



# BRITANNIA ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Well, April has truly lived up to its reputation of 'April Showers' so hopefully May will bring us some sunshine and 'May Flowers.' A quick glance at our calendar for May and June and these last 9 weeks will truly fly by but will be full of many exciting events.

First, thanks to all of you who have let us know if you will be returning next year as we are finalizing our planning for next year and will actually get our next year's staffing on May 3. So just a reminder that if you are 100% certain you will be leaving Britannia please let us know so we can offer any free spaces to students on our wait list.

**Our next Pro D day is Friday, May 5** and at this time staff will be reviewing our School Goals of Numeracy and Aboriginal Cultural Enhancement. Staff will be looking at the assessments we have used this year and the data it has provided to inform our plan for next year. At this time we are planning to continue to focus on Numeracy with a focus on Basic Math Skills. We will look to identify strategies/materials/tools that can provide both formative and summative assessments for all our students. The Aboriginal Cultural Enhancement goal is a District Wide goal that we will continue to work on with all our Community Partners to ensure our students and staff embrace and acknowledge the histories, cultures, traditions and contributions of our Aboriginal communities.

2017-18 will see School Plans revised by the Ministry of Education and the new model will be implemented that will be referred to as a Framework for Enhancing Student Learning. This new format will see the Frameworks developed throughout the school year with set dates for review and updating.

With many events planned for our school community in the coming weeks we hope you are able to come out to the school and see these exciting opportunities staff, parents and community groups are providing for our students. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the office anytime.

Thanks for your support

Tim Krug

## OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

- ◆ Tuesday, May 2nd—Badminton Tourney
- ◆ **Tuesday, May 2nd—PAC Meeting—9:15am**
- ◆ Tuesday, May 2nd—Immunizations K & 6
- ◆ Thursday, May 4th—Big 1 @ 2—Earthquake Drill
- ◆ **Friday, May 5th** —Pro-d Day—**No School** for students
- ◆ Wednesday, May 10th—1:30pm Ready, Set, Learn
- ◆ Thursday, May 11th—Splash & Dash
- ◆ Sunday, May 14th—Mother's day
- ◆ Wednesday, May 17th—International Day against Homo-Trans Phobia
- ◆ Thursday, May 18th@ 1:30pm—Aboriginal Grade 7 Moving Forward Ceremony @ Croatian Cultural Centre Commercial and 18th.
- ◆ Friday, May 19th—Sports Day in the Morning. School is a full day
- ◆ **Monday, May 22nd—Victoria Day—No School**
- ◆ Friday, May 26th—Tooth Trolley
- ◆ Friday, May 26th—Div 5 Swimming



## VSB District-Wide Earthquake Drill



**On Thursday, May 4**, Britannia, along with all the other schools in the VSB, will be participating in our annual Earthquake Drill. Staff and students will be practicing what to do during and after an earthquake. This year a focus on reunification of students with parent/guardians will occur. We will be asking 15 families to attend the event and be reunified with their child(ren). One key component of the reunification process that parents/guardians should be aware of is that to be **reunified with a child the person must be on the schools contact list and MUST bring official identification**. For all other families students will be dismissed at 3:00 pm for their usual pickup. This is a great opportunity for families to review their own Earthquake plan so that they are prepared should an Earthquake or other disaster occur in Vancouver.

## Summer School Program: Registration begins on May 5th, 2017



Practice a skill or learn something new this summer. A variety of courses are offered such as Art, Music, Science and Technology, Physical Education and much more.

### **Elementary Program:**

Students are limited to **one Ministry Funded** course and must register in their current grade level as of June 30, 2017.

### **Fee-paying Courses for Elementary and Secondary Students (not funded by Ministry):**

Students may take any number of fee-based courses. See individual courses for applicable special fees.

**Registration Requirement:** Except for oversea students/out-of-province students/students that do not have a PEN, you need a Personal Education Number (PEN) to register. If you don't know your PEN, please contact your home school office.

**Online Registration:** You must have a PEN (Personal Education Number) and a VSB Summer School account to be able to register online. To verify your account or to apply for an account, please use the [online account setup](#). Enter your PEN and birthdate. For new accounts, the application process may take up to one week.



## Ready, Set, Learn:

**On Wednesday, May 10** Britannia will host our Ready, Set, Learn event for Britannia community families with 3 and 4 year old children. This Ministry of Education initiative provides an opportunity for families to learn about how they can prepare their child for success in school and to connect with the various agencies that provide opportunities for preschool children in the Britannia neighbourhood. Some of the community partners attending will be: Clea Bland (RICHER Initiative); Yukiko Tosa/Gwen Doran (Vancouver Public Library); Brennen Smith (Frontier College); Debbie Hadikin (VCPH Dental Program) and Lorraine Evans (Britannia Child Care). From Britannia school Ms. Tuerlings, our Kindergarten teacher, will present some of the skills and abilities that will make the transition to Kindergarten easier and Yoga It UP will do a session with all the preschoolers in attendance. We look forward to welcoming the preschoolers to Britannia and supporting them so they are best prepared on their return in Kindergarten.

## Sports Day



Sports Day will be held on **Friday, May 19**. It will be our regular school hours (9:00 - 3:00) with students participating in activities in the morning and returning to their classes for the afternoon. All students will receive watermelon and a treat during the Sports Day break. **Once again this year, only students that are enrolled in the May Hot Lunch program will receive a school lunch**. If your child is not enrolled in the Hot Lunch program, please pack a lunch for your child as usual. Let's hope for lots of sunshine and a fun-filled morning!

## World Book Day: Character Dress-up

On Tuesday April 24 we celebrated World Book Day by asking all staff and students to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book they like. It was great to see all the characters walking the hallways of Britannia.





### Classroom/School Activities

On April 24<sup>th</sup> we were entertained by Ian and Sara of DreamRider Productions with the 'Clean up your Act' performance. With Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the Big, Bad Wolf as the main characters our school was challenged to 'Clean Up Your Act' and stop littering. A great message presented in a memorable way.



**Division 1** had a great weekend (though very wet) at Camp Jubilee. The students boarded the boat and headed up to the Camp where they enjoyed campfires; archery; a ropes course; a rock wall and Kayaking. Some brave students even jumped into the frigid waters much to the amazement of Mr. Borsato and the camp counsellors. A great opportunity for all the students and topped off with the Boat Captain giving the class a nice complement that 'they were the best class he has ever taken up to the camp.'



**Division 4** performed three plays; Cinderella, The Three Little Pigs and Hansel and Gretel as part of the Artist in Residence program. With the support of Chris McGregor from Axis Theatre the class built the sets, prepared their costumes, made the decorations, and learned their lines which all culminated with a wonderful performance in front of their parents and friends. Well Done.



**Division 6** welcomed Chris Kopar to their class as part of the Science and Innovators in Schools program. It was a great opportunity for students to learn more about science and innovations and a big thanks to Science World for sponsoring Chris's visit.



These are just some of the many activities your children have experienced recently and we will look to highlight other classes in future newsletters.

### Look UP, Way Up

On your way into the west entrance we hope you notice the beautiful welcoming done by Mr. Dwyer. The Britannia logo and a First Nation welcome are painted on the ceiling tiles and add colour and warmth to the entrance. Thanks Mr. Dwyer and we look forward to other ceiling tiles be enhanced by staff and students.



### Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our PAC has been busy once again behind the scenes supporting our students as they have: paid for 10 new iPads; contributed to the Britannia Community Dinner; initiated the World Book Character Dress up Day and are now looking at other fundraising opportunities. The Britannia PAC will be working with SPUD Organic Delivery Service on a fundraiser with proceeds donated to our PAC. This means we can buy more fun and educational things for your kids! So go online and check out the SPUD Produce Boxes! Tell your friends and family too!

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25% is donated to our fundraiser! PAC will also be hosting a Smoothie Lunch hour fundraiser. **On Wednesday May 3 at lunch members of PAC** will be selling **healthy smoothies** to students, staff and other members of the school community. Look for a flyer coming home about this event.

**And finally come out to the May PAC meeting on Tuesday May 3 at 9:15 in the Family Activity Room.**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>May 2017</h1>						
	1	2 Badminton Tourney Immunizations PAC Meeting	3	4 Big 1 @ 2	5 Professional Day  No School	6
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