

Sir Matthew Begbie Elementary School

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[Begbie School Website](#)

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주요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

Principal Update February 2020

SAFE ARRIVAL LINE; 604-713-5159 ext 12

Principal:	Mr. John Cortens	604-713-4686
OAA:	Ms. Cheryl Betteridge	604-713-4686
Director of Instruction:	Ms. Alison Ogden	604-713-5000
Education Coordinator:	Ms. Jessie Fogel	604-713-5000

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE

Chair:	Mr. Bryan Yu
Treasurer:	Ms. Elise Wong
Secretary:	Ms. Jocelan Theissen
Members-at-Large:	Ms. Elisa Gutiérrez, Ms. Ina Huang, Ms. Helen Sinclair, Ms. Queenie Wong
Email:	begbieschoolpac@gmail.com
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Facebook:	“Sir Matthew Begbie PAC”

The Begbie Parent Advisory Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm in the school library. Child-minding is provided for families attending the meeting. All parents are welcome to attend the meetings which focus on the business of the executive, fundraising projects and building a positive school community. If you are curious about attending or would like to volunteer, please plan on attending the meeting on 11-February-2020 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions about PAC please visit the website or contact via PAC email.

Welcome Our New Director of Instruction

Please be advised we have a new Director of Instruction at the VSB. Ms. Alison Ogden is responsible for a family of schools that includes Sir Matthew Begbie Elementary School. Her main role is to liaise between the School Principal and the Senior Management Team at the Vancouver School Board. She may be contacted through the education coordinator Jessie Fogell at 604-713-5000.

New Build Gone to Tender

We have completed the permitting phase of the New Build Project and have moved into the tendering phase. The Vancouver School Board Project Office Project Manager has been meeting with prospective contractors as they prepare to submit bids. Once bids are submitted and evaluated the Project Office will make a decision and set timelines for beginning of new construction. The timeline remains to be confirmed and will be communicated to the school community as soon as we are aware.

Safe, Inclusive School Free from Bullying

Sir Matthew Begbie School Community is committed to maintaining a safe place for all adults and students free from harassment and bullying. This is an ongoing endeavour which we take very seriously. We are supported by the Vancouver School District and the BC Ministry of Education. This is a team effort requiring the cooperation of staff, students, parents, families and community members. As a community, we understand important issues like bullying, harassment, racism, sexism and homophobia need to be responded to promptly.

While these problems are rare, as educators, we focus on teaching students social and emotional skills necessary to prevent and address these problems when they arise. These skills are part of the BC Ministry of Education Core Competencies (BC Curriculum) and are taught all through out the school day.

Our Begbie Code of Conduct (Be Fair, Be Kind, Be Safe) is a living document we use every day to communicate and consistently reinforce expectations of exemplary behaviour. All adults on site model and teach students about these socially responsible behaviours.

We are committed to working closely with parents to build a trustworthy sense of community where we work together productively to address concerns as soon as they come to our attention. If you ever have any questions or concerns please begin by talking with your child's teacher.

The Ministry of Education [Erase Bullying](#) is all about building safe and caring school communities. This includes empowering students, parents, educators and the community partners who support them to get help with challenges, report concerns to schools, and learn about complex issues facing students. Giving students a voice, teaching and supporting assertiveness, and working together consistently is the recipe for success. Check out the link above to learn more about what you can do as a parent to support your child and school.

Dress for the Weather

It is very important children have unstructured, free play time every day where they are able to plan their time, be outdoors and engage in vigorous play. During the school day this happens most often at recess and lunch time.

Since we plan to be outside on most days it is very important that children dress for the weather including raingear, rain pants for younger ones, headwear, scarves as well as mittens or gloves in the colder weather. Students are welcome to have their umbrellas outside so long as they are used properly. If your youngster is more likely to get wet when playing in the rain it is also recommended you consider having a set of clean clothes to change in to which can be left at school.

February Dates to Remember

3-Feb to 7-Feb	Tennis Continues
11-Feb	PAC Meeting in the Library 7-8:30 pm Child Minding Provided
14-Feb	Professional Development Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
17-Feb	Family Day Statutory Holiday NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
26-Feb	Rock the Salish Sea Concert 7 pm All Parents Invited

Also please check the [school website](#) for up to date information and events