

SEXSMITH STARS NEWS



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy March!

Just a few more weeks to go before the spring break holiday!

A big thank you to the PAC for organizing the Lunar New Year celebration last month. A thank you as well to all the intermediate students who contributed to the science celebration. The projects were varied and interesting and a great example of inquiry learning. Finally, a special thank you to Mr. Kay for accompanying students to Science World on the weekend and giving them a chance to showcase their work with other students in the district.

We are once again asking all parents to register for online payment of school fees (including field trips). When you choose to pay online you are helping to minimize the workload on both the teacher and the office staff. Additionally, there is no chance that the money goes missing between home and school, particularly for our youngest students. See below for detailed information on how to register.

I hope you have a great month and a wonderful holiday.

Online School Fee Payment System (including school fees)

Please register for online payments– 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.

Pink Shirt Acceptance Dance Day 2.0

As mentioned previously in an email, on **Monday March 9** at 9:45am all Sexsmith students will be performing an Acceptance dance at the school assembly. In the afternoon, the intermediate students will make their way to the Vancouver Art Gallery to perform the dance outside on the north side plaza in front of the Gallery at 1:30pm. This project is organized by Mr. Coelho as a dance assignment, but also to emphasize to the students about the importance of caring and acceptance of others. **All students are required to wear a pink shirt.** We thank Mr. Coelho for all his work organizing this event.

Pick Up and Drop Off Concerns



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 59th 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 59th 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.**
3. Go slow anywhere near the school and respect all parking and traffic rules.

ADVANCE NOTICE: “Knowledge Infusion” summer program at Henderson and Moberly

For many years Moberly and Henderson have been hosting an in-house summer school program, known as *Knowledge Infusion* for their students. This year we would like to invite students at Trudeau and Sexsmith Elementary School to register for a FREE summer school course at either Moberly or Henderson school. Summer courses at these two schools are not being advertised in the regular summer school brochures or on the VSB website.

At the beginning of April, teachers will hand out registration forms to students for the Knowledge Infusion program which will offer the following courses. There is no fee for this program.

Language Arts and Mathematics Grade 1-6 (Remedial)

Students will review Language Arts and Mathematics skills taught in the 2019/2020 school year. Emphasis will be on reading, writing and basic computational skills appropriate for the child and grade level. The summer environment is motivating and enables students to be successful with their learning. Students must register in their grade level as of June 25, 2020.

Getting ready for Grade 1

Help your child get prepared for grade one! Get ready to spend some time reviewing concepts learned in the past year and learn what to expect for Grade 1. This preview course will cover concepts such as reading, writing, math, and art. This course is for children who completed Kindergarten in the 2019/2020 school year.

Getting Ready for Grade 8:

The transition from grade 7 to grade 8 is one of the most important phases of a young student's life. In this course, students will prepare themselves in learning experiences that focus on academic and social skills preparation in a new environment and long-term management for life in high school. We will also be learning to use various technologies to help organize ourselves and be prepared for the challenges ahead.

Program dates & hours:

- Dates: July 2nd to July 17 at both schools
- Hours: Moberly – 8:40am to 12pm, Henderson – 8:30am to 11:50am
- The Knowledge Infusion program at Henderson also offers an afternoon Rec program that concludes at 3pm. **Parents will need to pay a fee for this portion.**

Parents will need to fill out the registration form and submit it back to the school office.

Community Schools Team After School Spring Session Programs at Sexsmith

- Totes Perfect– Monday, May 4 (1-day workshop) / 3:00 – 4:00 PM / Grade 2 – 5 / ROOM TBD / \$20

Do you want to help our city become the world's greenest city? Be part of a change and buy or sustainable tote bags. Totes Perfect Team is doing a one-day workshop for elementary students. In this workshop, you will design your own tote bags with fabric markers, paint, buttons, more. And yes, you will keep the tote bag!

- Art Attack– THURSDAYS / April 16 – June 11 (9 sessions) / 3:00 – 4:30 PM / Grade 1 – 3 / LIBRARY / \$75

This program is a combination of art and literacy. Students will be able to explore their creativity and make a variety of exciting projects based on a children's book. This is a fun program for younger students who love story time and to be creative. (max 10 students)

- Bake O'clock – FRIDAYS / April 17 – May 29 (6 sessions) / 3:00 – 4:30 PM / Grade 1 – 3 / STAFF ROOM / \$65

Join our baking program where you will prepare, design and eat delicious - but healthy! - sweet treats each week; and, you can easily make again at home! Participants will learn the fundamental baking skills such as how to use various kitchen utensils, measure ingredients, and simply how to crack an egg. (max 10 students)

- Moresports – FRIDAYS / April 17 – June 19 (8 sessions) / GYM / \$40 No program on June 12

3:00 - 4:00 - Gr. K-1

4:00 - 5:00 - Gr. 4-7

More details to come during promotion and brochure distribution on Thursday, April 2, 2020..

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: <https://www.fundscrip.com/Sign-Up.aspx?IID=2CBHHR>

Ready Set Learn at Sexsmith Tuesday April 7 @ 11:00am in the gym

If you are 3 OR 4 years old, we would like to invite you to a special concert with singer Angela Kelman. This concert is part of our Ready Set Learn activities planned for this year. Your child will have the chance to come and spend some time in the school with some of our primary students. The concert will last approximately 45 minutes.

Information from community partners will also be made available for parents/guardians.

Hope to see you there. For more information about the artist you can visit: <https://angelakelman.com/ready-set-learn/>

Please RSVP by contacting the office at 604 713-4901 or email studentrecordssexsmith@vsb.bc.ca

PAC News

The last PAC meeting was held on Thursday February 13 at 6:40pm. Several parents attended. Minutes will be posted on the PAC tab of the school website. The next meeting is on **Thursday March 5** at 6:40pm in the library. 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.

Important Dates in March

Mon. March 2	Term 3 hot lunch orders due by 3:30pm (no late orders accepted)
Thurs. March 5	PAC meeting @ 6:40pm in library
Fri. March 6	Arts Umbrella performance K-7
Mon. March 9	Sexsmith Acceptance Dance Event @ 9:45am (K-7) and 1:30pm (4-7 only)
Fri. March 13	Intermediate Indoor Track Meet
Fri. March 13	Last day before Spring Break
March 16-27	Spring Break
Mon. March 30	First Day back @ 9:00am

Upcoming Important Dates in April

Thurs. April 2	Onsite promotion for CST afterschool programs
Thurs. April 2	PAC meeting @ 6:40pm in library
Tues. April 7	Onsite registration for CST afterschool programs 8:30am/3:00pm
Tues. April 7	Ready Set Learn with Angela Kelman (program for 3-4 year olds)
Wed. April 8	Student/Parent/Teacher conferences Dismissal at 2:00pm
Thurs. April 9	Student/Parent/Teacher conferences Dismissal at 2:00pm
Fri. April 10	Good Friday – no school
Mon. April 13	Easter Monday – no school
Wed. April 15	Rock the Puppets Performance K-7
Wed. April 22	Class and Panorama Picture Day

Please check our website sexsmith.vsb.bc.ca for the regularly updated school calendar