# SEXSMITH STARS NEWS



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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### **Happy June!**

It was great seeing students return today to school. We look forward to welcoming more back throughout the week.

Parents please refer to the letter sent May 28 for health check reminders that must be followed everyday that your child attends in-class instruction.

Returning borrowed equipment – please ensure that you return all iPads and computers loaned to students, by June 24.

The PAC and hot lunch coordinators are requesting that **parents fill in a survey** to help them plan for September. The survey link is <u>here</u>

### Online School Fee Payment System (including school fees)

Please register for online payments—a simple process that takes only a few minutes — by visiting <a href="https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com">https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com</a> or visiting our website at <a href="http://www.vsb.bc.ca/online-payment">https://www.vsb.bc.ca/online-payment</a> 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. <a href="Please note that field trip">Please note that field trip</a> permission notices will continue to be sent home for a signature and to indicate that you have paid online.

### Welcome to Kindergarten

This event has been postponed until September and will be restructured to take into consideration our current health situation.

# Pick Up and Drop Off Concerns (students use assigned doors to enter building)

8AM-5PM SCHOOL DAYS

Check out this link for an explanation of the rules for no parking in school zones.

https://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/school-zones.aspx

Please note that as of 2020 parking fines have doubled in school zones.

- 1. There is NO parking on 59<sup>th</sup> avenue in front of the school between 8:00am 5:00pm on school days. Parents who violate this rule are forcing other parents to stop in the middle of 59<sup>th</sup> avenue to pick up or drop off students creating a dangerous situation where children need to exit vehicles into oncoming traffic and run between cars. Parents are allowed to drop off and pick up their children but they are not allowed to park and leave their vehicle unattended.
- 2. Please do not go past the roundabout adjacent to our parking lot when dropping off or picking up students and do not park in the limited spots we have available for school staff.

# "Knowledge Infusion" summer program at Henderson and Moberly

This program has been suspended until next year.

### **PAC Gift Card Fundraiser**

Gift cards are the perfect gift but can also be used to pay for things that you would have used cash for **and** you can help support your child's school when you buy one!

Shop from the comfort of your home when you purchase gift cards through Fundscrip, and **Sexsmith** will receive a percentage of the gift card sale.

Choose from over 100 popular retailers like Toys R Us, Gap, Cineplex, Metropolis at Metrotown etc.

Please use this link: <a href="https://www.fundscrip.com/Sign-Up.aspx?IID=2CBHHR">https://www.fundscrip.com/Sign-Up.aspx?IID=2CBHHR</a>

### **PAC News**

The last PAC meeting was held online on Thursday April 2 at 6:30pm. Several parents attended. Minutes will be posted on the PAC tab of the school website. The next meeting is set for early September in the library or online depending on circumstances. All parents are welcome to attend. If you would like to contact PAC or volunteer to help out with a program please email sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com.

### **Upcoming Important Dates in June**

Mon. June 1	Resumption of in-class sessions
Wed. June 24	Return of all borrowed iPads and laptops to the school
Thurs. June 25	Last day of School for students

# **Upcoming Important Dates in September**

Tues. Sept. 8	First Day of School for students in grades 1-7 (9-10am)
Wed. Sept. 9	First Full day of school for students in grades 1-7 (9:00am-3:00pm)
Wed. Sept. 9	Gradual entry begins for new kindergarten students
Wed. Sept. 16	First full day of school for kindergarten students (9:00 am-3:00pm)
Fri. Sept. 25	Professional Development Day – no school for students

Please check our website <a href="mailto:sexsmith.vsb.bc.ca">sexsmith.vsb.bc.ca</a> for the regularly updated school calendar