

Secord News

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SAFETY CORNER

Ice, children, and falls. Do you know the symptoms of a concussion?

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Reminder....

Monday January 17th

PRO D Day

NO School!



Dates to Remember in January

Tuesday, Jan 10 th	First Day back after Break
Thursday, Jan 13 th	French Immersion Info Sessions
Monday, Jan 17 th	Pro D Day
Wednesday, Jan 19 th	Scrabble Day
	PAC Meeting
Thursday, Jan 20	Pizza Hot Lunch CANCELLED
Friday, Jan 28 th	Report Cards go Home



Registration Reminders

It's that time of year when everything "registration" is happening. Please take a read below if you have any children you'd like to have attend Secord.

English Kindergarten:

The priority registration period for English kindergarten ends January 28th. If you have a child born in 2016 and you've not yet registered for Kindergarten, please do so [online](#) before the end of the month. You then must bring the supporting documentation into your catchment school and complete the registration. This process will generate a PEN number, which you will need if you plan on applying for any Choice programs.

Early French Immersion Kindergarten:

Once you have your child's PEN number, you can apply for Early French Immersion. This [online application link](#) opens January 11th and closes 4pm on February 3rd. If you would like your child's name entered into the lottery, ensure you've completed the online registration during this 3-week period.

Early French Immersion Kindergarten, *for siblings*:

If you are registering a child for kindergarten and currently have a child in Early French Immersion at Secord (who will be at Secord next year as well), your child is eligible for sibling placement priority. However, **you still must register the child at your in-catchment English school first** (even though your child would not attend there). **You will then need to apply to the EFI [Choice Program online](#) between Jan 11th – Feb 3rd indicating French Immersion at Secord as your first choice.** Please ensure you list the sibling (and their PEN) who is already in EFI at Secord. Failure to follow these procedures and deadlines will result in your child losing sibling priority.

Early French Immersion Grade 1:

Limited spaces are available for students new to French Immersion who wish to enter at the grade one level. Please drop your [application form](#) at the school office by January 29th. Parents are encouraged to read the EFI presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XOv5FLR8U4Y> that is posted on the school website.

Late French Immersion Grade 6:

Please ensure your [application](#) is in to the school by January 29th. In addition to the application please have your child write a couple of paragraphs about why they would like to join the Late French Immersion Class

Please see the [presentation](#) notes from the online info session posted on our website.

Div 26 Art →

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Winter Weather

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

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 Second 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

Traffic & Parking around Laura Secord

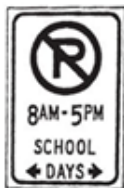
We regularly post parking information in our newsletters. We can all do our part to ensure everyone's safety.

A quick reminder of the VPD signs you'll see around Vancouver schools. The Traffic team periodically patrols schools and hands out tickets.



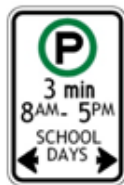
"NO STOPPING 8am – 5pm SCHOOL DAYS"

These signs designate the zones where vehicles are not permitted to stop under any circumstances. These zones are kept clear to provide good sight lines for drivers to see students and students to see drivers.



"NO PARKING 8am – 5pm SCHOOL DAYS"

These signs designate the zones for active picking up and dropping off of students. Do not park and leave the vehicle in these zones.



"3 min Parking 8am – 5pm SCHOOL DAYS"

These signs designate the zones for picking up and dropping off of students where parking is permitted for 3 minutes.

School Area Signs



This sign is used in advance of school to warn drivers that children may be walking along or crossing the road. On local streets 30 km/hr signs are posted and the speed limit is 30 km/hr from 8 am - 5 pm on school days.



School Crosswalk Signs



A school crosswalk sign indicates where children will be crossing the road. Vehicles must yield to pedestrians at all intersections and crosswalks. **Vehicles must remain stopped until children are safely across and on the curb.** Please remember children are playful and impulsive and may enter the roadway suddenly.

For the safety of all we thank you in advance for your attendance to, and understanding of, these signs.

KEY DATES ●●●



Key Priority Registration Dates

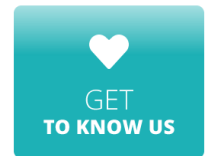
English K registration at school: Nov 1st to Jan 31st

Early French Immersion K registration [online](#): Jan 13th to Feb 3th
Info Session at Secord: Jan 13th, 2022 at 7pm

Early French Immersion Gr 1 registration at school: Nov 1st to Jan 31st

Late French Immersion Gr 6 registration at school: Nov 1st to Jan 31st
Info Session at Secord: Jan 13th, 2022 at 7pm

Cross Boundary applications: Feb 3rd to 28th



Bonjour! I am Mme. Bailis, a new Kindergarten teacher at Secord Elementary. I am from Toronto and I moved to Vancouver two years ago. I love the outdoors, the beaches, the sunsets, and could gaze at the mountains all day!

Before joining the Secord community, I was teaching grade 1 at Queen Elizabeth Annex. I went from teaching at one of the smallest schools in the district to one of the largest! My passion for teaching and early learning sparked during my work as an Early Childhood Educator. Later, I completed my Education degree at Queen's University and decided to begin my teaching career in beautiful Vancouver!

I am so happy to be teaching Kindergarten with such an amazing and kind group of students at Secord. I absolutely love kindergarten; every day is always a new adventure and so much fun!



Safety Awareness Corner

Awareness without action is worthless.

Ice, children and falls. It's common, and it's inevitable. We know them, but do you know the 10 symptoms of a concussion?

1. Headaches. Depending on the severity, they can come in ebbs & flows, with a sensitivity to light.
2. Difficulty concentrating. Lack of focus.
3. Dizziness. Lack of coordination.
4. Pupil dilation. Possibly different sized pupils.
5. Nausea. Vomiting.
6. Blurred vision. Difficulty identifying how many fingers you have up.
7. Bruising or a bump.
8. Emotional outbursts. Extreme mood swings, easily agitated.
9. Slurred speech.
10. Disrupted sleep patterns. Either too much or not enough sleep.

If your child tells you they fell and you notice some of these symptoms, err on the side of caution and take your child to the doctor.

Wow, what a big thank you, merci beaucoup, to the Secord community for all the poinsettias that were ordered! \$1083.98 was raised and will go towards various initiatives for the different raised beds around our school grounds.



Hand to Hand Project-Union Gospel Mission

We would like to take the time to thank all those families who were able to contribute items towards our Hand-to-Hand Project. We have collected an overwhelming number of items that are going to benefit some of the most vulnerable people in our city. Our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude that we have such an amazing and generous community.

We would also like to thank the Special Events Peer Helpers for their commitment daily over the last few weeks, making personal announcements daily to classrooms and collecting these gifts for the Union Gospel Mission. Your positive energy and dedication to this effort has been outstanding. THANK YOU!

Rowen, Oscar, Simone, Liam, Dominic, Hana, Talia, Stella, Ivy, Leila, Cade, Josie, Bebe, Marcus, Michael



Happy Holidays!

Ms. Linda and Ms Carly

Laura Secord's Kindergarten students were able to raise \$686.37 (after supply costs) through the sales of their seasonal crafts. These funds were used to purchase gifts for 15 seniors who would otherwise receive nothing over the holiday season. Some of their wish list items were: blankets, wool socks, slippers, gloves, toiletries, DVDs, travel mugs, magazines, chocolate, cookies, tea, and coffee.

A big thank you to Mme. Cosentino and Mme. EL-Sayed's classes for helping us make the crafts and Ms. Marks' students for helping us write greeting cards. Also, we couldn't have done this without the Kindergarten (& non-Kindergarten) families who helped support our! Thank you everyone for helping us make this holiday season a bit brighter.

Mme. Bailis, Mr. Chong, Mme. Durant, & Ms. Erwin.

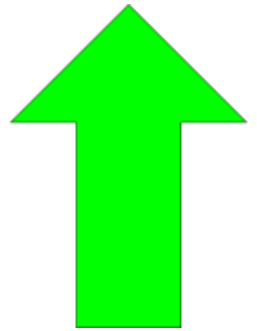




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To Report Your Child's Absence – Please Call (604) 713-5159 ext 74 prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence.







Mme. Durant would love to recycle any holiday greeting cards that anyone receives this year! Cards can be dropped off by students outside room 011 for recycling.



Wednesday, January 19th will be Scrabble Day. Wear a letter and spell a word with your classmates to earn a point for your house team.



			
Grizzlies (green) Strength in Courage	Ravens (red) Strength in Wisdom	Orcas (blue) Strength in Unity	Wolves (yellow) Strength in Loyalty

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

Vancouver School Board

School Calendar

[PAC](#)

PAC is on Twitter!
@SecordPAC

PAC Pages: *News from Your PAC*

Welcome 2022! As we take a look at all the good that has come out this past year (vaccines hit the top of the list!), it's important to acknowledge that 2021 was a difficult year for many. There have been many shifts in work, struggles with immediate or extended family, extreme climate disasters and a world pandemic still in full swing. There is much we are mourning. If you are struggling, we see you and welcome conversation on how to support families in new ways*.

As we enter 2022, we'd also like to reflect on some of the things we have to be grateful for at Secord. Staff and educators are working tirelessly to create a fulsome learning environment in safe and fun ways. We are especially grateful for the extra work all staff, in particular custodial staff, are doing to create safe spaces for everybody at Secord. Finally, **thank you Secord families** for making this community strong through your dedicated volunteering, inclusiveness, and support of your own and others' families. Wishing everybody a safe and healthy New Year.

* Please email secordpac@gmail.com with ideas and/or suggestions on how we can better support your familial needs.

Pizza Hot Lunch Postponed!

Due to the new health and safety regulations, visitors and volunteers are no longer allowed in the school. With that change, the January Pizza Hot Lunch will be postponed. Hopefully restrictions can be loosened moving forward and we can double-up on pizza hot lunch another month.

Thank you all for your understanding,

Anna Bishop

Pizza Hot Lunch Coordinator

Next PAC Meeting

Wednesday , Jan 19, @ 7:00pm

