

# Britannia Elementary School News

## Landreth's Tenets for Relating to Children

1. Children are not miniature adults.
2. Children are people.
3. Children are unique and worthy of respect.
4. Children are resilient.
5. Children have an inherent tendency toward growth and maturity.
6. Children are capable of positive self-direction.
7. Children's natural language is play.
8. Children have the right to remain silent.
9. Children will take the therapeutic experience to where they need to be.
10. Children's growth cannot be sped up.



Landreth, G. (2012). *Play Therapy: The Art of the Relationship*, p. 96

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## School Opens

### First day of School - Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019

- ◆ **Returning Students** —Grades 1-7 come for 45 minutes from 9-9:45 a.m. on the first day. Please go to your last year's classroom.
- ◆ **The Breakfast and Hot Lunch programs begin on the first Thursday, September 5, 2019**

### **Classroom Transition:**

**We are hoping to have students transition to their new class either by Friday or early next week. This is dependent on the stability of our student enrolment.**

No one has yet realized the wealth of sympathy, the kindness and generosity hidden in the soul of a child. The effort of every true education should be to unlock that treasure.

[Emma Goldman](#)

**Dear Britannia Community,**

**Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year!. Welcome to all new students, families and staff. We certainly hope that everyone is well rested and looking forward to an amazing journey of learning together.**

**Let's bring our courage each day to lead with kindness, to take risks, to do what we know is 'right' and to give our best to ourselves, others and to learning.**

**Let's laugh and make mistakes together. Let's celebrate the strengths and successes of one another. Let's show compassion, acceptance, respect, dignity and appreciation for one another (no matter our age or titles).**

**Let's make this our best school year!**

**Tricia Rooney, Principal**



## School Food Programs

**\*Breakfast program and lunch program will begin Thursday, September 5th.**

**\*Lunch program envelopes will be sent home next week. Please pay what you can if you are unable to pay full amount.**

**\*Breakfast program: 8:15-8:55. Is by donation. Please pay what you can.**

**Principal: Ms. Tricia Rooney**

**Administrative Assistant: Miss Cecilia Mason**

### Phone Use Policy

- ◆ Please make all pick up & playdate arrangements with your child prior to school.
- ◆ Please remind your child that cell phones are for before & after school use unless required by the teacher for educational purposes.
- ◆ If a child is injured or sick all calls and care should come from the office.
- ◆ Office phone at 3pm is used for staff to call families

### Electronic Devices

Cell phones brought to school are the sole responsibility of the parents.

Cell phone/electronic uses: **only to be used** under the direct instruction of the staff for educational purposes.

### Health Alert—'Allergy Aware School'

Britannia is an allergy aware school. Some of our students and staff at Britannia have severe life-threatening allergies. One example is nut and nut products.

We do ask parents not to send nuts or nut products .

**As we cannot guarantee** to be a nut free school, we ask that students never share food. For parents of a child with a severe allergy please ensure your child knows not to eat food from other students.



### Student Supervision

Supervision is provided by school staff at the following times:

#### Monday—Friday

8:45 - 9:00 am

3:00 - 3:15 pm

**In order to ensure your child's safety, students should not arrive before 8:45 am or be picked up no later than 3:15 pm**



### Kids Plus Student Accident Insurance Program

The kids plus student accident insurance program has changed and is now called The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP). Families can register online to participate in the Plan by using the URL provided below:

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>



### Lunches/Students Leaving School Grounds

All students are to eat their lunches in the lunchroom.

**ALL students must remain on the school grounds at recess.**

**Only Grade Seven students with a note of permission from their parents may leave the grounds to go buy their lunch. They must bring their note for each day to the office by recess. They must buy their lunch and return directly back to the school to eat it in the lunchroom.**

**For all other grades, in the case of a special family arrangement, a note to the Office is required for a student to leave. Parents must also sign out their child if picking them up outside of regular hours.**

Thank you! This helps us to keep your child safe.

## Healthy Living



- Remember to teach your child proper hand washing procedures
- Remember to keep your child home if he/she is sick
- Support your child's play and the natural desire to be physically active and curious

### Student Absences & Late Arrivals

Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling **604-713-5159** **Our school code is 13**. Messages will be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

**If your child arrives late they must sign-in at the office before going to class.**

### House Keeping Items:

- Please remember to **label** your child's items (coats, bags, water bottles etc.)
- Remember to check the lost and found regularly for your child's items.
- If you have any plastic bags you'd like to donate to the Office and/or Family Activity Room, please do.
- Student Information Packages will be sent home next week with various forms and notices. Please look for them. We need the forms and fees as soon as possible.
- School Fees and others fees (i.e. Performance and Fieldtrip fees to be paid on the SchoolCash website. <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/> (this is new)

Welcome



**New Staff Members:** Please extend a warm welcome back to Ms. Paley, our school counsellor. We also welcome Ms. Beaty (Resource/ Classroom Teacher) and Ms. Park (Student Support Worker) —we are excited for you to join our community.

### School Hours

Our daily schedule is:

8:55 am—Warning Bell

9:00 am— Instruction begins

10:50 to 11:05 am—Recess

12:10 to 12:57 pm—Lunch

12:57 pm—Instruction begins

3:00 pm—Dismissal

### School Office Hours

8:00 am—3:30 pm



**Vision 2019-2020:**

ALL children CAN learn and ALL children WILL be successful.

**School Goal:**

To encourage and enhance the love of reading.

**District Goal**

To further develop understanding, knowledge, acceptance, empathy, awareness, appreciation, connections to and respect for Indigenous histories, traditions, cultures and contributions among all students.

**Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)**

**1st PAC meeting of the school year will be:** September 12, 2019 @9:15 **ALL PARENTS WELCOME**

Welcome to our new and returning parents. Our school is fortunate to have a family activity room where parents are welcome to stop by and say hi to Stephanie (Neighbourhood Assistant).

**Liaison Trustee:**

Ms. Barb Parrot

**Principal:**

Ms. Tricia Rooney

**Administrative Office Assistant**

Ms. Cecilia Mason

We wish to acknowledge that we are on the shared traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples and acknowledge the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tseil-Waututh Nations... and for this we are thankful. VSB



## BRITANNIA ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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## SCHOOL FEES for (2019-2020)

Important Information – Please Translate

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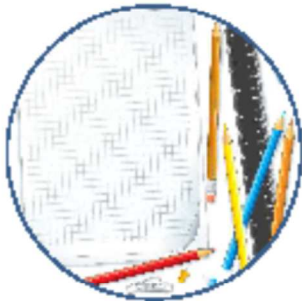
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Важная информация!Переведите,пожалуйста

## GENERAL \$35.00 SUPPLY FEE



The Vancouver School Board offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2019 – 2020 is \$35.00 per student\*.

This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year.

\*The General Supply Fee of \$35 is an increase to the fee from previous years and reflects increases in current costs.

## SUPPLEMENTARY FEES

### Performance Fee – Insert \$ 25

We are pleased to enrich your child's learning through a wide variety of performances this year. This supplementary fee supports the school in bringing in talented and professional theatrical and musical performers that align with a particular educational theme. Parent support has made these opportunities possible and we appreciate your continued contribution.

### Field Studies – To be determined throughout the school year at the classroom level

Throughout the school year your child's teacher may plan supplementary learning opportunities at locations outside of the school and request monies towards entrance fees, transportation or equipment rental. Your child's teacher will communicate this information to you directly.



## FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

As a reminder, the Vancouver School Board will not deny a child access to the school supplies required for his or her educational program because of financial hardship. Nor will any child be excluded from activities where a fee is charged. If at any time there is a financial challenge, please contact the school Principal, (insert name). All requests will be treated confidentially.

## Britannia Elementary Community School



### 2019 - 2020 School Calendar

DESIGNATION	DETAIL
<b>SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW</b>	
Number of Days in Session	188
Number of Days of Instruction	181
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non-Instructional Days 1 Administration Day (June 26)
<b>Special Provincial Closing Dates &amp; Vancouver School District Closure Days</b>	
School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 3, 2019
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14, 2019
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11, 2019
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 20, 2019
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 23, 2019 – Friday, January 3, 2020
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 6, 2020
Family Day	Monday, February 17, 2020
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 13, 2020
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27, 2020
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 30, 2020
Good Friday	Friday, April 10, 2020
Easter Monday	Monday, April 13, 2020
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2020
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 25, 2020
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 26, 2020
<b>Non-Instructional Days (school not in session)</b>	
Monday, September 23, 2019	Professional Development Day
Friday, October 25, 2019	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 8, 2019	Curriculum Implementation Day (District Wide)
Friday, February 14, 2020	Curriculum Implementation Day (District Wide)
Monday, April 27, 2020	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Friday, May 15, 2020	Indigenous Focus Professional Day (District Wide)
<b>Goal Setting Conference Dates:</b>	
Wednesday, November 6, 2019	2:00 pm dismissal
Thursday, November 7, 2019	2:00 pm dismissal
Wednesday, April 1, 2020	2:00 pm dismissal
Thursday, April 2, 2020	2:00 pm dismissal