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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear  uuqinak' uuh (Grandview) Community,

I can't believe how quickly the first two months of school have flown by. The first week of November seems like an excellent opportunity to celebrate just how far we have come in two short months. I am very excited to share that our students surpassed their 400 SOAR ticket goal by showing us all the ways they SOAR with Support, an Open Heart and Awesome Attitude and Respect.

We have had a lot of changes due to COVID. Many new expectations and routines have been put in place to help keep us healthy and safe, and the students have met these changes with an open mind and a tremendous level of respect. I can't wait to celebrate with them and our staff with a **PJ Party on Friday, November 13!** We honoured just a few of the students who helped get us there (as SOAR students of the month) at today's Raven's Call Assembly.



PAC executive update

Please join me in welcoming our new (and some returning) members of our Parent Advisory Council. I enjoyed our first virtual meeting, and I was impressed with all the unique and creative ideas our parents had in ways we can support our school and community. Our new PAC Co-Charis are Lauren Sanders and Catherine Van Poorten. We thank all of those parents who have agreed to take on formal and informal roles and just a reminder that all parents and guardians can participate in PAC. Please look for my PAC ZOOM meeting invites to join the team.

Run Club

On Tuesday, November 17, at 8:25 a.m. – Ms. C and Risha will be starting a Weekly SOAR Run Club. We will be separating students into PODS, with different running routes around the school. Participation is open from K- Gr. 7. Adults and all family members are welcome to participate on their own time. Unfortunately, we cannot have you run with us for safety reasons – but you are welcome to run on a Tuesday and record your own time). Each participant will tally their distance for that Tuesday. We will keep a record and see how many Kilometers each participant goes from November to June.

When an adult or student reaches:

- 5 km - they will get a special SOAR 5 km participant ribbon
- 10 km -they will get a special SOAR 10 km participant ribbon
- 21 km - they will get a special SOAR Half-Marathon Medal
- 42 km – they will get a special SOAR Marathon Medal and some extra SOAR swag!

Please let your classroom teacher know if you would like your child to participate. If you would like to join at home on Tuesdays, please email rgolby@vsb.bc.ca to get a tally sheet.

New Rainy-Day Policy

As you may be aware, ɥuuqinak' uuh (Grandview) has had to implement a **New Rainy-Day Policy**. As per Dr. Henry's instructions for a safe return to school, all schools across BC have been directed to hold **all recess and lunch breaks outside**. Students can still eat in the building but must do so in their classrooms to avoid large congregations in the lunchroom. Dr. Henry says that this change will hopefully not be forever, and we can revisit this policy in the future. In the meantime, please remember:

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 under-cover area during their respective breaks. The students do not have to stay in the Under-Cover Area, but we encourage them to stay there if they do not dress for the weather. We have also purchased 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. Please let Donna or myself know if you would like to access any additional clothing.

November 4 was the VSB Recognition Day for Support Staff

Please join me in recognizing our incredible SSA, SSB and Neighbourhood Assistant Team. We are so appreciative of all they do for our school, our community and our students. Their leadership, care and support help define what makes ɥuuqinak' uuh (Grandview) such a special place, and for that, I am so genuinely thankful.

Understanding the VCH Communication Process for COVID:

Attached to this email, you will find a diagram from Vancouver Coastal Health that describes the process they use when doing contact tracing and how and when they notify schools and parents within the Vancouver School Board.

I can't wait to dive into another exciting month at ɥuuqinak' uuh (Grandview)!

Sincerely,

Risha

[Risha Golby \(she,her,hers\)](#)

Principal

ɥuuqinak' uuh (Grandview) Elementary School

"Every Child, Every Day, Every Chance"

Acknowledges that we live, work and play on the unceded and traditional territories sɔ̣wɔ̣wú7mesh (Squamish), seflwítulh (Tseil-Waututh), and xʷməθkʷəy̍əm (Musqueam) Nations.

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:

- Sun, Nov 8—Indigenous Veterans Day
- Tues , Nov 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly
- Wed, Nov 11 - Remembrance Day SCHOOL CLOSED
- Fri, Nov 13 - Pajama day
- Wed. Nov 25 - Parent Conference—dismissal @ 2pm
- Thurs, Nov 26 - Parent Conference - dismissal @ 2pm

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSISTANT

Hello Parents and Guardians:

I hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween. I would like to share some programs we have going on. On Tuesday mornings, I have some food items to give away (pasta noodle, tomato sauce, soup, canned tuna and turkey, bread, milk, and breakfast bars). I am at the staffroom window from 9 am till 9:15 am. On Friday after school (unless it is a Pro-day or holiday then it is on Thursday), I have Backpack Buddies’ bags to give away. For those families that are new to Grandview, Backpack Buddies is an organization that donates food bags to our school. Each bag contains snacks and food for the weekend. Again the pickup time is Friday after school (3pm– first come, first served, till they are gone) at the staffroom window.

For those families that need a bit of extra help please feel free to contact me either by email or phone. I will always make time for help support our families.

Have a wonderful November !

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 Neighbourhood Assistant
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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 10:45 and later are marked absent for the morning.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2016 begins on November 1.

All kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application 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.

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 programs and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2021.

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

1. **In-catchment** kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining kindergarten spaces.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
4. 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).



Happy Halloween!

