

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

We are pleased that all of our students have now been placed in their classes for the year.

Teacher	Grade	Div.	Rm.
Mr. V. Tam	7	1	105
Mrs. C. David	6/7	2	104
Ms. T. Haines/Mr. P. Parangua	5/6	3	008
Mr. D. Palylyk	4/5	4	A Deck
Ms. C. Piper	4/5	5	A Deck
Mrs. L. Learmonth	3/4	6	B Deck
Mr. D. Lafond	3/4	7	101
Mrs. S. Holden/Mrs. K. Lee	2/3	8	103
Ms. D. Dong/Mrs. S. Wasserman	1/2	9	007
Ms. C. Ghislieri	1	10	B Deck
Mrs. C. Ferreira/Ms. C. Tsang	K	11K	106

Student Supervision

Supervision is provided by school staff, for students in Gr. 1 to 7 at the following times:

Monday—Friday

8:40—8:55 a.m.

3:00—3:15 p.m.



In order to ensure your child's safety, **students should not arrive before 8:40 a.m.** unless they are participating in a team/sport activity that is supervised by VSB Staff or **be picked up later than 3:15 p.m.** Please note that our library is open Monday to Thursday from 8:40 a.m. to 8:55 a.m.

Supervision is provided for all school-sponsored activities.

Student Absence and Late Arrivals

Graham Bruce has Safe Arrival! What does that mean for your child? It means that when attendance is taken at 9:00 a.m. and a child is marked absent, that child's name will be sent to the office, and the Principal or Denise will contact the parents to see if they are away for an appointment or are ill for the day. So it is very important that when your child is going to be absent or late from school, that you call the school office (604-713-4778) before the 8:55 a.m. bell (if no one is available to take your call, please leave a message on our answering machine). **Students are reminded that if they arrive late (after 9:00 a.m.) they must sign-in at the office and take a Late Card to their homeroom.**

Student Illnesses

If your child has any one of the following symptoms before school: runny nose (with green mucous), coughing, sneezing, vomiting, diarrhea or a fever, please do not send your child to school. If your child or children have vomiting or diarrhea, please keep them home for 48 hours after the last occurrence to provide for proper rest and care. Sending them to school only infects other students and re-infects your child. Please call the office and tell us that they are staying home due to illness. The health authorities stress that regular and proper hand washing is an effective prevention process. Please have your children practice hand washing at home.

Orange Shirt Day

On, Friday, September 28, 2018, Graham Bruce School will participate 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 will be discussing Orange Shirt Day last week in September, reading relevant stories, and on the Friday they will be covering their classroom doors with orange paper shirts.

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

Extended Vacation Requests from Families during the School Year

Just a reminder to families that if you choose to go on an extended vacation during the school year, teachers are **not** expected to provide assignments either before or after, or give any make-up tests or examinations. It is the student's responsibility for learning any content material missed and students will be marked absent during the duration of the time away from school.



The Vancouver School Board allows a student to be absent due to a vacation for up to 30 school days. After 30 school days that student will be withdrawn from their current school. When they return from vacation it will be the parents responsibility to "apply" to attend the school and the student will be admitted **IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE**.

Lunches/Students Leaving the School Grounds

Students are to eat their lunches in the lunchroom. **ALL** students must remain on the school grounds at recess. At noon, only students going home for lunch, whose parents have completed the Lunch Form are allowed to leave the school grounds. A note to the Principal is required if students leave. If a student does leave he/she is to sign out in the office. Thank you! This helps us to keep your child safe. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to allow their children to eat and play independently at school over recess and lunch. **Parents must check in at the office if they are on school property during instructional hours.**

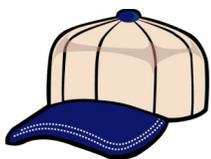


Cellphones, Electronic Devices, Pokemon/Yugioh Cards

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 Pokemon & 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 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 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.



Hats and Hoodies



All students, staff and parents are expected to take their hats and hoodies off their heads before entering Graham Bruce School. Of course, this does not include head scarves or traditional/religious clothing. Our school needs to be a safe and welcoming place where we can easily identify both children and adults. By hats, we mean baseball hats, decorative hats, and winter toques. Parents, we ask that you support our school staff by reinforcing and reminding your child/children that hats and hoodies are to be worn on heads **outside only**. Thank you.



Superintendent:

Ms. Suzanne Hoffman

Director of Instruction:

Mr. Aaron Davis

Liaison Trustee:

Mr. Allan Wong

Principal:

Mr. Sean Marlyn (604-713-4778)

Secretary:

Ms. Denise Meyer (604-713-4778)

September 2018

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!

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20 Terry Fox Run! Parents are welcome to attend or participate 1:45 Warm Up on Black Top at back of school 	21 Photo Day Wear Your Smiles 
24 PRO-D Day No School for Students	25	26 PAC MEETING 6:30 P.M. LIBRARY	27	28 Orange Shirt Day 