and Bake Sale. It was a fantastic turnout and we hope everyone had a great time. Please visit the PAC website to see photos. Click on the "give us our feedback" button and answer 5 simple questions to help us improve the experience of future craft and/or bake events. We appreciate your valuable feedback. <a href="https://laurierpac.weebly.com/2018-spring-craft--bake-sale.html">https://laurierpac.weebly.com/2018-spring-craft--bake-sale.html</a>

Thank you to ALL the volunteers who come out for PAC events and fundraisers (including hot lunch, movie nights, Purdy's chocolate sales, popcorn for fun day, craft fair etc). Without you none of these activities would happen!

Thank you to all staff for organizing Track & Field for our grade 4-7 students. We know it is a large undertaking and we appreciate it - its wonderful to see the kids enjoying it so much too.



Call for nominations. It is time for the annual PAC elections. All members of the school community are encouraged to run for positions on the PAC executive. Elections will be held at the Annual General meeting on Tuesday May 15. The purpose of the AGM is to elect next year's executive (Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, etc.) and make plans for next year. After 6 years, Lisa Juan is stepping down from the role of Secretary. Thank you Lisa! If you are interested in taking on the role of the PAC Secretary, please let us know. The other executives have agreed to stand for reelection, but would be happy to see other parents take on these roles. It is also possible for people to share a job! To understand these PAC roles, please read the job descriptions that are listed on the other side of this notice, or talk to any PAC member.

家长会年度会议(AGM)的目的是选出下一学年度的家长会干部 (主席,会计,秘书....等)和制定下一年度的计划。在位6年之后,我们的现任秘书Lisa Juan 将于今年卸下秘书的职位。 谢谢妳 Lisa!如果您对家长会秘书的职位有兴趣的话,请与我们联络。其他的现任家长会的干部们都同意寻求连任,但是如果您对任何家长会职位有兴趣,我们也欢迎其他的家长踊跃参与。一个职位也可以由几个人共同分担!若想对家长会职位有更多的暸解,请详见下列的职务说明或与家长会员询问。

Please see PAC website for more information or contact PAC through email.

#### **Upcoming events:**

1. Staff Appreciation Lunch- Wednesday, May 9th. We are looking for volunteers to help us show our appreciation to our great staff by hosting a lunch. Volunteers will help with set up and decorating and cover some roles so staff can eat together. <a href="https://www.volunteersignup.org/CM4CP">https://www.volunteersignup.org/CM4CP</a>

The lunch will be catered, but if you would like to show your appreciation with a contribution please do! Sign up so we know what's coming. https://www.volunteersignup.org/KCDX7

2. PAC Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Potluck Tuesday, May 15th

Potluck 5:30-6:30 AGM 6:30-7:30

Please bring your family and a dish to share (peanut free please)! Enjoy a meal together with the school community and stay for the PAC Annual General Meeting (AGM). Also, please bring your own reusable cutlery and dishes. Childcare will be provided during the AGM.

3. Sports Day - Concession & Pizza Lunch, Thursday May 17

Come watch sports day and help with concession and or lunch <a href="https://www.volunteersignup.org/XLXKF">www.volunteersignup.org/XLXKF</a>
\*\*\*\*\*\*Volunteers needed

We will need for volunteers to assist with the Staff Appreciation & Sports Day. Please contact us at <a href="mailto:laurier.pac@gmail.com">laurier.pac@gmail.com</a> if you can help or sign up a the links on our <a href="mailto:Volunteer Opportunities">Volunteer Opportunities</a> tab



#### Bike to School Week -

Bike to School Week takes place May 28—June 1. Bike to School Week is a fun, free, week-long celebration of cycling for students of all ages and abilities.

Any student who rides, skates, scoots, walks, or uses any other human powered form to get themselves to school is eligible for a daily prize draw. Any student who bikes all 5 days is eligible for the grand prize draw of a new helmet.

A big thank you to our PAC for funding this event for the third year in a row!!! Can't wait to see you on your bikes Laurier!



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