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# Bayview Community School

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## WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

It's hard to believe that the summer holidays are over and the first week of a new school year is nearly complete. We hope you and your family have enjoyed the opportunity to create great summer memories and are ready for another exciting school year. We welcome all our former students and parents back and extend a special welcome to our kindergarten children and newly enrolled students as well as all of their families. In addition to new students and families, we also have a number of new staff members to tell you about:

<b>Ms. Carol Block</b>	Resource Teacher
<b>Ms. Katherine Dare</b>	Resource Teacher
<b>Ms. Stephanie Stankov</b>	Classroom Teacher in our District Program
<b>Ms. Jennifer Ivey</b>	Area Counsellor
<b>Mr. Mark Wong</b>	SEA for Ebony Jevne who is on maternity leave

We would like to welcome back **Ms. Sue Kochan** who has returned after having been on maternity leave. We would also like to welcome back **Ms. Rose Johnson** who has moved into a permanent SEA position as Ms. Emily Wong has decided to explore other employment and we wish her all the best.

We also have a few teachers who will be in slightly different roles this year and we wanted to let you know about these changes.

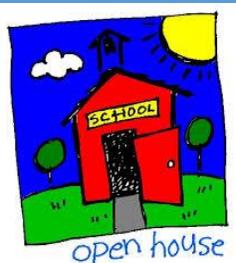
Due to a reduction in our overall resource time, Ms. Jennifer Wyss will be returning to a full-time classroom position teaching one of our primary grades. Also, Ms. Gina and Ms. Kim Conway have decided to swap teaching assignments so that one will teach upper intermediate and the other will teach lower intermediate and they are both excited for the year ahead.

I have very much enjoyed seeing so many familiar faces and I look forward to getting to know our new families. I know it is going to be a fun and exciting year with many opportunities for learning and play. Please stop by my office anytime to say hello and to introduce yourselves.

## Upcoming Events

### September

- 12 OTARS first day for Intermediates
- 13 OTARS first day for Primaries
- 20 Welcome Back PAC event (3:00-6:00 pm) and Open House (5:30-6:30)
- 21 Professional Development Day-school not in session for students
- 28 Terry Fox Run



### Daily School Schedule

- 8:55** First Bell Rings
- 9:00** Second Bell Rings to signal start of day
- 10:40-11:00** Recess (children go out to play except in heavy rain)
- 12:10-12:40** Children go out to play
- 12:40-12:57** Children come back inside to eat in the lunchroom
- 3:00** Bell to signal end of day

### Bayview Athletics

- Sept.-Oct. Cross Country Running  
Soccer
- Oct.-Dec. Volleyball
- Jan.-Feb. Basketball
- March-Apr. Badminton



Parents are always welcomed to volunteer to help as coach, drivers, uniforms and more.

**Information regarding Cross Country running and soccer came home this week.** Contact teacher Barb Hinds for more information.

**bhinds@vsb.bc.ca**

### Check Backpacks Today

Please check your child's backpack today for a package of important forms that will need to be filled out and returned to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Kindergarten students will receive their forms next week.

## Reminders and Recognition

### Very Important Information Regarding Reporting Student Absences

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. To assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling (604-713-5159). **The system will ask you for your school's extension number. Bayview's extension # is 10.**

Messages will be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

### Dedicated absence line is: 604-713-5159 – Extension 10

### Student Sign Out Procedure

When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you sign them out at the school office. If you do not sign out your child, they will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a 'missing' student and will commence a search of school grounds. If the school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent promptly, the school will call the Vancouver Police Department. Therefore, clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

**IMPORTANT**

### Student Device Usage-A Reminder

Back to school means back to routine and sometimes we need reminders of school policies. Please remember that students are not to be using their mobile devices at all during the school day, which includes recess and lunch. If students do bring their devices to school, they are responsible for keeping them safe. If they need to phone home during the day, they are asked to use the phone in the office and if you need to reach your child during the day, please call the school office and we can pass the message on to your child. Thank you for your cooperation.



### SCHOOL AND HOME COMMUNICATION

As a school community, we value clear and consistent communication and we will try to communicate with you in as many ways as possible. Individual teachers will communicate with families about happenings in classroom and from a school perspective, we have various means in which we tell you about important school-wide information. Some of the main forms of communication we will be using are outlined below.

**School Website:** Our school website contains valuable information, including a calendar of events. [go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/bayview](http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/bayview). All VSB websites are in the process of being updated, so please consider the Bayview website to be under construction right now and we will let you know once the new website is revealed.

**PAC Website:** This is another place where you can find valuable information about what our PAC is up to and how you can get involved with our parent community. [www.bayviewpac.ca](http://www.bayviewpac.ca)

**School Newsletters and Notices:** We will be sending home regular newsletters every month. These will contain important information about upcoming school events as well as reminders about various activities. We will be sending home the notices electronically and the newsletter will also be posted on the school website. We will also send home electronic reminders from time to time so it is important that you let us know of any updates to your contact information. If you would prefer to receive paper copies of the newsletter, please let Ms. Dalglish or Ms. Biorn in the office know.

### Class Placements-Thank You for Your Patience

This week, staff took time to finalize class placements for our students. The process of making sure students are in the best learning environment is one which staff take very seriously and put great thought into. Students have moved into their new classes this morning. Our school is so fortunate to have talented, thoughtful staff who provide safe, caring, and challenging learning situations for all our students. We thank you for your patience as students settle into their new classes. Due to the number of registrations and changing enrollment during September, it may be necessary, though unlikely to reorganize classes throughout the month. We will advise you in advance should there be a need to reorganize classes in any way.

The number of teachers allocated to Bayview Elementary is determined by a formula that is established by the Human Resources Division of the Vancouver Board of Education. The number of students in the school determines the number of teachers and classes. Sometimes combination classes (more than one grade in a class) are an organizational necessity based on student numbers and contractual agreement. Sometimes the school makes a philosophical choice to have combined classes based on the cognitive, social, and/or emotional needs of the students.

Input from parents is welcomed and many parents provided information when this opportunity was offered in the months of April-June of the last school year. Fundamentally, the final decision for student placement is a school-based, professional decision.

### Bayview PAC information

The Bayview Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is looking forward to an great year in 2018/19. It was wonderful to see so many parents, new and returning, at the coffee hour on our first day back.

The PAC is the official voice of parents and guardians at the school. All parents and guardians of students at Bayview Community School are automatically members of the PAC and invited to attend meetings and vote on decisions throughout the year.

**We hope to see many of you at our first PAC meeting of the year which will be held in the school library on Tuesday, September 18 from 6:30 – 8:00pm. Complimentary childcare is provided so please attend.**

The PAC Executive is an elected sub-group of PAC members who take on the responsibility of trying to organize the PAC's activities and are also granted the legal right to collect and spend monies raised on behalf of the PAC. Currently we have several positions which are vacant and need to be filled if we are to have a successful year. This is a great way to get meaningfully involved in your child's education. In addition to attending the monthly PAC meetings the Executive usually meets one other time per month and then on an ad hoc basis when required. If you're interested or would like more information we'd love to hear from you. A great way to keep informed is by signing up for the PAC email distribution list and by joining our Facebook Page. Please email [bayviewpac@gmail.com](mailto:emailbayviewpac@gmail.com) or check the website at [www.bayviewpac.ca](http://www.bayviewpac.ca) for more information.

#### **Bayview PAC Executive for 2018/19**

Co-Chair #1: Anna Friedlander (returning)

Co-Chair #2: **Vacant**

Secretary: **Vacant**

Co-Treasurers: Emilia Doro and Joss Taylor

#### **Other Roles:**

Marketing/Communication: Emilia Doro

Website Maintenance: **Vacant**

Seismic Committee Chair: Tanya Kyi

Hot Lunch Co-ordinator: Kara Shultz

Lost & Found: Anke Meider

Popcorn Sales Co-ordinator: **Vacant**



#### **Special Event Coordinators:**

Oct – Halloween Howl: Valia Thorburn, Aimee Nygaard & Stephanie Ali

Dec – Winter Holiday Market: Emilia Doro

Dec – Pancake Breakfast: Gord Bradley

Jan – Staff Appreciation Lunch: Stephanie Ali

Feb/Mar – Spring Gala: Haley Levasseur & Joss Taylor

Apr – Used Book & Bake Sale: **Vacant**

May – Sports Day Refreshments: **Vacant**

June – End of Year Family Potluck: **Vacant**

### OFF TO A RUNNING START “OTARS”

A great way to start the year is to get active and get some fresh air. So, as usual, Bayview students will begin two mornings per week with our fitness program “Off to a Running Start” (OTARS).

- (1) **PRIMARY STUDENTS** will run on **Tuesday and Thursday**; and
- (2) **INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS** will run on **Monday and Wednesday**.



#### **Beginning next week:**

**Wednesday, September 12** at the **8:55 a.m.** warning bell, **intermediate** students will meet their teacher (s) and classmates outdoors at the **undercover area** (south side of the building).

**Thursday, September 13** at the **8:55 a.m.** warning bell, **primary** students will meet their teacher(s) and classmates at their designated spot, (teachers will inform students in class to meet in the **carpeted area downstairs OR the undercover area** outside).

All students are asked to go directly to their meeting place with knapsacks and other belongings in tow when they arrive at school in the morning. The program will continue until the late fall when the weather changes. After attendance is taken, students will go with their classes to run, walk, skip, gallop, etc. around the school until 9:15. The goal is to increase our heart rate, build our endurance, and get energized.

Please remind and/or help your child to be on time. All students are expected to participate in this valuable “Daily Physical Activity” (DPA) Ministry requirement.

Parents and siblings are welcome and encouraged to participate. We would appreciate parent help (**primary and intermediate**) to supervise corners around the school. Please keep the sidewalks clear of “traffic” while the run is in progress☺

Please come prepared. Make sure your child is dressed appropriately for fitness. Students should be wearing suitable shoes for running/walking (ie. no flip flops or heavy boots) and loose or sport clothing. We will go ahead, sprinkle or shine. Staff will determine participation based on the weather in the morning.