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SCHOOL NEWS

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Greetings,

We are looking forward to our Arts Celebration Evening this Thursday May 4th. We are so grateful for the work Susan McCallum has done with our students – introducing Gramma Harris and further developing our student's watercolour talents. We are very thankful for the Betty Wellburn Grant given to us this year. Students in Divisions 8 and 9 have been involved in a project with an Aboriginal Education focus. Their talents will be showcased on Thursday. In addition, we received an Artist in Residence Grant for Division 4 to explore Square Dancing. They will be performing on Thursday.

The Speechfest was a wonderful success last week. Culminating work by all intermediate students in the school, 12 students presented their speeches to their fellow students and guests. Some very interesting topics were presented very passionately. Thank you to all of the staff and parents who supported their students as this important skill was practiced in the classrooms.

A huge thank you to all of the staff that are supporting our students in track and field. The organization of this extra-curricular sport is a lot of work and we appreciate all of the time committed. It is a great start to the season. Hopefully we will have a lot of sun for the mini and district meets.

Another thank you to PAC. Our Grade 4 students will have swimming lessons with PAC support. There is also support in Division 9 with the chicks coming and we received a set of lacrosse sticks with PAC support. We are also thankful for all of the volunteers that offer their time for popcorn day, movie afternoon, pizza days and the upcoming Sports Day. If you would like to volunteer for Sports Day, please contact PAC at the email above.

Sports Day is coming. It is a great day with lots of fun and energy from the students. Everyone is welcome.

There are many activities as we enter the final two months of the 2017-2018 school year. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.

Mrs. Terretta



Recycling Day

The school will be having recycling days on May 11th and June 8th. Please bring your recycling to school on any time and put it in the yellow/blue boxes or on the above days. Your support is appreciated.

Kindergarten and Gr. 6 Immunizations- and students requiring immunization catch up in other grades.

Our School Public Health Nurse, Shannon Wright, would like parents and guardians to know that the final K and Gr. 6 immunization clinic of the year will be on May 15, 2017. If you have taken your child to another Health Care Provider to have their immunizations done please provide a record of immunization to the office. If you have not already signed a consent for your child and you wish to have them added to the list, please contact Nurse Shannon prior to May 8, 2017 at 604-321-6151 ext 3318.

If you have a child in any other grade and you think they are not up to date with their BC Immunization schedule you are also welcome to call Nurse Shannon to discuss a plan for catch up.



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Grade 7 Info

As June comes closer, more activities will take place for the Grade 7 students to get familiar with Killarney High School. Students will be working through a tool kit with our Transition Teacher and Youth and Family Worker. If you have any questions regarding the transition to high school, please feel free to ask and we will do what we can to help.



Grade 7 Parent Meeting – Wednesday May 3 – 7:00 pm in the Library. Thank you to everyone who can volunteer.

Please note Grade 7 activities on the May and June Calendar

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Our next **PAC meeting** is on Tuesday May 16 - 7:00 – 8:30 pm at Champlain Heights Main School in the library. Babysitting is available.

Message from your PAC

Here are some question from the VSB website that people ask about most often.

What is the Parent Advisory Council (PAC)?

Every public school in British Columbia has a Parent Advisory Council. It is made up of a group of parents, administrators, and may include teachers. The PAC meets about once a month, usually in the evening.

Why do schools have a PAC? The PAC's main purpose is to discuss and set goals and objectives so it can help make the school and school community a better, safer place. The PAC also: - gives parents a voice in their children's education; - provides parents with information about various issues; and - gives parents an opportunity to meet each other, socialize and talk.

What are some things the PAC can do for the school? The PAC helps the school find ways to do a variety of projects such as: - gym equipment. - upgrading the school's computers and/or computer programs.

What are the benefits of joining the PAC? Joining the PAC is optional. However, joining it gives parents an opportunity to: - meet other parents; learn more about the school; and - contribute ideas and ask questions.

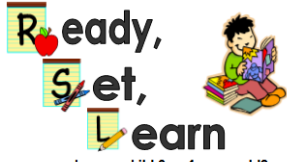
What can I do if I am interested in joining the PAC, but cannot because I have young children at home? Childcare is offered at our school for parents who are attending PAC meetings.

Ready Set Learn

Tuesday May 2nd at 1:15 to 2:30 pm, we will be hosting Angela Kelman for an afternoon of music and fun. Children 3 years, 4 years and future Kindergarten students are invited to visit the school library.

Welcome to Kindergarten

Kindergarten students are invited to our Welcome to Kindergarten on Tuesday May 16 at 1:30 pm. Invitations have been sent to families. Please plan to attend this important session with your child.



Ready, Set, Learn
Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

Champlain Heights Elementary is inviting all families with children 3 or 4 years old to visit the school.

Tuesday May 2nd
1:15 pm to 2:30 pm
Join us for a fun afternoon with performer Angela Kelman
#555 Frontenac Street

Please let us know that you can attend — 604 713 4760

Kindergarten Registration for 2017-2018



Do you have a child born in 2012?

Registration is still open. If you know of a child who turns 5 in 2017, please encourage them to register at school as soon as possible.

For more information on Kindergarten registration please visit:

<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

For more information contact
Champlain Heights Elementary 604 713 4760
Children will need their caregiver during the program
Younger siblings are welcome to join.

Important Dates

Please see the attached calendar. Post the calendar on the fridge or somewhere your child(ren) can see it. It is important they know about the activities so they can fully participate at school. We are emailing – This Week at Champlain on Mondays. The website has all of the activities scheduled so far on our calendar. Please refer to our website for important dates.

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/champlain-heights/Pages/default.aspx>



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