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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

A huge thank you to the staff and students from Div. 8, 7 and 6 for creating such an amazing Halloween event for our younger students. They transformed the third floor into Halloween fun. The weather cooperated so our outdoor costume parade was a huge success. I was impressed by all the great costumes.

Student safety is of paramount importance at Grandview/łuuqinak'uuh as well as the Vancouver School District. A reminder to all families to please call safe arrival if your child(ren) will be away or late for school. All VSB schools are required to follow up with all families of students that are not accounted for at school. Please review the section on Safe Arrival Procedures on how to report. In addition, please remember that afterschool supervision ends at 3:23, so please make sure your child(ren) is/are picked up by then.

Congratulations to all our students for their amazing attention to S.O.A.R. I had the pleasure of celebrating my very first S.O.A.R. certificate this week. We have almost reached our goal of 400 SOARs. A group of students are discussing and working with staff to determine how we will celebrate when we achieve our goal. Stay tuned!

This year we will continue with all recess and lunch breaks outside. Students can still eat in the building but must do so in their classrooms to avoid large groups in the lunchroom. Please send students dressed for the weather. Consider sending jackets, boots, hats, and mitts. Umbrellas are also acceptable to send. We understand this is a significant change for our kids, and we want to make sure our students are as warm and comfortable as possible. To help with this, we have split the lunchtime for Gr. K-3 and Gr 4-7. The split

lunch gives each class access to a large undercover area during their respective breaks. The students do not have to stay in the undercover area, but we encourage them to stay there if they do not dress for the weather. We do have a limited number of extra jackets, rain boots and warm weather gear, and extra clothes if our students forget appropriate weather clothing at home or need to change into dry clothes when they come in.

We are still missing some Student verification forms/packages which contain consent forms for this school year. Please complete and return them to school if you have not yet done so.

A reminder to all families that Conferences are being held on Tuesday, November 23 and Wednesday, November 24 virtually. Students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm on both days. Staff will be sending home more detailed information in the next few weeks. Please take this opportunity to discuss with the staff your child's strengths, areas for growth and ways the school and home can support their learning.

All kindergarten applicants are required to apply to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or a cross boundary placement.

The priority registration period for kindergarten opens on **November 1 and closes at 4 pm on January 29**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants. Please refer to the section detailing the kindergarten registration process.

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
- this land



CALENDAR AT A GLANCE:

Tues, Nov 2 - Run Club (every Tuesday in November) - open to all grades at lunchtime

Thurs, Nov 4 - Lockdown drill @ 10:15

Tues, Nov 9 - Photo Re-take Day @ 9am

Tues, Nov 9 - Run Club open to all grades at lunchtime

Thurs, Nov 11 - NO SCHOOL Remembrance Day

Tues, Nov 16 - Run Club open to all grades at lunchtime

Thurs, Nov 18 - VCH Audiology Grades K & 1 from 9:15 until 12:05

Fri, Nov 19 - Fire Drill @ 10:15

Tues, Nov 23 - Run Club open to all grades at lunchtime

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

Fri, Nov 26 - NO SCHOOL - In-Service Day

Tues, Nov 30 - Run Club open to all grades at lunchtime

Tues, Nov 30 - Virtual PAC meeting 5:00 - 6:30 PM

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSISTANT

I hope you had a fun and safe Halloween.

We will be having our Fruits and Veggie bags on Wednesday November 17th and December 1st. Come by the staffroom window at the end of the school day (3:05pm) for pick up.

Backpack buddies are every Friday except for November 26th because it's a Professional Day so pick up will be on Thursday, November 25th, again, from the staffroom window. Parents &/or Guardians need to pick up the bag themselves. It is on a first come first served basis.

Just a reminder to the families to please sign and return the Hot Lunch envelopes.

If you and your family need a bit of support, feel free to contact me at the school. My door is always open. In addition, please check these organizations' links below. They are offering support this Christmas. They have specific procedures and their programs may require certain criteria and registration .

1. Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau <https://www.lmcb.ca/> Sign-up opens **Nov 5, 2021** <https://t.co/xSJpvOf8RC>

2. Salvation Army– <https://salvationarmyvancouver.com/>Their forms will be uploaded **only after Nov 8th.**

3. Empty Stocking Fund– <https://www.emptystockingfund.ca/> application/

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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!



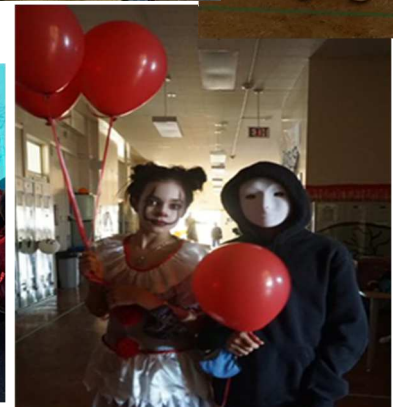
October 12th was our final cross country meet at China Creek Park. We had one of our best turnouts for the sport with 24 students participating. They gave it their all – rain or shine. It was wonderful to watch our students

SOAR! Congratulations to all our amazing cross-country runners! You made us all so proud in your bright red jerseys. Special shout out to our runners that came in the top 10 for their grade.

Jaleigh	Derek
Thalia	Mya
Felix – 8 th place	Diamond
Grade 2	Mia
Mataeo	Melissa – 6 th place
Liam	Grade 6
Dayton – 3 rd place	Deana – 4 th place
Grade 3	Grade 5
Angel – 10 th place	Adara
Grade 3	Meeka
Tia	Tyson
Razzy	L.E.
Rayelle	Valeria – 4 th place
Hunter	Grade 7
Leo	



Happy Halloween!





Kindergarten registration for children born in 2017 begins on November 1.

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The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **November 1 and closes at 4 pm on January 31**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

Applying for kindergarten is a **2-step process**:

Step 1: Completion of an online application form

Step 2: Verifying documentation

- Contact your English catchment school office to set up an appointment to bring your supporting documentation
- Bring supporting documentation to your English catchment school office during your scheduled appointment



Supporting documents needed:

- Proof of residence in Vancouver
- Child's birth certificate
- Immigration documentation (if applicable)
- Immunization records
- Court orders/documents (if applicable)

If you want to apply for a District program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for District pro-

grams and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2022.

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than available space* at the school, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1 and January 31

In-catchment kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.

The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining kindergarten spaces.

Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.

Between January 31 and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

In-catchment kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31 will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

Note: There will be **no priority** given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31.

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

* Available Space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the District (Administrative Procedure 300).