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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear łuuqinak'uuh/Grandview Community,

It's hard to believe that we have been back in school for a month. We hope that everyone has settled into the new routines. Thank you to students, staff, and family/caregivers for **Supporting** and welcoming me to your community. You have done that with an **Open Heart**. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their **Awe-some Attitude** in supporting the transition back to school and to our students for their tremendous efforts in **Respect-ing** our health and safety protocols and procedures.

A reminder that students have a designated drop-off and pick-up schedule and location which were shared by classroom teachers. **It is essential to be on time for your child's designated drop-off and pick-up schedule. If your child is late, please have them check in at the office. Only authorized staff and students will be permitted to enter the school building unless by appointments that have been authorized and for exceptional circumstances.** Meetings with staff will continue to occur by email, phone or virtually.

Families/caregivers, please note that we have staff supervising starting at 8:40 before school and from 3:03 to 3:23 after-school. Please do not bring your child to school earlier unless there has been a prior arrangement with your child's teacher, or they have a special school commitment because there will be no supervision. In the afternoon, staff supervision ends at 3:23 pm. If you are going to be late, please call the school before 3:00 PM. If it is after staff supervision time, your child will be asked to wait in the office or by the front entrance. **Please note after 3:23 pm it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to supervise their child/ren if remaining on the school grounds to play on the playground, etc.**

Students participated in the annual Terry Fox Run this past week. Thank you to all the staff for organizing and supporting this event. I know that staff and students participated in discussions and learning opportunities leading up to the day. What an amazing way to show our Support and Respect to those affected by cancer by running in Terry's name, Risha's name and the names of the many family members and friends that have touched our lives.

As we settle into fall and anticipate winter, we need to remember that students are going out to play during recess and lunch. Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the seasonal weather. It is often cold and/or wet weather. Children are encouraged to dress in layers too, just in case. Also, do not forget to label your child's clothing. We are often finding jackets, sweaters and umbrellas left behind. It would be nice to know who to return them to.

A reminder to families that all students are required to complete a daily health check prior to coming to school. Students who have COVID symptoms and/or feel unwell should not attend school. Please call the Safe Arrival Line at 604-713-5159 school code 33 or email graattendance@vsb.bc.ca if they will be absent.

Parents and caregivers are responsible for assessing their children daily before sending them to school. As a previous letter from the district indicated, starting Monday, Oct. 4 masks will be mandatory for all students K-12, not including the students with the exceptions previously mentioned.

Please continue to check our school website grandview.vsb.bc.ca for school and district updates.

Ms. Margie Trovao

Supportive: (Community)

- We are kind
- We are encouraging
- We welcome and include others

Open Hearted: (Self)

- We are open to new ideas
- We are peaceful problem solvers
- We can ask for help when we need it

Awesome Attitude: (Spirit)

- We persevere
- We are courageous learners
- We understand the importance of own story

Respect: (Well Being) We care about the well being of:

- ourselves
- others



CALENDAR AT A GLANCE:

Tues, Oct 5 - Photo Day; Gr 6 & 7 Immunization

Mon, Oct 11 - NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day

Thurs, Oct 21 - Earthquake Drill

Fri, Oct 22 - NO SCHOOL Professional Dev. Day

Tues, Nov 9 - Photo Re-take Day

Thurs, Nov 11 - NO SCHOOL Remembrance Day

Tues/Wed Nov 23-24 - Parent Conference Days
Early Dismissal at 2 pm

Fri, Nov 26 - NO SCHOOL - Professional Dev. Day

SAFE ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

Reporting Student Absences:

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. **Please report prior to 9 am if your child will be late or absent to the following telephone & extension or by email only.**

Please call 604-713-5159 school code 33 # or Email to: graattendance@vsb.bc.ca.

Please leave a message with the following information: Child's Full Name, Child's Division and/or Teacher's Name, indicate whether he/she will be absent or late, reason for absence and length of absence.

Please note: Students arriving at 10:30 and later are marked absent for the morning.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSISTANT

Hello Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope that everyone had a wonderful and safe summer. As we are coming into October, let me share some important events.

We will have Backpack Buddies every Friday except for October 22nd as it is a Pro-day. Pick up is on Thursday, October 21st. We will be handing them out through the staffroom windows at the end of the day (around 3pm). Backpack buddies is a program to support families with food security issues by providing food supplies for the weekend. We have 30 bags. It's on a first come first serve bases.

We also have a Fruits and Veggie program from the Vancouver Firefighters every 2 weeks. In October the dates will be the 6th and the 20th. The bags will be given out after school from the side staffroom window. Once again, it's on a first come first serve basis. As we progress this year, we are hoping we can offer more of our programs. We are hoping to bring back the parents cooking program. Please stay tuned.



If you and your family need some extra support, feel free to contact us. My door is always open. Have a wonderful October and Happy Halloween! Be safe and healthy.

Donna Mah

Neighbourhood Assistant dmah@vsb.bc.ca Ph: 604-713-5008

REMINDER TO RETURN FORMS BY OCTOBER 8TH

- ◇ School supplies fees \$35.00 for the school year (thank you to those who already paid)
- ◇ Student verification forms/package - please complete and return to school if you have not yet done so

THANK YOU!