

Secord News

SAFETY CORNER

Are you a student with serious allergies? Stay safe this school year with some basic rules.

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Dates to Remember in December

Wednesday December 1	PAC meeting
Tuesday, December 7	Pick up Poinsettias
Tuesday, December 7	Purdy's pick up day
Tuesday, December 14	Dress for Winter Teams day
Thursday, December 16	Pizza Day PAC sponsored
Friday, December 17	Last Day of School for Winter break.
Monday, December 19 -	
Friday December 31 st	Winter Break



Green Thumb's school wide Performance "Like it or Not" was a great success.



Camille Legg, Pamela Carolina Martinez and Melissa Oei
A Katy Hoffman Play
Photos by Tim Matheson

Here are some student comments about what they like best.

"We liked the costumes and were impressed by how fast they changed costumes" Maelle and friend Div F2

"Leah acted like she didn't know what was being talked about" Rehmat Div 23

"Leah saying how she felt about soccer and stuff" Tallulah Div. 21

As winter weather approaches, we want to remind parents/ guardians, students, and staff of the Vancouver School District's winter weather procedures and announcements.

All schools in the Vancouver School District will remain OPEN if at all possible during winter weather, including snowfalls. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 7:00 a.m. at the latest and will be announced through the media as well as through the [District](#) and [school](#) websites. 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 Secord school closure information:

Radio	Television
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



Reminder....

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON:

**Dec 20th to Dec 31st
(Winter Break)**

Poinsettias

Due to the volume of orders, pick-up for those who ordered poinsettias will be December 7th, 3:10-4:30 pm from the art room 067, next to the library in the East Wing.



Team Spirit Day December 14th

The next house team event will be on December 14th and will be "Baby, it's cold outside day!" Earn one point for your team by dressing in your craziest, coziest, or most favourite winter accessories. This can be: a toque, gloves, mittens, a scarf, ear muffs, etc. If you need some help accessing winter gear, please see M. Brisebois or Mr. Brown for some support.



INDIGENOUS VETERANS REMEMBRANCE DAY

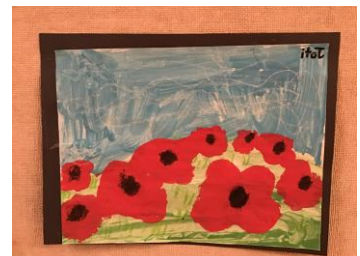
DISPLAY BY KIM KONDRÅ OUR INDIGENOUS EDUCATION WORKER



Remembrance



Div. 14

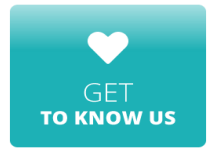


Important Registration Dates:

Priority Registrations ends the last Friday of January: Kindergarten – 7

Choice Program Applications Open January 10th – 4:00 pm on February 3rd.

Cross Boundary applications February 1 – 28



Hello! My name is Katy Erwin and I am teaching Kindergarten this year. I spent most of my career at Shaughnessy Elementary also in K and then spent the last five years at Grandview Elementary not too far from here teaching mostly Grade One. I was born and raised in Vancouver and love our beautiful west coast. I enjoy getting out for hikes or runs along the seawall in my spare time. I also love to travel and have been lucky enough to swap homes with a friend who lives in London, England. It's a wonderful central hub to have visited France, Italy, Portugal, Ireland and Spain.

I am excited to be at Laura Secord Elementary and back to my first love of Kindergarten where so much magic happens. It is truly a thrill to see how far these little learners go in just one year!



VSB “Choice” Programs

With Secord being the only school offering both Early and Late French Immersion, we naturally speak a lot of those Choice programs. But did you know VSB has many more options for our students?

Please check VSB's [Info Sessions link](#) for more information on:

- Early French Immersion
- Intensive French
- Late French Immersion
- Early Mandarin Bilingual
- Mandarin Bilingual Program
- Montessori
- Fine Arts
- Indigenous Focus School
- International Baccalaureate



ABC

Cent Vingt-trois

Kindergarten and Grade 1 Info Session

January 13th, 2022



More info to come!

Late French Immersion

Info Session

January 13th

Safety Awareness Corner

Awareness without action is worthless.

Did you know, 5% or 1 in 20 Secord students has a serious food allergy? That's over 30 students!

At Secord, we have students who are allergic to:

- Peanuts
- Tree nuts (pistachios, cashews, almonds, hazelnuts, walnuts, etc.) and products made using tree nuts (nut butters, Nutella, etc.)
- Sesame seeds and products made using sesame (tahini, hummus, sesame snacks, sushi rolls topped with sesame seeds, etc.)
- fish and shellfish
- kiwi
- eggs
- dairy
- soy

Please take this into account when preparing your child's snacks and lunches or when sending food to school.

Next month we'll explore school, parent and student roles.

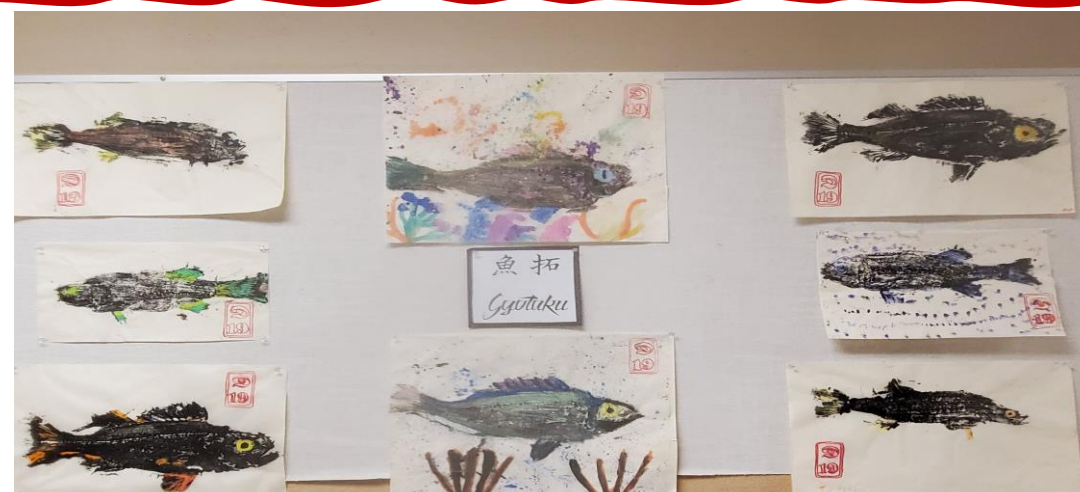
For a school resource section and tips for living with anaphylaxis visit www.foodallergycanada.ca

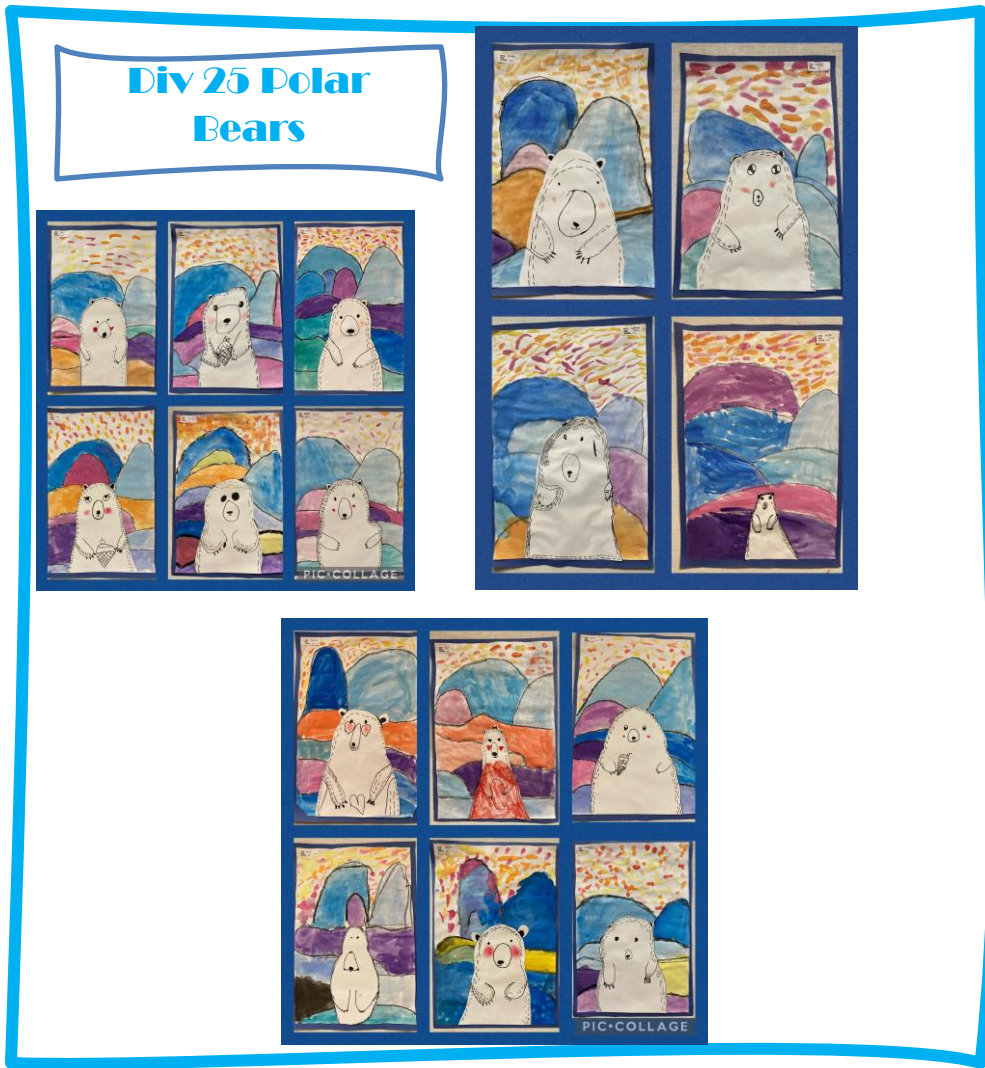
LOST AND FOUND.

If you are looking for lost items. You can come to the school to look for yourself. Give us a call and let us know What time you would like to come. When you arrive sign in at the office and follow Hand sanitizing protocols. We will show you down to where the lost items are kept, and you can browse for your child's missing items.

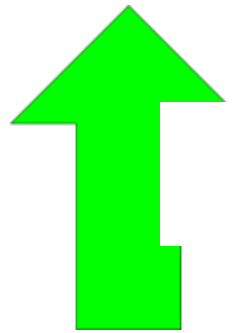


Div. 19 Are having fun with Gyotaku (Fish printing)





To Report Your Child's
Absence – Please Call (604)
713-5159 ext 74 prior to 9 am
on the first day of the absence.



Div 21 Candy Wrappers



**DIV. 25 MOONLIT
PUMPKINS**



November 29, 2021

Hello Everybody,

Welcome to December. The Peer Helpers are once again spearheading the HAND TO HAND Project in support of the Downtown East Side. For those of you new to Secord this is a project that began a few years ago (2014)...Past students came up with the name of this project & its focus.

HOW IT WORKS (THE BIG PICTURE): for 2 weeks in December the classes/students of Secord collect personal care items for folks who live in the Downtown East Side. We currently donate these many items to the Union Gospel Mission where they are distributed to residents of the mission as well as those involved in their outreach street program. Due to covid we are distributing boxes to each classroom for the items to be collected, students will not be in contact with the items.

HOW IT WORKS AT SCHOOL: We will be making morning announcements to encourage school wide participation, as well a member of the Peer Helpers will visit your class sometime this week to talk about the items we are requesting from your class. The items are divided into Grade Groups:

- K's- toothbrushes
- 1's- toothpaste
- 2's- body wash
- 3's- shampoo
- 4's - deodorant
- 5's - socks
- 6's- shaving cream & or razors
- 7's- emergency blankets, or gloves/scarves

STAFF- are also welcome to participate with any of the items listed.

Our last official collection day will be Wednesday December 15th (however the items will be delivered on Dec 16/17.)

On Behalf of the Peer Helpers we would like to thank you for supporting this initiative.

Linda and Carly



A couple more Gyo-taku

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Nusha Bairam



We're on the Web!
<http://secord.vsb.bc.ca>

Vancouver School Board

School Calendar

PAC

PAC is on Twitter!
[@SecordPAC](https://twitter.com/SecordPAC)

PAC News

Please join the next PAC meeting! This Wednesday, December 1st at 7:30pm

Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZlqdemprTgrEtHEzuLwJotgAR9dQs7n4Vgl>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Take a look at the previous PAC meeting minutes and the agenda for the upcoming meeting:

[09-22-2021 PAC Meeting Minutes.docx - Google Docs](#)

[12.01.21 PAC Agenda - Google Docs](#)



We've had one of our most successful campaigns ever, selling over \$30,000 in chocolates. Thanks to this amazing Secord community, the PAC will be receiving \$7728.40 to go towards our kids.

Congratulations to the winning classes. For the intermediate class, Ms. Marks, making \$4784.55 in sales, and for the primary class, Mme. Durant, making \$3507.01 in sales. A big congratulations also to our top 10 sellers:

- 1) Brayden Kuang (Ms. Marks)
- 2) Shane Thomas (Ms. Verhage)
- 3) Judah Goldstein (Mme. Durant)
- 4) Audrey Haynes (Mme. Cepelinski)
- 5) Thomas Stewart-Sturgess (Mme. May / Mme. Giroux)
- 6) Max Doroschuk (Ms. Marks)
- 7) Maelle Bishop (Ms. Tong)
- 8) Ozzy Melchin-Adams (Mme. Durant)
- 9) Michael Bishop (Ms. Marks)
- 10) Rory Gill (Mme. Feller)