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VAN HORNE NEWS

We acknowledgs that we live, work and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples – *xʷməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlílwataʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations*

T.E.A.M TREAT ourselves, others & environment with respect ENCOURAGE and support each other ACT in a safe and responsible way MAKE every effort to achieve	SUMMER 2020 NEWSLETTER Mr. Stephen Leung - Principal Ms. Marianna Cianelli - Administrative Assistant Ms. Jessica Thorburn - Extra Clerical School Board Trustee: Janet Fraser Director of Instruction: Alison Ogden
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- PRINCIPALS MESSAGE -

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

As the 2020-2021 school year comes to a close, I want to make sure I express my gratitude to all the people that have been integral to making this year as smooth as it could be.

The first group we should always thank are the students. They are the reason we are all here and how wonderful a school year is in large part depends on how wonderful the students are. At Van Horne, our students are simply that – wonderful. They are bright, kind, and caring people who come to school and try their best, make and support friendships, and make all the adults around them proud. This year, they have once again shown resiliency is also a quality they possess.

I hope all of you join me in expressing gratitude to the staff at the school. Teachers, School and Student Support Workers, counsellors, office support staff, building engineers and custodians, and every other adult that walks through our doors has done nothing short of an admirable job this year. The situation we find ourselves in requires staff to rise to the occasion and I can happily say that everyone has done just that.

At this time I would also like to extend a BIG thank you to Mr. Milne. Mr. Milne has decided to leave the Vancouver area and move to the interior of British Columbia. He has taught at this school for a very long time and has made a lasting impact on many students and families. I have received much correspondence from families in his class this year who wanted to make sure I knew how much they appreciated his efforts in teaching their children. Please join me in thanking him for his amazing contributions to our community.

Finally, I want to extend a big thank you to all the parents in our community. Your endless support, kind-heartedness, and flexibility make everything run smoothly, make this a place staff love to work at, and make the kids’ education simply better. A special thank you to all the parents that actively support our school, especially those on the PAC executive. Working with you is a joy.

I am not sure what September will bring this year, but I look forward to the challenge of moving forward, together, with all of you.

Take care,
Stephen Leung


2020 HOUSE TEAMS

The House Teams initiative we started this year was a BIG success thanks to the enthusiastic participation of students and their families and the staff. Student council (led by Genevieve H.) was also a tremendous part of this initiative as they worked alongside staff in creating fun and interesting activities for everyone to participate in. Each student and their family are placed in a team for their entire duration at Van Horne. Points are awarded for all kinds of activities and events. The scores often swung wildly and a team in last place could easily find themselves in first place a couple of weeks later. However, by the end of the year, it is my great pleasure in announcing the final standings. They are:

4th place – **Green team**
3rd place – **Red Team**
2nd place – **Purple Team**
1st place - **Yellow Team**

Congratulations to the Yellow team on their epic comeback (it was really close for every team). Congratulations to everyone for your participation. Next year will be another opportunity for everyone to have fun and try to win it all!

CHANGES TO LUNCH HOUR



We don’t know what September will look like, but we will still go ahead with the school’s plan on changes to the lunch hour. This change was to start after Spring Break. The change will still be as follows but more information will be confirmed in. September. **Students will eat lunch from 12:25 to 12:47. This is a change from the previous eating time of 12:00 to 12:20.** We are making this change after discussion amongst the staff after several recommendations by parents. This is by no means revolutionary as it is common practice in other schools. A quick search on the internet finds many articles supporting this change. Here is but one: https://www.ctf-fce.ca/Research-Library/Issue7_Article2_EN.pdf

Anyways, we will try this out on a trial basis and reassess at a future date. We also value your feedback on this and would like for you to please monitor how much food your child brings home once we start this new schedule. We are hopeful you will find less lunch being returned home everyday as kids are spending more time eating rather than thinking only of running off to play. We will send a survey at a later date. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. – Stephen Leung

REPORT CARDS AND OTHER MATERIALS NOT PICKED UP/
RETURNING OF LIBRARY BOOKS AND/OR TEXT BOOKS

If your child did not pick up their report card or othe materials from their class, the office will reopen on Monday, August 31st. Please email Ms. Cianelli at mcianelli@vsb.bc.ca to arrange for pick up after August 31ST or they will be distributed to your child in September. The office will not be mailing out report cards this year.

Overdue Library Books and school jersey's: Please keep in a safe place at home and you can return in September (with the exception of school jerseys from Grade 7 students. Please see email sent out by Mr. Leung). The office is closed for summer and will reopen August 31st if you want to drop off during that week or you may also return in September. If you know your overdue Library book has been lost please send an email to Ms. Judy Cottrell jcottrell@vsb.bc.ca and you will be able to pay for the lost book in September.

2020 – 2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW	
Number of Days in Session	188
Number of Days of Instruction	181
Hours of Operation each day in a School Week	Monday – Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non-Instruction Days 1 Administrative Day (June 30, 2021)
PROVINCIAL DATES & DISTRICT CLOSURE DAYS - SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION	
School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12, 2020
Remembrance Day Holiday	Wednesday, November 11, 2020
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Break	Friday, December 18, 2020
Winter Break Period	Monday, December 21, 2020 – Friday, January 1, 2021
School Re-opens After Winter Break	Monday, January 4, 2021
Family Day	Monday, February 15, 2021
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Break	Friday, March 12, 2021
Spring Break Period	Monday, March 15 – Friday, March 26, 2021
School Re-opens After Spring Break	Monday, March 29, 2021
Good Friday	Friday, April 2, 2021
Easter Monday	Monday, April 5, 2021
Victoria Day	Monday, May 24, 2021
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Tuesday, June 29, 2021
Administrative/School Closing Day	Wednesday, June 30, 2021
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS - SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION	
(Days may not be district-wide)	
Professional Development Day #1 (Date set by school)	Friday, September 25, 2020
Professional Development Day #2 (Province Wide)	Friday, October 23, 2020
Indigenous Focus Professional Day (District Wide)	Friday, November 27, 2020
Professional Development Day #4 (Date set by school)	Wednesday, January 20, 2021
Professional Development Day #5 (District Wide)	Friday, February 12, 2021
Professional Development Day #6 (District Wide)	Monday, April 26, 2021
PARENT CONFERENCE DATES - EARLY DISMISSAL	
Conference – 2:00 PM Dismissal	Wednesday, October 13, 2020
Conference – 2:00 PM Dismissal	Thursday, October 14, 2020
Conference – 2:00 PM Dismissal	Wednesday, March 10, 2021
Conference – 2:00 PM Dismissal	Thursday, March 11, 2021

GRADE K INFORATION 2020-2021

We are very excited to have your child start Kindergarten in September! Due to unexpected events with COVID, we will not be able to provide you a concise schedule for your child's gradual entry into Kindergarten. We hope to have specific information regarding school towards the end of August. At this time, we do not have any direction from the Ministry of Education and The Vancouver School Board of Education as to whether learning will be at home or having students come to school. As information does change, we will surely communicate this to you in the most timely manner as possible.

****We would like all families to note that typical gradual entry in Kindergarten takes approximately 1 ½ weeks. This means that your child will not be attending school full time until at least the second week into the school year. (On or around September 16)**

The Ministry of Education has sent us a document that we have sent out to you via email. It is called “When I go to Kindergarten”. You can use this document to find information on how to support your child's transition into Kindergarten. Feel free to use some or all of the activities in it to help prepare a successful start to their school year.

We hope you have a restful and peaceful summer. We look forward to working with your child here at Van Horne as they begin their learning journey.

LINKS: Early Learning Resources – Ministry of Education :
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning/support/kindergarten?keyword=Kindergarten>

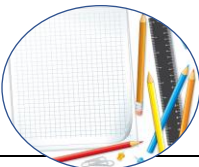
2020 – 2021 SCHOOL FEES

General \$35.00 School 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 2020 – 2021 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.



Student Agenda/Planner – \$7.00

Students at Sir William Van Horne will be using an Agenda/Planner in grades 1-7. School agendas/planners are a valuable tool for teaching children how to organize and plan for school. While students are not required to have an agenda/planner it is designed to assist students with the skills of organization and time management and is a very useful communication tool often used between teachers and families.

Activity Fee – \$5.00 to \$8.00

Some classes will be offering various activities that require some supplemental fees. Examples include Div. 1 asking for \$8 to cover drama costs and Kindergarten classes asking for \$5 to cover cooking supplies.

Grade 7 Camp – approx. \$90

This year we will be offering camp opportunities for some or all grade 7 classes. Exact costs will be determined at a later date.

Workbooks – approx. \$20

This year, students in some division(s) will be bringing home a math or vocabulary Practice and Homework Book. This material supplements the classroom math program. The workbook is available for purchase at the cost of approx.. \$20.00. Students are not obligated to purchase the workbook, and may opt to use their copy as a reference textbook instead, meaning the workbook will be returned at the end of the school year for another student to use in the future. Students opting to use the workbook as a textbook will be responsible for ensuring that it remains unmarked and in excellent condition in order to return the workbook at the end of the year.

Performances - \$10

There may be performances at the school throughout the year.

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.



MAD SCIENCE SUMMER PROGRAM 2020



Mad Science is the leading provider of fun science programs for elementary aged children. Our mission is to spark the imagination and curiosity of children everywhere, by providing them with fun, interactive and educational activities that instill a clearer understanding of science and how it affects the world around us. Due to the pandemic, Mad Science of Greater Vancouver & Interior will be holding various summer camps online this summer! Camp Schedule & Themes below:

- July 6th – 10th: Eureka! The Inventor’s Camp & Red Hot Robots
- July 13th – 17th: Claws, Codes, and Constellations & Moving With Science
- July 20th – 24th: 3, 2, 1... Blast Off! & Secret Agent Lab
- July 27th – 31st: Eureka! The Inventor’s Camp & Red Hot Robots
- August 10th – 14th: Claws, Codes, and Constellations & Moving With Science
- August 17th – 21st: 3, 2, 1... Blast Off! & Secret Agent Lab
- August 24th – 28th: Eureka! The Inventor’s Camp & Red Hot Robots
- August 31st – September 4th: Claws, Codes, and Constellations & Moving With Science

*All sessions are Monday to Friday @ 9:30am – 11:30am or 12:30pm – 2:30pm *All camps are \$125 + GST except Red Hot Robots at \$155 + GST

*Limited capacity at 12 kids per camp

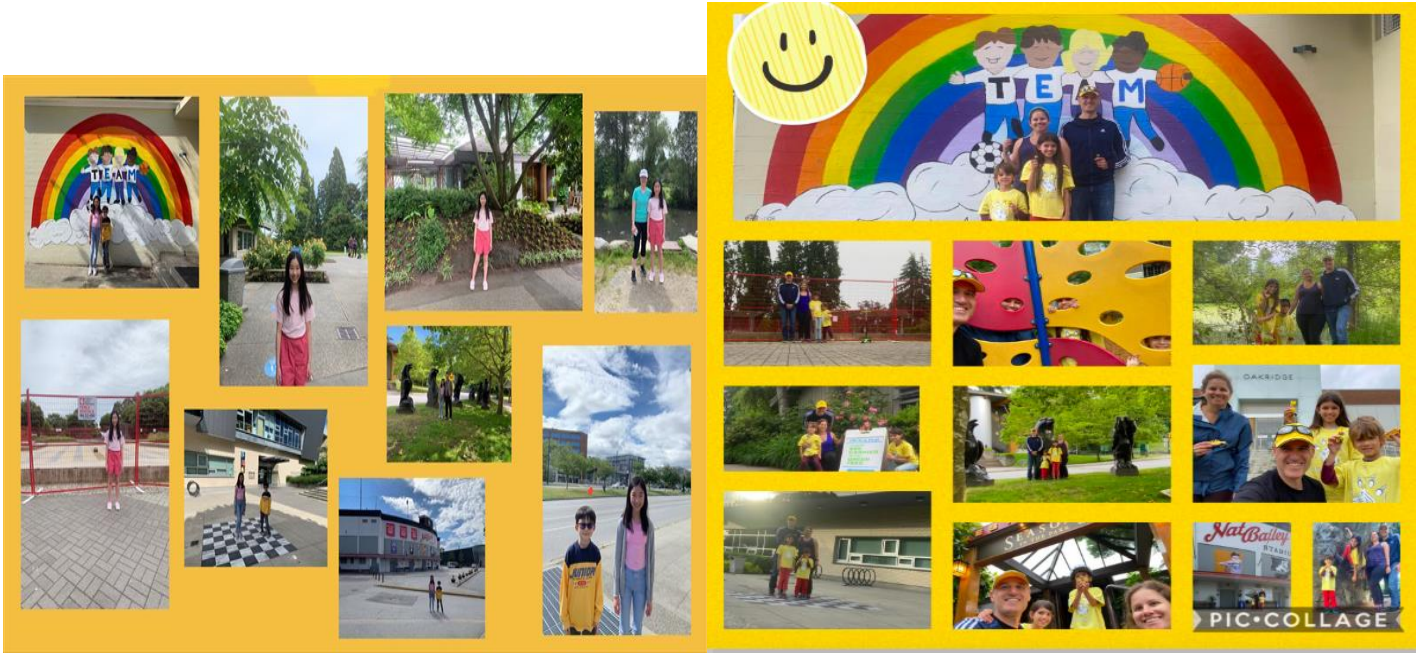
*For camp descriptions, [click here](#)

For more information or to register, please go to our website: vancouver.madscience.org

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Photos from the last House Challenge–Scavenger Hunt



FAREWELL CLASS OF 2020

Congratulations to all the Grade 7 Students! We said goodbye to another group of fine Grade 7 students. They have spent up to eight years here and we are sad to see them leave - full of hope for the future and the difference they can make in the world. We would like to wish all of them the very best as they begin the next chapter in high school. You will be greatly missed and always remember to continue to be leaders and always Believe in Yourself!



Believe in Yourself
Serve, Learn, Create and Grow, Know Yourself,
Be fearless, Take Risks
Believe In Yourself!
Understand and Empathize Be Kind, Be Involved
Fulfill your Dreams
Believe in yourself!
Be Carefree
Caring and Accepting
Be Daring and Joyful
Believe in yourself!
Live Each Day
With Confidence and Compassion Be Kind to Yourself
Believe in yourself!
Take moments
Reflect and Celebrate
To just be
But Most Important of All
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HAVE A WONDERFUL RESTFUL & SAFE SUMMER!