

GRENFELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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GRENFELL SEISMIC PROJECT UPDATE

Over the past few months, the district and school teams have been working on the design stage of the seismic project. Now that the design process is complete, we anticipate that the construction will begin in January 2025. While construction takes place, the Grenfell school community will be temporarily relocated to South Hill (5987 Prince Albert Street, Vancouver). We expect that the last day at the current Grenfell site will be Friday, December 20th, 2024, the last day of instruction before winter break begins. ****Please see the attached letter.***

VANCOUVER POPPY FUND



Grenell School has been supporting the Vancouver Poppy Fund in the past few years. The Poppy Fund supports housing and care facilities for elderly veterans through the Vancouver Legion. Members of the Grade 7s have been collecting donations in the classrooms. We have collected \$366.15! Thank you for your generous support.

WINTER CONCERT-SAVE THE DATE



We are in the process of planning for our winter concert. We hope that families can join us on Thursday, December 19 from 1:15 pm to approximately 2:30 pm.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We had a successful Book Fair during the week of October 23 that resulted in the library getting \$450 worth of scholastic books as well as \$225 in cash to purchase more books for the library. Thank you everyone for supporting our Book Fair!



MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI)

This year all Grade 6 students are invited to participate in the MDI survey. This survey is sponsored by the UBC Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP). The MDI is a self-report

questionnaire for students in BC. The questionnaire asks about how students think and feel about their experiences both inside and outside of school. The questionnaire is completed online through the e-MDI and takes 45 to 60 minutes to administer. The MDI questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies. You can learn more about the MDI here: <http://www.discovermdi.ca/what-is-the-mdi/>

A letter will go out to the Grade 6 parents/guardians informing them of the MDI survey. The MDI will be administered between **January 14 and March 14, 2025**.



DISTRICT CHOICE PROGRAMS INFORMATION FOR GRADE 8

Grade 7 parents who are interested in learning more about our district's mini schools, please check the link below:

Important Dates and Registration Requirements:

General Registry: Apply to the District Mini School General Registry between November 12-December 19, 2024. <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5292/mini-school>

Complete Program Application Processes: Connect directly to each Mini School program site to submit required information and documentation. Deadline: December 19, 2024 (BY 11:59 PM).

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN BORN IN 2020 BEGAN ON NOVEMBER 1



Please click on the link for registration process. <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5195/priority-kindergarten-registration>

GRENFELL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (GRENFELL PAC)

PAC HOT LUNCH



The next PAC's hot lunch days are November 28 (Hi-Five Chicken) and December 12 (Whitespot).

We would like to thank Grenfell PAC for actively managing and delivering the food on Hot Lunch days! Thank you to Jasmine and Holly for their hard work running the hot lunch program. Thank you to Caitlin (PAC Chair and Secretary) and Vanny (Treasurer) for working behind the scene keeping track of the accounting.



PURDY'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER



Grenfell PAC is hosting a Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser to support our school. To order online, please go to: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1486495-122509>

-Enter your **Email Address**.

You will be prompted to **JOIN A CAMPAIGN** if this is your first time, or **Sign In** if you already have an existing Purdys Fundraiser account.

-You should see **Grenfell Christmas Fundraiser 2024** displayed

-Click **Shop Online** to place and pay for your orders.

Deadline to order: **Saturday, November 30**. Orders will be ready for pick up after school on **Monday, December 9**. Thank you for your support.

GETTING READY FOR THE RAINY SEASON



Students are reminded to dress appropriately for outdoor activities for recess and lunch. Rain gear is recommended on rainy days. Thank you for your support.

SAFE ARRIVAL-PLEASE SEE INFORMATION BELOW TO REPORT YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE



If your child will be absent for school, please call the Safe Arrival line to report their absence. Safe Arrival: (604) 713-5159 Ext. 34 or email: greatattendance@vsb.bc.ca.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, November 28
Saturday, November 30
Tuesday, December 3
Monday, December 9
Thursday, December 12
Monday, December 16
Thursday, December 19
Friday, December 20
Monday, January 6

PAC hot lunch (Hi-Five Chicken)
Last day to order Purdy's Chocolate
Grade 6 immunization clinic
Purdy's chocolate pick up at school
PAC Hot Lunch (Whitespot)
Report cards go home with students
Winter Concert at 1:15 pm
Last day of Instruction before winter vacation
School re-opens after winter vacation ***at the South Hill swing site**