

Secord News

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SAFETY CORNER

Ice, children, and falls. Do you know the symptoms of a concussion?

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Reminder....

Monday January 16th

PRO D Day

NO School!



Dates to Remember in January

Thursday January 5th
Monday January 9

Wednesday January 11th
Monday January 16th
Thursday January 19th
Thursday January 26th
Thursday January 26th
Tuesday January 31st
Friday February 3rd

Early French Imm. Info Night
K Choice Program Registration Begins

Late French Immersion Info Night
Pro D Day School Not In Session
Orca Appreciation Day
Pizza Hot Lunch
PAC Meeting
Priority Registration Ends
Choice program Ends



Registration Reminders

It's that time of year when everything "registration" is happening. Please take a read below if you have any children you'd like to have attend Secord.

English Kindergarten:

The priority registration period for English kindergarten ends January 31st. If you have a child born in 2018 and you've not yet registered for Kindergarten, please do so [online](#) before the end of the month. You then must bring the supporting documentation into your catchment school and complete the registration. This process will generate a PEN number, which you will need if you plan on applying for any Choice programs.

Early French Immersion Kindergarten:

Once you have your child's PEN number, you can apply for Early French Immersion. This [online application link](#) opens January 9th and closes 4pm on February 3rd. If you would like your child's name entered into the lottery, ensure you've completed the online registration during this 3-week period.

Early French Immersion Kindergarten, *for siblings*:

If you are registering a child for kindergarten and currently have a child in Early French Immersion at Secord (who will be at Secord next year as well), your child is eligible for sibling placement priority. However, **you still must register the child at your in-catchment English school first** (even though your child would not attend there). **You will then need to apply to the EFI [Choice Program online](#) between Jan 9th – Feb 3rd indicating French Immersion at Secord as your first choice.** Please ensure you list the sibling (and their PEN) who is already in EFI at Secord. Failure to follow these procedures and deadlines will result in your child losing sibling priority.

Early French Immersion Grade 1:

Limited spaces are available for students new to French Immersion who wish to enter at the grade one level. Please drop your [application form](#) at the school office by January 31st. Parents are encouraged to read the EFI presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XOv5FLR8U4Y> that is posted on the school website.

Late French Immersion Grade 6:

Please ensure your [application](#) is in to the school by January 31st. In addition to the application please have your child write a couple of paragraphs about why they would like to join the Late French Immersion Classes

Winter Weather

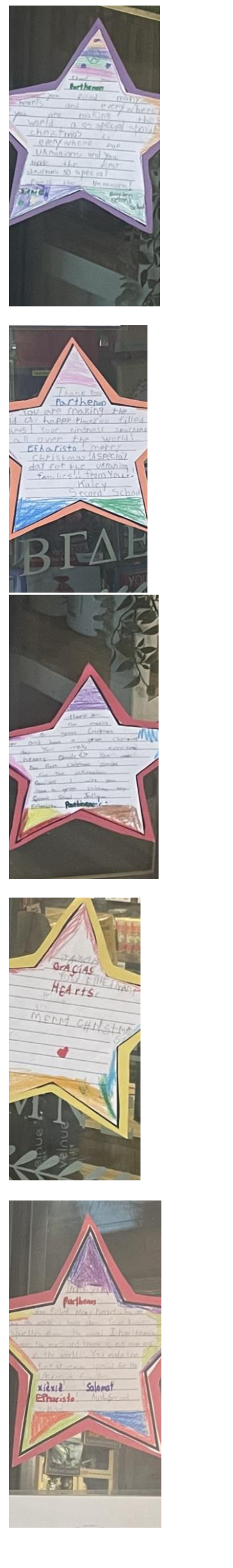
As winter weather approaches, we want to remind parents/ guardians, students, and staff of the Vancouver School District's winter weather procedures.

All schools in the Vancouver School District will remain OPEN if at all possible during winter weather, including snowfalls. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 7:00 a.m. at the latest and will be announced through the media as well as through the [District](#) and [school](#) websites. Please note that no announcement will be made stating that schools are open. Only closures and delayed openings will be announced.

Information about any district-wide closures will be sent to Metro Vancouver radio and television stations.

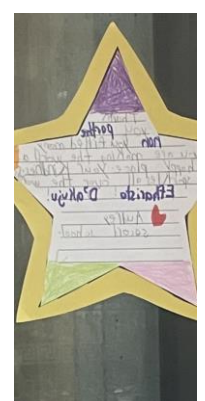
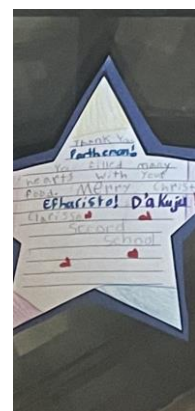
Please check the following stations for Second school closure information:

Radio	Television
CBC AM 690 radio, 88.1 FM	Global BC
CKNW AM 980 radio	CBC TV
News AM 1130 radio	CTV BC
Fairchild AM 1470 radio	City TV



♥ As Division 25 has been focusing on the gift of giving, I reached out to a Greek owned grocery store that specializes in European foods, and asked if they would so kindly make the first Christmas of our Ukrainian families a little more special by donating more culturally specific foods to help them feel closer to home and..... they most kindly and generously did ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡

To show our appreciation for this kind act of giving, division 25 made Stars of Gratitude and thanked the store for filling the hearts of our families with foods that could bring back happier times and memories ♥. The gratitude stars that division 25 made are on the door of the Parthenon grocery store ❁.



Traffic & Parking Around Laura Secord

We regularly post parking information in our newsletters. We can all do our part to ensure everyone's safety.

A quick reminder of the VPD signs you'll see around Vancouver schools. The Traffic team periodically patrols schools and hands out tickets.



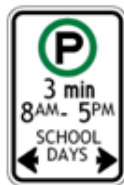
"NO STOPPING 8am – 5pm SCHOOL DAYS"

These signs designate the zones where vehicles are not permitted to stop under any circumstances. These zones are kept clear to provide good sight lines for drivers to see students and students to see drivers.



"NO PARKING 8am – 5pm SCHOOL DAYS"

These signs designate the zones for active picking up and dropping off of students. Do not park and leave the vehicle in these zones.



"3 min Parking 8am – 5pm SCHOOL DAYS"

These signs designate the zones for picking up and dropping off of students where parking is permitted for 3 minutes.

School Area Signs



This sign is used in advance of school to warn drivers that children may be walking along or crossing the road. On local streets 30 km/hr signs are posted and the speed limit is 30 km/hr from 8 am - 5 pm on school days.



School Crosswalk Signs



A school crosswalk sign indicates where children will be crossing the road. Vehicles must yield to pedestrians at all intersections and crosswalks. **Vehicles must remain stopped until children are safely across and on the curb.** Please remember children are playful and impulsive and may enter the roadway suddenly.

For the safety of all we thank you in advance for your attendance to, and understanding of, these signs.

KEY DATES



Key Priority Registration Dates

English K registration at school: Nov 1st to Jan 31st

Choice Program K registration [online](#): Jan 9th to Feb 3th
Info Session Jan 5th, 2023 at 6:00 pm

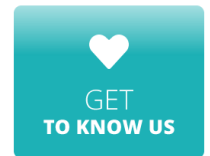
Early French Immersion Gr 1 registration at school: Nov 1st to Jan 31st
Info Session January 5th @ 6:00pm

Late French Immersion Gr 6 registration at school: Nov 1st to Jan 31st
Info Session: Jan 11th, 2023 at 6:00pm

Go to this link for more info

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Learning/Elementary/Pages/Information-Sessions.aspx

Cross Boundary applications: Feb 1st to 28th



Hi everyone! I'm Mme Tara and this is my first year at Secord. I am a Grade 3 French Immersion teacher this year. I grew up doing the French Immersion program myself and have grown up with a love of French and languages.

I have lived in many different places around the world. Some of the most memorable were when I studied French in Morocco, and taught skiing in Japan. I love to travel, learn new languages, and learn about different cultures.

In my spare time I like to ski, bike, swim, and curl up with a good book! When I was younger, I loved to play sports. I grew up playing field hockey, basketball, softball and track and field. I am excited to coach some of these sports at Secord this year! Looking forward to meeting new faces and learning all there is to know about École Laura Secord ☺.



Safety Awareness Corner

Awareness without action is worthless.

Ice, children and falls. It's common, and it's inevitable. We know them, but do you know the 10 symptoms of a concussion?

1. Headaches. Depending on the severity, they can come in ebbs & flows, with a sensitivity to light.
2. Difficulty concentrating. Lack of focus.
3. Dizziness. Lack of coordination.
4. Pupil dilation. Possibly different sized pupils.
5. Nausea. Vomiting.
6. Blurred vision. Difficulty identifying how many fingers you have up.
7. Bruising or a bump.
8. Emotional outbursts. Extreme mood swings, easily agitated.
9. Slurred speech.
10. Disrupted sleep patterns. Either too much or not enough sleep.

If your child tells you they fell and you notice some of these symptoms, err on the side of caution and take your child to the doctor.



Hand to Hand Project-Union Gospel Mission Downtown East Side

We would like to take the time to thank all those families who were able to contribute items towards our Hand-to-Hand Project. We have collected an overwhelming number of items that are going to benefit some of the most vulnerable people in our city. Our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude that we have such an amazing and generous community.

We would also like to thank the Special Events Peer Helpers for their commitment daily over the last few weeks, making personal announcements daily to classrooms and collecting these gifts for the Union Gospel Mission. Your positive energy and dedication to this effort has been outstanding. THANK YOU!



Happy Holidays!

Ms. Linda

Wow, what a big thank you, merci beaucoup, to the Secord community for all the poinsettias (cuetlaxochitl) that were ordered! \$654.99 was raised and will go towards various initiatives for the different raised beds around our school grounds.

Laura Secord's Kindergarten students were able to raise \$335.51 (after supply costs) through the sales of their seasonal crafts. After winter break, the Kindergarten students will choose a charity to donate these funds to.

A big thank you to Mme. Cepelinski and M. Beattie's classes for helping us make the crafts. Also, we couldn't have done this without the Kindergarten families who helped support our project!

Mme. Bailis, Mr. Chong, Mme. Durant, & Ms. Erwin.

Mme. Durant would love to recycle any holiday greeting cards that anyone receives this year! Cards can be dropped off by students outside room 011 for recycling.

Food Bank Update.

Thanks for all you dry food donations we filled 15 boxes. Wey To Go Secord,

The Online donation is available until January 31st. This is the link: [Laura Secord – Greater Vancouver Food Bank](#)

Second Activities November 2022

Earth Rangers Came to Entertain



The Young Entrepreneur Fair was a resounding success. The students put a lot of thought and work to make it a success. Thanks to all the Family and Friends who came to support it.



The PAC Organized Winter Warm



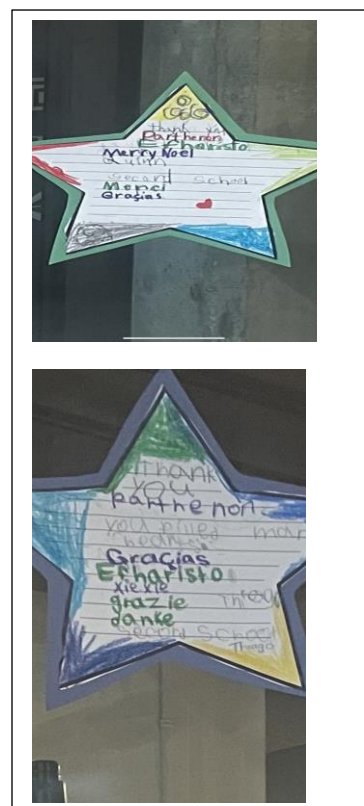
Div 14 Festive Bears



Div 7 Warm Drinks



To Report Your Child's Absence – Please Call (604) 713-5159 ext 74 prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence.



Div 26 Cozy Winter Bears



Div 25 Snow men



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Estrellita Martin-Gonzalez

PAC Chairs:
Nusha Balram & Anna Bishop



PAC Pages: *News from Your PAC*

Next PAC Meeting - Jan 26, 2023

The next PAC meeting is January 26, 7pm-8:30pm. It will be held at the school (in the computer room next to the library) and online. Babysitting available at the school.

Register in advance for this meeting (online):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ofuuvqj4tH92O9CCbehfw3AiUg0IqRK5x>

Please see [draft minutes](#) from our last PAC meeting (the AGM) and [draft minutes](#) from the Sept PAC meeting

For all PAC events, check out our calendar on the PAC website: <https://secordpacwebsite.wixsite.com/secordpac/calendar>

Get Involved with the PAC!

If you are interested in getting involved, we are always looking for more hands on deck! Do it yourself or with a friend. Email secordpac@gmail.com for more information

Fundraising - Spirit Bear Coffee and RH Tea

SPIRIT BEAR COFFEE



Ordering: Now! Until Jan 22 @ secord.hotlunches.net
Pick-up: Jan 26 (pizza day) at 3pm at Laura Secord Lakewood school entrance.

Email ckansy@gmail.com to arrange alternate pick-up/delivery

Cost: \$16 for 400g bag of beans or 20 compostable pods

RAVEN AND HUMMINGBIRD TEA

