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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear ꞵuuqinak' uuh (Grandview) Community,

It is hard to believe that the first month of 2021 has come and gone. Our students returned from winter break rested and ready for learning! This was evident in their incredible growth that the teachers communicated through our first report cards. It was a pleasure reading and reflecting on how far we have all come as learners and community members in this most unusual of years. This is the first year of full implementation of the new Communicating Student Learning report card, and I know that our teachers and all staff worked very hard on them. Please feel free to share your feedback regarding this new process via email or in-person. I will be sure to provide that feedback to teachers as we all work together to discover effective ways to support our learners on their learning journey.

The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health recently released a joint statement that changes will be made to mask-wearing policies in schools. While the mask-wearing policy does not appear to affect students in Elementary Schools, this is just a reminder that the Vancouver School Board does encourage the wearing of masks at all times by both staff and students alike.

February marks the beginning of our articulation process for Grade 7 students. While we will be sad to see them move on next year to high school, I am confident that they are more than ready for a new challenge. If you are a Grade 7 parent and need assistance with applying for high school, please reach out to the Gr. 7 teacher Ms. Hefti.

SOAR update - This month's community challenge has been on the topic of Respect. Each classroom has been using this month to engage in conversations about Respect and what it means to us, as individuals, classrooms and a school community. A big thank you to Shannon Dolen, who provided the teachers with resources or preparing resources for our classrooms. One resource that she shared was the Anishinaabe Seven Sacred/Grandfather Teachings, which teaches how the Buffalo teaches us to respect "through its sharing of every part of its being". I encourage you to check out the link below



and have conversations at home about what Respect means within your own family:

<http://empoweringthespirit.ca/cultures-of-belonging/seven-grandfathers-teachings/>

We have also seen great teachable moments as the students in Div. 5 were preparing to welcome the salmon eggs. The eggs are sensitive to sound, so the class was working on what clean up time needs to be in order to respect the baby salmon's needs.

Snow Closure and Severe Weather:

Vancouver School Board has procedures followed in situations where severe weather, like heavy snowfall or very high winds, might affect schools. All schools in the Vancouver School District will remain open if at all possible during severe weather events. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 7:00 a.m. at the latest. Details of district-wide or individual school closures will be announced through the media and the [district website front page](#). Please note that no announcement will be made stating that schools are open. Only closures and delayed openings will be announced. Information about any district-wide closures will be sent to Metro Vancouver radio and television stations. Please check the following stations for school closure information (but do not call them):

| <i>Radio</i> | <i>Television</i> |
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| CBC AM 690 radio, 88.1 FM | Global BC |
| CKNW AM 980 radio | CBC TV |
| News AM 1130 radio | CTV BC |
| Fairchild AM 1470 radio | City TV |

I hope everyone has a fabulous February.

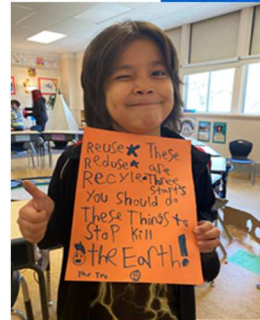
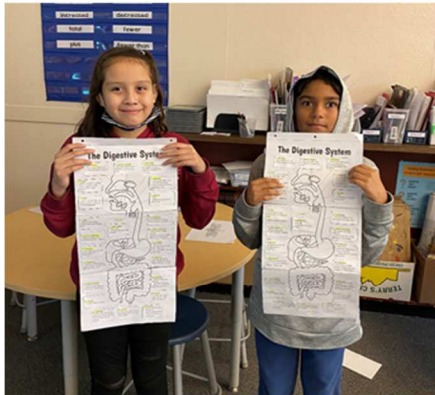
Risha

Risha Golby (she,her,hers)

"Every Child, Every Day, Every Chance"

Acknowledges that we live, work and play on the unceded and traditional territories skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations.

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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:

February 2021

Friday, Feb 12– District Pro D Day (No School)

Monday, Feb 15– Family Day—(School Closed)

Wednesday, Feb 24 - Pink Shirt Day

March 2021

Wednesday, Mar 3 – Parent/Teacher Conference (Early Dismissal @ 2pm)

Thursday, Mar 4 - Parent/Teacher Conference (Early Dismissal @ 2pm)

Friday, Mar 12 - Last day of instruction before Spring Break

Monday, Mar 15 - Friday, Mar 26 - Spring Break

Monday, Mar 29 - School re-opens after Spring Break

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.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSISTANT

Just a reminder that we have backpack buddies on Fridays and if we have Pro-day then Backpack buddies is on the Thursday.

Stay safe and be kind to each other, we are all in this together.

Donna Mah
604-713-5008

NEWS FROM HOMEROOM 5

Division 5 had 30 Coho eggs delivered on January 22nd. We will be raising them to the fry stage then re-releasing them at Beaver Creek or the Capilano River (pending on Covid restrictions).

