

Beaconsfield Banter

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A Message from our Grade 7's

Fun-Filled February

The grade 7s have planned a month packed with events, donations and sales to celebrate the **Winter Olympics, Valentine's Day, Pink Shirt Day** and a **Food Drive** to support the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.

We have a Kick-Off Assembly on Friday, February 9th as this is the opening ceremonies for the 2018 Winter Olympics. Support Team Canada and wear your red or white or Canada gear. Go Canada Go! On the topic of Olympics, we will be hosting Olympic events on the 16th and 20th at lunch. These Olympic inspired activities will cost one food item (at the door) to participate in. Spectators will also be welcome and we will have a drink and snack sale for each event.

On the 14th, we will be hosting our annual Hungry Hearts dance. This is a full school dance from 1:15-2:30 and students will be able to buy drinks, snacks, glo-sticks or pizza, play games and dance of course! There will be a Food Bank Raffle and students can bring an extra non-perishable item to the dance to enter your name in for a prize draw. The more you bring, the more your name goes in the raffle!

A Food Bank Bake Sale is being held on the 23rd at recess and lunch.

On the 28th, we are doing a Pink Day full school mannequin challenge. Stay tuned for more info and make sure to wear pink!



We will be collecting non-perishable donations for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank throughout the month of February. Please bring non-perishable cans, dried goods, baby items, etc. and drop them off into the donation boxes all around the school. Remember to bring your extra items to participate in the Olympic event days or to get your name in a raffle at the Hungry Hearts Dance!

The grade 7's will donate a quarter of the profits of all the sales this month to the Food Bank.



Schedule of events in February

Dates:	Events:
February 8th	Drink Sale (recess Rm. 207)
February 9th	Kick-Off Assembly (11:00 Gym)
February 14th	Hungry Hearts Dance (1:00 Gym)
February 16th	Olympics event day (lunch Gym)
February 20th	Olympics event day (lunch Gym)
February 23rd	Bake sale (recess and lunch Rm 207)
February 28th	Pink Shirt Day (mannequin challenge)
February 28th	Food Bank Donations end



Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child or know of a child born in 2013, please know that Kindergarten registration is ongoing. While the time period for priority registration has closed, families are still able to register. Families who registered by the January 31st deadline will be given priority. Cross boundary applications will be accepted until Wednesday, February 28th.

For more information on Kindergarten registration please visit:

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

Social Media Use

An important reminder to parents of students in Grades 4-7. Please be sure to talk to your child/children about their social media use and carefully monitor their involvement on social media sites. The minimum age to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat is 13 years old. Despite this age restriction, many students under 13 years old are joining social media sites (with or without parent permission). If this is the case with your child, please monitor their use often and have them show you what they are viewing, posting and who they are following.



Student Sign In/Sign Out Procedure

When you drop off or pick up your child during the school day (after the 9:00 am or before the 3:00 pm bell), please ensure that your child signs in and out at the school office. If you do not sign out your child, he or she will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a missing student and will commence a search of our school grounds. If the school staff do not locate the child, and are not able to reach a parent/caregiver 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.

Student Led Conferences

Student led conferences will be on Wednesday, March 14th and Thursday, March 15th, 2018. **Students will be dismissed at 2pm on both of these days to accommodate conferences.** Please make arrangements for your child/children to ensure that they are picked up on time. Conference forms will be sent home later.

Returning to Beaconsfield

Please be reminded that if you KNOW that your child/children will NOT be returning to Beaconsfield in September 2018 (not including current Gr 7 students), come to the office and fill out a form.

Thank you.

Safe Arrival Program

Reporting Student Absences:

Student safety is of paramount importance at Beaconsfield School. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. We ask that parents/caregivers notify our office of student absences in the following way:



If your child is going to be absent or late from school, parents/caregivers are to call **604-713-5159 Extension 11** before 9:00 am on the day of the absence (you can call the night before as well) and leave a message on a dedicated answering service. The number to call and report your child's absence is **604-713-5159 (then press 11 for the two-digit extension)**. Messages will be retrieved by office staff before the school day begins. Thank you for following this procedure. Our school office is a very busy place, following this simple procedure should help improve the efficiency and the effectiveness of our Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

If your child will be going on a vacation during regular school days, please put the start date and end date of this absence in writing and give to the office.

February

Upcoming dates to note - please mark your calendars

February 9th - February 28th

- o Food drive, boxes located outside classrooms and the front office

Wednesday, February 7th

- o PAC meeting from 6-8pm in the library ~ childminding provided

Friday, February 9th

- o 2018 Winter Olympics begin with a kickoff assembly. Students are encouraged to wear red and white!

Monday, February 12th

- o Family Day statutory holiday - the school will be closed

Wednesday, February 14th

- o Hungry Hearts School Dance hosted by our Gr 7's

Tuesday, February 19th

- o Professional Development Day - classes not in session for students

Friday, February 23rd

- o Food Bank Bake Sale at recess and lunch in Room 207

Wednesday, February 28th

- o Pink Shirt Day. Students are encouraged to wear pink, purple or red!

