

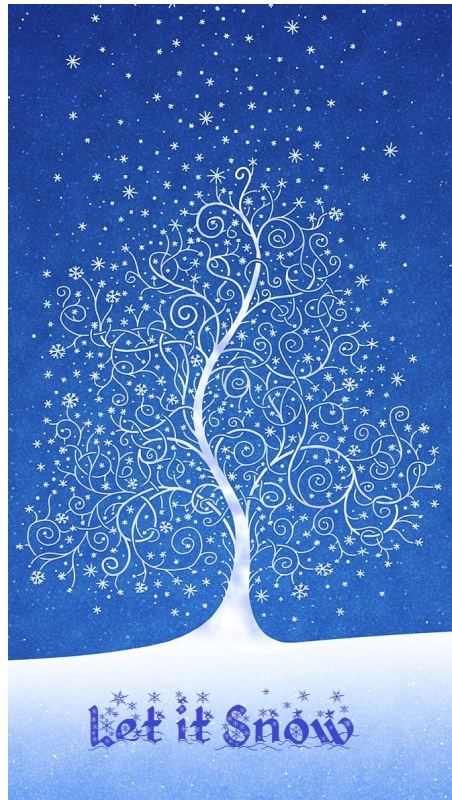


November 29, 2017

# Graham Bruce School News

## School Snow Closure Information

Information regarding school closures in the event of snow, or other emergency situations, will be posted to the Vancouver School Boards website [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) by 7:00 a.m. The Vancouver School Board will also provide this information to the following radio stations by 7:00 a.m. on the morning of the closure: CKNW (980 AM), CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM), CJVB (1470 AM), CFHG (96.1 FM), CKWX (1130 AM). You may also want to watch the morning shows for BCTV/Global or CITY TV. School closure information is also available online at [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) Please do not call the media outlets to confirm school openings or closures!



## 2017 Christmas Concert

An information sheet was sent home on Wednesday, November 22nd, 2017 with instructions on how to order the tickets for the upcoming two Christmas concerts (1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.).

We remind parents that all requests must be into their child's teacher by **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 30th, 2017.**

Tickets will be sent home on Wednesday, December 20th, 2017. Tickets must be presented at the door to gain access to the gym. Remember no strollers will be allowed in the gym and children under the age of 4 must remain seated on a parents lap at all times.



## IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES:

**Nov. 30**—Meet the Sr. Students in the Gym. Parents welcome to attend. 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Dec. 1**—PRO-D Day—No School for Students.

**Dec. 11–15**—Rollerblading Collection Week (\$5.00 & Permission Form to child/children's Teachers.)

**Dec. 15**—Report Cards Home Today!

**Dec. 20**—Christmas Concert Tickets go home with youngest in the family.

**Dec. 21**—Christmas Concerts, start at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Parents/Guardians please arrive 30 minutes prior to each performance to allow for entry into the Gym.

**Dec. 22**—Last day of School before Winter Break.

**Dec. 23–Jan. 7**—Winter Break

## LOOKING AHEAD:

**Jan. 8**—School Reopens Today!

**Jan. 15 to Jan. 26**—Rollerblading at Graham Bruce

**Jan. 25**—Fire Drill

**Jan. 29**—PRO-D Day—No School for Students

**Feb. 7**—International Day of Play

**Feb. 12**—Family Day—School Closed

**Feb. 19**—PRO-D Day—No School for Students

**Feb. 21**—Fire Drill

**Feb. 22**—Gr. 7's vs VPD Volleyball Game at Lunch

**Mar. 12–15**—Scholastic Book Fair

**Mar. 14 & 15**—Parent/Teacher Conferences. ***Students dismissed both days at 2:00 p.m.***

**Mar. 16**—Last day of School

**Mar. 19–Apr. 2**—Spring Break/District Closure & Easter Holidays



## GB's Remembrance Day Assembly

Our Remembrance Day Assembly was a reflection of our community sharing the need to remember all heroes who have fought and continue to fight for our peace. A big thank you to all staff, classes and student leaders who made this assembly memorable, meaningful, celebratory and touching.

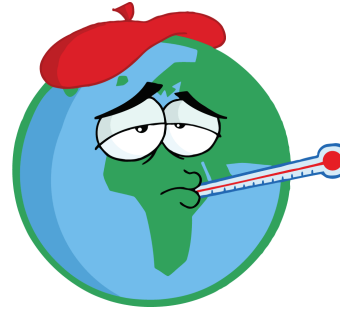


## GB's Volleyball Teams

Our Volleyball Teams consist of Sr. Girls coached by Mrs. David, Ms. Haines, Ms. Learmonth and Miss Anne and Sr. Boys coached by Mr. Tam. Come out and support our volleyball teams! We would like to thank the parents who support our teams, thank you!



## Cold and Flu Season



Regular hand washing is our first line of defense! We are in the midst of the cold and flu season as the poor weather keeps us inside making it easier for the "bugs" to spread among people. The health

authorities stress that regular and proper hand washing is an effective prevention process. Parents are asked to keep a child home from school if she/he is ill to prevent the spread of the illness and to provide proper rest and care.

## Home Contact

Most of our safety procedures rely on our ability to contact you. Have you changed your home, cell or emergency phone numbers? If so please contact Denise by phone at 604-713-4778 or by email at dmeyer@vsb.bc.ca to have your information updated. This is for the safety of your child or children. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## 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. Please limit your vacation so that your child is absent for a maximum of 20 school days. This year classes at Graham Bruce are full and most grades have waiting lists. If you are away for more than 20 school days your child will likely lose his or her space at 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



## DO YOU HAVE A CHILD BORN IN 2013?

### Kindergarten registration started 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 1<sup>st</sup>** and closes at **4 pm on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**. 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 **VSBC 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 the following original documents:

- 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.

## The Hour of Code is Coming!

During the week of December 4–10, 2017 students (K-7) from Graham Bruce will be part of an international campaign to reach 180 countries and bring computer programming into the classroom. In one hour, students (and teachers) will learn that computer science is fun, easy, and accessible at all ages.



"Computer science is a foundational science for the Digital Age. Computer science develops students' computational and critical thinking skills and shows them how to create not simply use, new technologies. This fundamental knowledge is needed to prepare students for the 21st century, regardless of their ultimate field of study or occupation." Source: code.org

For more information (or code yourself) go to: <https://hourofcode.com>

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)

# December 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  Pro-D Day No School for Students
4	5  Books for Me!  Last Math & Reading Buddies Today! 3:15—4:30 p.m.	6	7	8  Hot Lunch—Sushi  Last Fastbreak Basketball 3:15—4:30 p.m.
<b>Hour of Code Week</b>				
11	12	13	14  Div. 3—Space Centre Field Trip	15  Hot Lunch—Subway  Report Cards Home Today!
<b>Rollerblading Collection Week</b>				
18	19	20  Christmas Concert Tickets go home today with the Youngest in the Family!	21  Christmas Concert 1:30 & 7:00 p.m.  Students need to arrive at 6:30 p.m. for the 7:00 p.m. show	22  Hot Lunch—Fresh Slice Pizza Day  Last Day of School before Winter Break!