



October 30, 2017

Graham Bruce School News



**Spring Forward or Fall Back?
On Sunday, November 5th, 2017
We Fall Back!**

Turn your clocks back one hour!

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

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**

COSTUME RUNWAY

The 5th Annual Costume Runway will take place on Tuesday, October 31st, 2017 in the gym at 9:45 a.m. Parents/Caregivers are invited to come to the Costume Runway. Parents/Caregivers are asked to enter the gym by 9:45 a.m. Happy Halloween!

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES:

- 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. 28—Immunization Clinic #1—Gr. 6's, Kindergarten's & Follow-ups
- Nov. 30—Meet the Sr. Students (Grade 7's) in the Gym. Parents are welcome to attend.
- LOOKING AHEAD:**
- Dec. 1—PRO-D Day No School for Students
- Dec. 4-8—Hour of Code Week
- Dec. 15—Report Cards Home Today
- Dec. 21—Winter Concert
- Dec. 22—Last day of School before Winter Break
- Jan. 8—School Re-Opens after Winter Break
- Jan. 8-19—Two Weeks of Rollerblading at Bruce!
- Jan. 29—PRO-D Day—No School for Students
- Feb. 7—International Day of Play
- Feb. 12—Family Day (School is Closed)

**Next PAC Meeting:
Wed., Nov. 1st, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

Scholastic Book Fair

The first book fair of 2017–2018 was a huge success! We would like to thank all the students, parents/caregivers and staff that supported our library and bought books. Together we raised \$800.00 to buy books for the Graham Bruce School Library! Thanks once again for your support!



DO YOU HAVE A CHILD BORN IN 2013? Kindergarten registration starts on November 1st

All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (French Immersion, Montessori, etc.) and/or a cross boundary placement.

The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **Wednesday, November 1st** and closes at 4 pm on **Wednesday, January 31st**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

*If your child was born outside of Canada, you need to report to the **VSB District Reception and Placement Centre (DRPC)** at 1000 East 59th Avenue and complete the initial Kindergarten application there. Registration hours for DRPC are 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday to Friday on a first come, first serve basis.*

In a few Vancouver schools there may be more in-catchment applicants than the school can accommodate. For those schools, applicants who applied within the priority registration period (November 1 to January 31) will be included in a draw for available spaces. Students with siblings already in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed prior to the draw.

When registering your child please bring:

- Proof of residence in Vancouver (If you own your home the property tax form and if you rent the rental agreement)
- Child's birth certificate
- Care Card
- Immigration documentation (if applicable)
- Immunization records

If you want to apply for a Choice program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for Choice programs and cross boundary placements will be accepted in early 2017, but only after you have registered at your catchment school.

For more information on Kindergarten registration please visit: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

Terry Fox Run

On Thursday, September 28 Graham Bruce participated in the Terry Fox Run. On that date Graham Bruce had collected a total of \$714.00. Div. 3 continued to collect for the Terry Fox Run on Monday, October 2, 2017. Our total amount collected for this year was \$752.80. Congratulations Graham Bruce!



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

GRADE 7 INFORMATION FOR SECONDARY MINI SCHOOLS

Grade 7 parents are invited to visit the following website to review the various secondary mini school options for September 2018 - <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/programs/mini-school-registration>. Parents and students are also invited to attend the information nights listed on the VSB website and in the "Options" brochure.

Students interested in entering a Grade 8 Mini School Program in Sept. 2018 should check the above webpage from now until Nov. 30. The Test for entrance to most Mini School Programs takes place on **Tuesday, November 21st, 2017**. Applications to programs must be received by Thursday, December 21st, 2017.

The calendar of Information Nights is posted on the above website. Please visit as many Information Nights as possible so you can select the program that best suits your student. Once you register for the test we cannot make any changes to your program selection. Also, the District has identified Friday, October 27th to Thursday, November 9th, 2017 as the period to register online for the Tuesday, November 21st, 2017 District Wide Test (Cognitive and Skills Test). This test is used as part of the screening process for the mini schools. You must register online from the VSB website (see link above) - there will be no exceptions to the deadline for registration this year! Please note that if your child is not applying to a "Mini" School for Grade 8, the catchment school for this area, Windermere, will come to Graham Bruce in December and January to complete the high school registration.

IMPORTANT IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION FOR KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE 6 PARENTS

Grade 6:

Please note that there will be consent forms coming home within the next week or two for immunizations being offered to Grade 6's.

New this year, we are offering the HPV vaccine to boys as well as girls. Please review the consent and return to school as soon as possible.

Even though the clinic date may seem far away, processing of the consents and preparation for the clinic have to be done well in advance.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the vaccines, please call me.

The dates of the clinics for the Grade 6's are: Tuesday, November 28th/2017 and Tuesday, May 29th/2018.

Please ensure your child wears something with short sleeves and eats a good breakfast on the day of the clinic.

Kindergarten:

A reminder to parents who have not yet handed in their immunization notice forms given out at the Kindergarten orientation in May, to please send them in with updated information **as soon as possible**.

Your child is due for their K boosters of DPTPO and MMRV (along with any other vaccines they may have missed).

It is very important to have up to date information on all the students in the school.

A big thanks to those parents who have handed in information already.



Acting Superintendent:
Director of Instruction:
Liaison Trustee:
Principal:
Secretary:

Mr. John Lewis
Mr. Aaron Davis
Ms. Dianne Turner
Mr. Sean Marlyn (604-713-4778)
Ms. Denise Meyer (604-713-4778)



November 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!

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Sr. Boys Volleyball Practice 8:00—8:55 am	2 Sr. Girls Volleyball Practice 8:00—8:55 am	3 Hot Lunch—Sushi Fastbreak Basketball 3:00 p.m.
6 Sr. Boys Volleyball Practice 8:00—8:55 am Jr. Chef's, Lego Bookworm, Piano 3:00 p.m.	7 Sr. Girls Volleyball Practice 8:00—8:55 am Books for Me! Learning Buddies 3:15—4:30 p.m.	8 Sr. Boys Volleyball Practice 8:00—8:55 am	9 Sr. Girls Volleyball Practice 8:00—8:55 am Remembrance Day Assembly in the Gym 11:00 a.m. Parents/ Caregivers are welcome. Please arrive by 10:45 a.m.	10 PRO-D DAY No School for Students
13 Remembrance Day School is Closed	14 Sr. Girls Volleyball Practice 8:00—8:55 am Learning Buddies 3:15—4:30 p.m.	15 Sr. Boys Volleyball Practice 8:00—8:55 am	16 Sr. Girls Volleyball Practice 8:00—8:55 am Master Chefs, Creative Kids—3:00 p.m.	17 Hot Lunch—Fresh Slice Fastbreak Basketball 3:00 p.m.
20 Sr. Boys Volleyball Practice 8:00—8:55 am Jr. Chef's, Lego Bookworm, Piano 3:00 p.m.	21 Sr. Girls Volleyball Practice 8:00—8:55 am Learning Buddies 3:15—4:30 p.m.	22 Sr. Boys Volleyball Practice 8:00—8:55 am	23 Sr. Girls Volleyball Practice 8:00—8:55 am Master Chefs, Creative Kids—3:00 p.m.	24 Hot Lunch—Riz Fastbreak Basketball 3:00 p.m.
27 Sr. Boys Volleyball Practice 8:00—8:55 am Jr. Chef's, Lego Bookworm, Piano 3:00 p.m.	28 Sr. Girls Volleyball Practice 8:00—8:55 am Immunization Clinic Learning Buddies 3:15—4:30 p.m.	29 Sr. Boys Volleyball Practice 8:00—8:55 am	30 Sr. Girls Volleyball Practice 8:00—8:55 am Master Chefs, Creative Kids—3:00 p.m.	