

SEXSMITH STARS NEWS



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

September was a very hectic month but we survived! Students have settled into their new classes and are adjusting to being back in school. Thank you to everyone who has filled in all the forms and sent in the money for school fees. If you have still not sent in the forms and money please do so as soon as possible. October will start with student goal setting conferences on Wednesday October 3rd and Thursday October 4th for students in grades 1-7. These meetings are a great opportunity to sit with the teacher and set learning objectives for the coming year and to share any concerns you may have about your child. **A reminder that regular classes end at 2:00pm both days for all students.** At the end of the month, we will celebrate Halloween with teachers planning several in-school activities for the students. We encourage everyone to come to school in costume that day but a reminder that everyone's face needs to be visible during class time and the costume must not include any weapons. I hope you have a great month.

School Staffing Updates

We are happy to welcome Ms. Kamaljit Singh to our staff. She will be filling in for Ms. Wong in division 12 who is on a leave until at least winter break. Welcome!

Lunch Time Visitors

We have noticed many parents and grandparents who come to the school at lunch to drop off food and then stay outside the lunchroom in the hall. Our hallways are narrow and the presence of 20 – 30 adults causes a traffic jam as all the students come up for lunch. We want to encourage the adults to either drop off the food and leave or take their child outside to have a picnic or even home for lunch. In that case, let the office know that you are leaving the school grounds with the student and that they will return after lunch. Adults should not be entering the lunchroom and assisting students with eating. If your child has issues with eating, please speak to the classroom teacher.

Terry Fox

On Friday September 28, students participated in the Terry Fox run. We took the opportunity to consider the contributions that Terry's marathon continues to make towards cancer research and Canadian pride. Intermediate students ran around the golf course and younger students utilized the school grounds for their run. All funds that Sexsmith students and families raise will be donated to cancer research. A big thank you to families for your generous donations.

Community Schools Team Afterschool Fall Programs (enrollment started on Sept. 26)

Young Rembrandts Grades 1-7 October 11th- Dec 13th 2018 from 3:05-4:15pm

Join us this fall for all new DRAWING classes! If your child is new to art or seasoned pro—they will love this class! Our bountiful selection of drawings introduces our students to a fascinating world of colour, pattern, and design. Students will learn basic to advanced drawing skills, art techniques and vocabulary using an engaging methodology that all children can succeed with.

Come Draw With Us. **All New Lessons in Every Session!** Location: library

ENROLL ONLINE at www.youngrembrandts.com/ metro Vancouver

Moresports Multisport: Gr. K-1 October 12 - December 14: 8 sessions (No session Oct 19 and Nov 9)

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 meet in the school gym at 3:00pm. Please come prepared with appropriate active wear, and bring a water bottle and a snack. Cost: \$40

Beginners Basketball: Gr. 2-3 October 12 - December 14: 8 sessions (No session Oct 19 and Nov 9)

Calling all Basketball-enthusiasts! Bring yourself and a friend to Moresports Beginners Basketball! Moresports is offering a beginners basketball program to teach you all the basics of the game. From dribbling to free-throws, your fun and friendly coach at Beginners basketball on Fridays will teach you some basic basketball skills. Participants meet in the school gym at 4:00pm. Please come prepared with appropriate active wear, and bring a water bottle and a snack.

Cost: \$40 Location: Gym

PAC News

The first PAC meeting was held on Thursday September 13 at 6:30pm. Many parents attended. Minutes have been posted on the PAC tab of the school website. The next meeting is on Thursday October 11 at 6:30pm in the library. All parents are welcome to attend. **We want to make parents aware that the majority our current PAC executive will be moving on to secondary school with their children at the end of this year. We encourage other parents to get involved now so that the transition to the next PAC executive is a smooth one.** If you would like to contact PAC or volunteer to help out with a program please email sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com

Sexsmith Preschool Has Space

Sexsmith Preschool currently has space available in both morning and afternoon programs. Please contact preschool staff directly at 604-324-6355 or 778-238-1235

New Family Healthy Living Program at Langara Y

Learn to Make Changes for a Healthier Family

Join other families with children ages 8 – 12 who are off the healthy weight and healthy lifestyle path. This FREE 10 week program involves fun activities and opportunities to discuss different topics that help build skills to:

- Support your family's health and quality of life
- Eat healthy and be more active
- Promote positive mental and social health

To find out more about the program:

Ph. 1-888-650-3141 (toll free)

Email: familyhealthyliving@uvic.ca

www.familyhealthyliving.ca

Pick Up and Drop Off Concerns

Please remember to **not double park, not block access to the parking lot and not park in staff parking spaces at any time during the school day**. It is extremely important to **go slow** and use the utmost caution when driving anywhere near the school. Your cooperation with these requests is greatly appreciated.

Kindergarten Registration for 2019-20

Registration for next school year begins in November and continues on until January 31.

For more information: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>



Important Dates in October

Wed. Oct. 3	Goal Setting conferences - dismissal at 2:00pm conferences 2:15 – 6:00pm
Thurs. Oct. 4	Goal Setting conferences - dismissal at 2:00pm conferences 2:15 – 6:00pm
Mon. Oct. 8	Thanksgiving – no school
Thurs. Oct. 11	PAC meeting @ 6:30pm in library
Thurs. Oct. 11	Young Rembrandts program starts
Fri. Oct. 12	Individual Picture Day
Fri. Oct. 12	Moresports program starts
Fri. Oct. 19	Provincial Professional Development Day – no school for students
Wed. Oct. 31	Halloween

Upcoming Important Dates in November

Thurs. Nov. 8	Remembrance Day Assembly @ 11:00am
Thurs. Nov. 8	PAC meeting @ 6:30
Fri. Nov. 9	Curriculum Implementation Day- no school for students
Mon. Nov. 12	Day in lieu for Remembrance Day – no school for students
Fri. Nov. 16	Photo retake Day
Tues. Nov. 20	Diwali Celebration
Thurs. Nov. 22	Me to We Day

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