

Britannia Elementary Community School News

June 2019



Dear Parents,

A poem to close up this wonderful year at Britannia.

"We give you back your child.
the same child you confidently entrusted to our
care last fall. We give them back pounds heavier,
inches taller, months wiser, more responsible, and
more mature.

Although they would have attained their growth in
spite of us, it has been our pleasure and privilege to
watch their personality unfold day by day and mar-
vel at this splendid miracle of development. We give
them back reluctantly, for having spent ten months
together in the narrow confines of a crowded class-
room, we have grown close, have become part of
each other, and we shall always retain a little of
each other.

We have lived, loved, laughed, played, studied,
learned, and enriched our lives together this
year. We wish it could go on indefinitely, but give
them back we must. Take care of them for they
are precious. Remember that we shall always be
interested in your child and their destiny, wher-
ever they go, whatever they do, whoever they be-
come. Their joys and sorrows we'll be happy to
share."

DATES TO NOTE

- ◆ June 25—Report Cards distributed
- ◆ June 26—Gr 7 Leaving Celebration
(1pm—Auditorium@ Secondary School)
- ◆ June 27—Last School Assembly @ 11:15 am
- ◆ June 27—Last day for students

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.
- ◆ New Kindergartens 2019-2020 —10:30 to 11:00
- ◆ The Breakfast and Hot Lunch programs begin on
the first Thursday, September 5, 2019

AWARDS

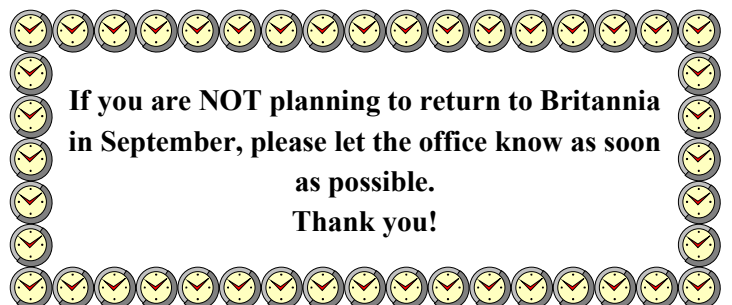
After two years of careful consideration, staff has
decided the year end awards no longer align with
the philosophy of the Ministry of Education Re-
designed Curriculum.

Thank you for your understanding and support.
Britannia Teaching Staff

Be kind whenever possible.

It is always possible.

~Tenzin Gyatso, 14th Dalai Lama



If you are NOT planning to return to Britannia
in September, please let the office know as soon
as possible.
Thank you!

STUDENT PLACEMENT 2019-2020

Staff members spend considerable time carefully placing each student. Multiple factors are addressed, from friendships to academic, social and emotional strengths and struggles.

Staff assignments are confidential until published in September newsletter as numbers and organization can change over the summer months, so please do not ask staff what grades they will be teaching.

Thank you for trusting staff's professional judgement and decision making.

Sincerely, Tricia Rooney, Principal



Britannia Staff wish to thank our parent community for their continued support throughout the school year.

We wish you and your families a wonderful, safe, summer.

To those families leaving Britannia, we wish you success in your new school and to the rest we will see you in September!



Good Byes and Welcome

With sadness we say good bye to Mr. Dong, Ms. McTavish & Ms Alizah. We will miss you on our educational team, in the classroom and in the community. You will be missed and we wish you the best.

To Mrs. Carlick, Happy Retirement and thank you for all the years you gave to Britannia and the many students you have made a difference in their lives.

Britannia Elementary Community School



2019 - 2020 School Calendar

DESIGNATION	DETAIL
SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW	
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)
Special Provincial Closing Dates & Vancouver School District Closure Days	
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
Non-Instructional Days (school not in session)	
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)
Goal Setting Conference Dates:	
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



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SCHOOL FEES for (2019-2020)

Important Information – Please Translate

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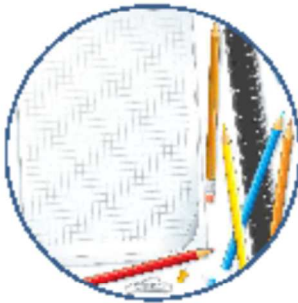
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중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

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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.