



September 29, 2017

Graham Bruce School News

Traffic—Safety and Requests

During school days it is requested that parents/guardians respect the signs at the front of the school that state "No Parking, 8:00—5:00, Monday to Friday" and "No Stopping, 8:00—5:00, Monday to Friday". We have students attending our school that are in wheelchairs and their bus must have safe access to the school.

As a reminder to all parents and caregivers, the following regulations are in force during school times (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday).



1. When school is in session, a 30-km/h school zone speed limit is in effect from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every school day, unless otherwise posted. Also, remember that vehicles approaching from both directions must stop for school buses when their lights are flashing.
2. Do not stop or park on the wrong side of the street to drop off your children. This is becoming an increasing problem and poses significant risk to our children.
3. Always yield to pedestrians (it's the law). Pedestrians should cross at corners. Jay Walking or crossing in the middle of the block is very dangerous. **U-TURNS ARE ILLEGAL.**
4. When dropping off children in a school zone, stop and allow them to exit onto the sidewalk side of the car. **Never double park and allow a child to cross mid-block.**
5. If a vehicle is stopped in front of you or in the lane next to you, they may be yielding for a pedestrian, so be prepared to stop.

Please note that our school has partnered with the VPD, who will be randomly monitoring and ticketing drivers along Tanner and Moscrop Streets and in the surrounding area for road infractions. Thank you to those parents/guardians who comply with the rules of the road.

**School Office Hours:
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES:

- Oct. 9—Thanksgiving. School Closed.
- Oct. 10—12—Scholastic Book Fair in the Library!
- Oct. 3—Registration for CST After School Programs at 3:00 p.m. in Art Area.
- Oct. 11—Parent/Teacher Conferences, students dismissed at 2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 12—Parent/Teacher Conferences, students dismissed at 2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 21—PRO-D Day—No School for Students.
- Oct. 23—PAC Meeting
- Oct. 27—Individual Photo Retake Day—Wear your Smiles!
- LOOKING AHEAD:**
- Nov. 7—Individual Photo Retake Day. Wear your smiles.
- Nov. 9—Remembrance Day Assembly.
- Nov. 10—Curriculum Implementation Day—No School for Students.
- Nov. 13—Remembrance Day. School Closed.
- Nov. 30—Meet the Sr. Students (Grade 7's) in the Gym. Parents are welcome to attend.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wednesday, October 11th, 2017
And Thursday, October 12th, 2017
Student's Dismissed at 2:00 p.m. Both Days.

**Next PAC Meeting:
Monday, Oct. 23/17
6:00 p.m.**

Orange Shirt Day

Today, Friday, September 29th, 2017, Graham Bruce School participated in Orange Shirt Day. Orange Shirt day is a national movement that opens the door to annual conversations on all aspects of residential schools. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which Aboriginal children were taken from their homes to residential schools. The theme of this year's Orange Shirt Day is "Every Child Matters." Please see the following link for more information <http://www.orangeshirtday.org>. In the spirit of healing and reconciliation, teachers and students at Graham Bruce have been discussing Orange Shirt Day this week, reading relevant stories, and on Friday they will be covering their classroom doors with orange paper shirts.



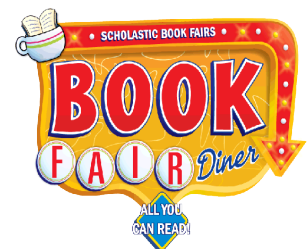
Cellphones, Electronic Devices, Pokémon/Yugioh Cards



Electronic devices (such as cell phones, digital cameras and tablets) are a big part of our lives. They are also very expensive and can be lost or stolen easily. At Graham Bruce School, we encourage students to keep expensive belongings safe at home (this includes Pokémon & Yugioh cards, expensive toys, cell phones and electronic devices). For emergencies, students can access our office phone if they need to call home. Cell phones and electronic devices can be used by students for learning and communicating **with adult permission and supervision** at our school. We encourage students who use cell phones to use them outside of our school building before and after school. **We ask that all members of our school community (students, staff and parents/caregivers) refrain from using cell phones and ear buds in hallways and stairwells.** Hallways/stairwells, as well as recess and lunch breaks are for socializing, face to face communication and physical activity. **We also ask that parents refrain from communicating (e.g. calling and texting) students at Graham Bruce during instructional hours.** We also ask that parents refrain from using cellular devices in our hallways so that we "**walk the talk**" for our children. Thank you for your support.

Scholastic Book Fair

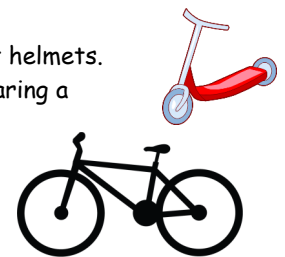
The first Scholastic Book Fair for 2017—2018 will be held in the Library from Tuesday, October 10 to Thursday, October 12, 2017. The hours will be Tuesday, 3:00 to 3:30, Wednesday 2:00 to 7:00 and Thursday, 2:00 to 4:00. Come and browse the new books for sale at the Book Fair! This is an important fundraiser for our school library! Remember to order your NEW **Diary of a Wimpy Kid, The Getaway**, that will be delivered to our school on November 7, 2017. Come check out the new Dave Pilkey (the author of Captain Underpants) book, **Dog Man 3** called a Tale of Two Kitties!



Scooters, Bikes and Skateboard Safety

It has come to our attention that many children are riding scooters, bikes and skateboards without helmets.

This is a major safety concern. If your child is riding any of these items we ask that they be wearing a helmet. All students are expected to walk their scooter, bike or skateboard at all times on school property on school days between 8:00—4:00 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the provision of a helmet please contact Mr. Marlyn at 604-713-4778 or smarlyn@vsb.bc.ca.



Mission Statement

To provide a safe and respectful learning environment
For all students to achieve their full potential as lifelong learners and
to become responsible, contributing citizens in our ever-changing society.

School Code of Conduct

At Graham Bruce School we care for and respect:
Ourselves
Others
Our Community

Be Safe on Halloween



Go trick or treating in groups and with an adult.

DO NOT eat your treats until after your parents have checked them.

Wear reflector tape. You'll be easier to see in the dark.

Wear face paint instead of a mask. You'll see better!

Cross the streets safely. It's hard for drivers to see little people in dark costumes.

YOU CAN HELP: Call 911 if you see persons acting suspiciously around our school. When you call give the school name, location and what is happening.



Halloween Costume Expectations at Graham Bruce:

Halloween needs to be fun and safe for students in K to Grade 7. Please be advised that costumes need to be appropriate for children ages 4–13 to wear in a school environment. Costumes can be adjusted for evening wear, as necessary. Face paint (with the exception of fake blood) and half masks are appropriate.

PLEASE NO FULL FACE MASKS—NO FAKE BLOOD (GUTS/GORE)—NO FAKE/REAL WEAPONS

Please check with your child's teacher or Mr. Marlyn prior to purchasing or creating your child's costume, if you have questions about these expectations.

Books for Me! Returns October 3rd, 2017

Books for Me! is BACK. On Tuesday, October 3, your child will be coming home with a lightly used book donated by a non-profit organization called *Books for Me!* This program started in our school in January 2014. Graham Bruce School is so fortunate to have this amazing community partner. The program is quite simple. On the first Tuesday of each month, students at Graham Bruce are given the opportunity to choose a lightly used book and bring it home to read and add to their home library. Please take the time to talk with your child about the books that they choose and lovingly encourage them to read the books that they bring home. If your child is away the day of Books for Me! the program is set up so he/she can choose two books the next month. Happy reading!

PAC Elections!

Yesterday, Thursday, September 28 the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) held their yearly elections. Congratulations to Vince Sharma, PAC Chair, Danica Hendry, Treasurer, Melvin Lee, Secretary. Looking for a wonderful way to spend your time? Please consider joining the Graham Bruce PAC. Our next PAC meeting will be held on Monday, October 23 in our staff room at 6:00 pm. Babysitting will be provided free of charge. Please take the time to find out more about Graham Bruce School by attending this meeting. Remember, all parents/caregivers of Graham Bruce Students are members of the PAC!

Terry Fox Run

On Thursday, September 28 Graham Bruce participated in the Terry Fox Run. A great time was had by all. To date, Graham Bruce has raised \$714.00 and we will continue to collect donations on Monday, October 2, 2017. Our goal this year is \$1,000.00, stay tuned to see if we are able to meet our goal! A large thank you goes out to our **PAC and Parent Volunteers** for donating oranges and bananas to the run and for slicing them all up for our 10 divisions, and to Mrs. David and Division 3 for their hard work promoting and collecting the donations on a daily basis.



Acting Superintendent:

Mr. John Lewis

Director of Instruction:

Mr. Aaron Davis

Liaison Trustee:

Ms. Dianne Turner

Principal:

Mr. Sean Marlyn (604-713-4778)

Secretary:

Ms. Denise Meyer (604-713-4778)



October 2017

Thank you for helping us help your child/children have a great day at school by making sure they arrive by 8:55 a.m. each school day!




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2 Please note CC means "Cross Country"	3 CC Meet 3:00—5:00 pm Learning Buddies 3:15—4:30 pm	4 CC Practice 8:00 am	5	6 Hot Lunch Friday Sushi CC Practice 8:00 am
9 Thanksgiving 	10 Learning Buddies 3:15—4:30 pm	11 CC Practice 8:00 am Parent/Teacher Conferences— <u>Students dismissed at 2:00 pm</u> CC Meet 3:00—5:00 pm	12 Parent/Teacher Conferences— <u>Students dismissed at 2:00 pm</u>	13 Hot Lunch Friday Subway CC Practice 8:00 am
16	17 Learning Buddies 3:15—4:30 pm	18 CC Practice 8:00 am	19 Earthquake Drill District CC Meet 1:00—3:00 p.m.	20 PRO-D Day No School for Student
23 PAC Meeting 6:00 pm Library—Babysitting Available	24 Learning Buddies 3:15—4:30 pm	25	26	27 Hot Lunch Friday Fresh Slice Photo Retake Day Wear your Smiles! 
30	31  NO LEARNING BUDDIES TODAY			