

# SEXSMITH STARS NEWS



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back!

I hope your spring break was restful and you are ready for the last term of this school year.

A reminder that class and team photos will be taken on Tuesday April 16.

Several of our afterschool programs will be starting sessions again, please check the information below for specific dates.

On the April 29<sup>th</sup> Professional Day, staff will be engaged in a workshop put on by the Dalai Lama Center, Heart and Mind program to promote social emotional skills in children. This workshop will support our school goal of improving these skills in our students.

At the March 7<sup>th</sup> PAC meeting, parents approved the purchase of 30 new iPads to fill our second cart. The older iPads will be distributed to primary classes to be used as center activities focusing on skill development. Thank you to all the parents for your generous support and allowing us to enhance our educational resources by increasing student access to technology.

Finally, an early reminder that Sport's Day will be held on Friday May 24. With Sport's Day programming running through recess and lunch, students are able to be dismissed after a late lunch at 1:30pm. Thank you to the PAC for organizing the lunch and snacks.

I hope you have a great month.

### New Online School Fee Payment System

A reminder that you are now able to register – a simple process that takes only a few minutes – by visiting <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com> or visiting our website at <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/online-payment> and following directions to the School Cash Online page. You will need your child's usual first name, last name, and birth date to register. A "Pay Fees" button is now installed on our school website for easy access to the system. Cash and cheques will continue to be accepted for school fees, but we encourage everyone to use the new system as it is more secure and efficient. Please note that field trip permission notices will continue to be sent home for a signature and to indicate that you have paid online.

### PAC Gift Card Fundraiser

A reminder that gift cards can be purchased all year long and a percentage will be given to Sexsmith for future school projects. There is no additional cost to the purchaser. Please use this link: <https://www.fundscrip.com/Sign-Up.aspx?IID=2CBHHR>

## Welcome to Kindergarten

On Tuesday May 7, Sexsmith will host our annual Welcome to Kindergarten event. Registration starts at 10:30am, with the program starting just before 11:00am. This is a government sponsored program to introduce school readiness skills to our incoming kindergarten students. Participants rotate through several stations doing activities and receive a goody bag of materials to take home to practice over the summer. The Vancouver Public Library and the South Community Health Centre will both be available to present information. The program is open to all kindergarten students registered at Sexsmith for September 2019. Please RSVP by contacting the office at 604 713-4901 or email [studentrecordssexsmith@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:studentrecordssexsmith@vsb.bc.ca).

## Spring Afterschool Programs at Sexsmith

### Elementary Drawing Class -

Gr. 1-6 \$148 April 18 - June 6 (8 weeks) Thursdays, 3:05-4:15pm Library

The season of spring gives our artists new inspiration and lessons like the Bee Graphic and historical Model T. Every child will draw their lesson in detail and learn new techniques like how to add a little whimsy to our version of Aladdin's Lamp and some adorable Baby Dragons. Creativity, imagination and whole brain learning are all happening every week. Sign up today! All NEW Lessons Every Session!

Young Rembrandts – Educational art classes, lessons, and drawing programs for kids in Metro Vancouver, British Columbia. Call 604-448-8883. [www.youngrembrandts.com](http://www.youngrembrandts.com)

### **Moresports Multisport: Gr. K-1**

April 26 – June 21: 8 sessions (No session May 17) Fridays 3-4PM

Freeze tag, Dodgeball, 4-corner soccer, Parachute & more! Come along to your elementary school gymnasium Fridays after school for an hour of active fun with your friends. Moresports Multisport focuses on developing your fundamental movement skills, team-building, and having fun. Participants are to meet in your elementary school gym at 3:00pm. Please come prepared with appropriate active wear, and bring a water bottle and a snack.

### **Moresports Dodgeball & Handball: Gr. 5-7**

April 26 – June 21: 8 sessions (No session May 17) Fridays 4-5PM

Do you love to play Dodgeball or Handball?! Moresports Dodgeball & Handball is offered to grades 5-7 of any skill level. Join with your friends afterschool and improve your fundamental throwing skills. Focus will be on training agility, learning the official rules of BC dodgeball and having fun! Participants are to meet in the elementary school gym at 4:00pm. Please wear appropriate footwear, and bring a water bottle.

**\*NEW\* Registration opens online and through the phone with Marpole-Oakridge CC on Thursday, April 4th.** A few spots will be held for in-person registration on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-9:30am at the school in front of the office.

### **Ongoing Pick Up and Drop off Concerns**

1. **Please do not go past the roundabout when dropping off or picking up students and do not park in the limited spots we have available for school staff.**
2. **We have had several complaints from parents that cars are stopping on 59<sup>th</sup> and blocking traffic as they drop off their child as well as having their child cross between cars. Children must not be crossing the road in the middle of the street. Please remember to go slow and respect traffic and parking rules at all times, particularly when dropping off and picking up students.**


3. Our upper west side doors are locked for security reasons. Please do not knock on the door during class time to be let in. If you arrive late, you will need to go around to the doors closest to the office to enter the school.

## PAC News

The PAC meeting was held on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Several parents attended. Minutes will be posted on the “Families” tab of the school website under “Parent Advisory Council”. The next meeting is on **Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm in the library. All parents are welcome to attend. Please note that the PAC AGM will be held on Thursday June 13 @ 6:30pm. **Online volunteer lists are now available to sign up [here](#).** Volunteers can communicate any issues with the coordinator by clicking on the blue button below the sign-up sheet labelled "Contact the sign-up sheet manager". As well, if you would like to contact PAC please email [sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com).

## NEW SPRING SESSION FOR VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL @ SEXSMITH!

This comprehensive and progressive program allows students to learn how to play chess in the optimal manner by gradually increasing complexity. Within 1.5 class hour we will teach our students different chess concepts, solve a large variety of tactical exercises, play practice games and tournaments. In addition, our students can use a wide range of our own unique on-line resources and software for homework, class material and games.

 <p><b>VCS</b> Before &amp; After School Chess Program</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Why Chess?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exercise both sides of your brain</li> <li>• Enhance academic skills of reading and mathematics</li> <li>• Improve your memory and concentration</li> <li>• Boost your creativity and problem-solving skills</li> <li>• Develop long term planning and foresight</li> <li>• Foster critical thinking and life skills</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Program Dates</b></p> <p>11 Wednesdays, April 10 – June 19<sup>th</sup>. <b>Join any time!</b></p> <p><b>Time:</b> 3 pm – 4:30 pm</p> <p><b>Room:</b> Library</p> <p><b>Program Fees:</b> \$ 15 per class paid in full upon registration</p> <p><b>Registration</b></p> <p>Register online at <a href="http://www.vanchess.ca/group_s">http://www.vanchess.ca/group_s</a> -&gt;Vancouver-&gt;Chess in Schools -&gt; J.W. Sexsmith ES</p>
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## Events and Activities for Parents

**Parent Education Series - Child and Youth Wellbeing Workshops FREE series (register with password: vsb)**

Understanding the Brain and How Technology Affects Your Brain Tuesday April 9 Laurier Elementary School 7:00-8:30pm  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/laurier-pac-hosts-parent-workshop-understanding-the-teenage-brain-tickets-58767826150>

EVENTS continued:

Supporting Your Child with ADHD: April 16th, 2019 [register here](#)

Raising Digitally Response Youth Parent Night May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7 pm at Sir Charles Tupper. See flyer and link here for more info:  
<https://tinyurl.com/y39nfcpa>

Encouraging Healthy Eating in Children: May 22<sup>nd</sup> [register here](#)

## Important Dates in April

Mon. April 1	Classes resume
Thurs. April 4	VPD visits for basketball game and workshop with grade 6 & 7
Thurs. April 4	Online registration starts for MoreSports afterschool programs
Thurs. April 11	In person registration for MoreSports @ 8:30am -9:30am in front of the school office
Tues April 16	Class and Panorama photos
Wed. April 18	Young Rembrandts afterschool programs start
Fri. April 19	Good Friday – no school
Mon. April 22	Easter Monday – no school
Thurs. April 25	PAC meeting @ 6:30pm
Fri. April 26	MoreSports afterschool programs start
Mon. April 29	Professional Development Day – no school for students
Tues. April 30	Hip Hop Dance Performance @ 1:30pm

## Upcoming Important Dates in May

Thurs. May 2	Big One at Two – Earthquake Drill
Tues. May 7	Welcome to Kindergarten – registration @ 10:30 am/Program 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wed. May 8	Heritage Fair – Students present work 2:00pm-4:00pm
Fri. May 10	Filipino Cultural Presentation
Fri. May 17	Professional Development Day – no school
Mon. May 20	Victoria Day – no school
Fri. May 24	Sports Day dismissal at 1:30pm
Tues. May 28	Immunization Catch-up Day (K, 6)

Please check our website [sexsmith.vsb.bc.ca](https://sexsmith.vsb.bc.ca) for the regularly updated school calendar