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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear łuuqinak'uuh (Grandview) Community,

With May upon us, we are hopeful that we will fill the remainder of the school year with lots of safe, fun and engaging activities. We are so thankful for your continued patience and support as we work together to navigate ways to keep our community safe.

Our students continue to impress and inspire me with their supportive and open-hearted approach to the safety measures we have had to implement this year. The Gr. 4-Gr. 7 students have been doing an excellent job adapting to wearing a mask at all times while indoors, and we have even noticed an increase of younger students wearing them throughout the day. Keep up the great work, Grandview!

As we enter the final months a few important health and safety reminders:

Please continue to do the Daily Health Assessment with your child(ren), and do not send your child to school if they have symptoms. If you are unsure, you can call 811 or speak to your family physician for more advice.

Please remember to offer physical space from other families at the end of the day and not congregate on the blacktop area for too long during drop-off and pickup. A reminder that keeping our PODS small helps minimize the spread.

As the warmer weather arrives, opportunities for exciting outdoor learning abound. A big thank you to Charlotte for developing so many exciting learning opportunities in the school garden. A highlight for the kids has definitely been watching the mason bees hatch. What a great way to see nature at work!

You may have noticed that we have a brand-new cedar garden box near the sandpit. The garden box will house some traditional medicines such as sweetgrass and Tabaco, that Tiare Laporte will use to teach our classes the traditional uses of these plants. A big thank you to Donna Mah and Tiare Laporte for organizing the grant to get funding for this project.

You may have also noticed that our blacktop area has had a bit of an upgrade.

Grandview received an outdoor learning grant to create a sensory pathway for our students. A big thank you to one of our teachers, Kate Zisman, who helped with the artistic design and the VSB paint department that helped bring the project to life.

Our Library/ Makers Space renovation continues to take shape. A big thank you to The Future Play Grant for funding this renovation. I know the students have really enjoyed this addition to our school programming, and Robyn has worked very hard to develop fun and engaging activities. We can even hear the students in the hall saying, "Robyn, I hope we have Makers Space today!"

As we approach our June goal for SOAR tickets, I am excited to announce that the students have generated over 2200 SOAR accomplishments. That means I am well on my way to receiving five pies in the face for the end of the year.

All parents and caregivers are invited to our virtual assemblies this year and can watch as we celebrate all the ways we SOAR with Support, an Open Heart, an Awesome Attitude and Respect.

The next Assembly is on May 14 at 11:15 a.m. Division 3 will be leading us through what it means to be Open-Hearted at łuuqinak'uuh (Grandview).

Please contact your child's teacher if you would like the link to join.

Risha

Risha Golby (she,her,hers)

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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:

May 2021

Thurs, May 6 - Earthquake Drill @ 2pm "Big Shake Out"

Wed, May 19 - Individual Photo Re-take Day

Mon, May 24 - SCHOOL CLOSED—Victoria Day

June 2021

Wed, June 2 - Lockdown drill

Mon, June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples' Day

Tues, June 29 - last full day of attendance for students

IMPORTANT NOTICE: 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!