

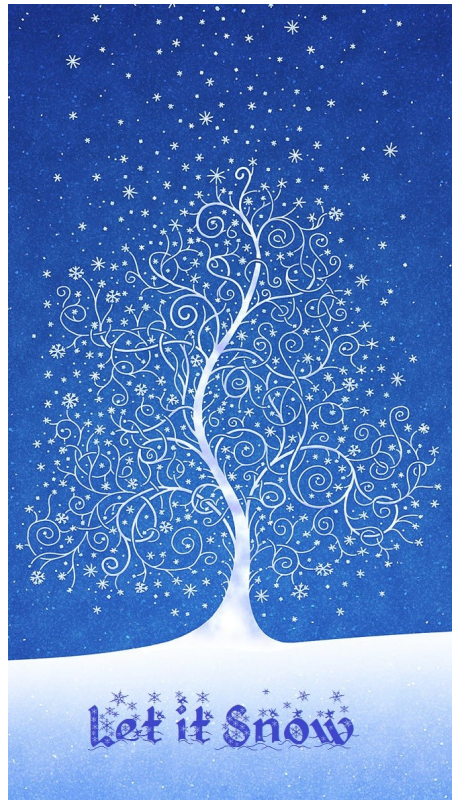


November 28, 2016

# 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 6:00 a.m. The Vancouver School Board will also provide this information to the following radio stations by 6:00 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 (Cable Channel 11) or CITY TV (Cable Channel 13). 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!



**School Office Hours:**  
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
604-713-4778

### 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.
- Nov. 30—PAC Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Library.
- Dec. 5—PRO-D Day—No School for Students.
- Dec. 6 & 8—Hip Hop
- Dec. 9—Report Cards Home Today!
- Dec. 13 to 15—Hip Hop
- Dec. 15—Hip Hop Winter 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. 16—Last day of School before Winter Break.
- Dec. 18—Jan. 2—Winter Break

### LOOKING AHEAD:

- Jan. 3—School Reopens Today!
- Jan. 19 - Grade 6 & 7's Basketball game vs. the Vancouver Police
- Jan. 23 to Feb. 3—Rollerblading at Graham Bruce
- Jan. 25—Div. 4 to UBC Farm
- Jan. 30—PRO-D Day—No School for Students
- Feb. 8—Div. 4 to UBC Farm
- Feb. 13—Family Day—School Closed
- Feb. 24—PRO-D Day—No School for Students
- Mar. 1—Div. 4 to UBC Farm
- Mar. 8 & 9—Parent/Teacher Conferences. Students dismissed at 2:00 p.m.

## 2016 Hip Hop Winter Concert



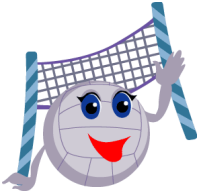
On December 6th, 8th, 13th, 14th and 15th, Graham Bruce will once again host 1-Vibe Entertainment who will teach all of our students the art of Hip Hop as part of the Ministry of Educations physical activity requirement. An information flyer was sent home on Tuesday, November 22nd, 2016 with instructions on how to order the one free ticket for one of the two concerts offered. As well as the payment of the \$5.00 per student fee and the signed parental permission form.

We remind parents that all requests must be into your child's teacher by 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 2nd, 2016.



## 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 Jr. Girls coached by Mrs. Learmonth and Mrs. David, Sr. Girls coached by Ms. Purdy and Sr. Boys coached by Mr. Smith. Come out and support our volleyball teams! We would like to thank the parents who support our teams, thank you!



## 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.

## 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.

## 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 Ministry of Education allows for a student to be absent for 20 school days on an extended vacation before the school is required by the Ministry of Education to withdraw that student from the school. However, by giving a letter to the Principal stating the dates your child will be leaving and returning on; along with a contact number (in case the student does not return on the expected date), will allow Graham Bruce to formally keep your child enrolled at the school for this year.



### 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 2012?

### 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 **Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup>** and closes at **4 pm on Tuesday 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 **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.

## BRUCE PAC NEWS:

The Bruce Parent Advisory Council is really excited to plan some fun events for this upcoming school year.


Our next meeting is **Wednesday, November 30, 2016** from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the school library. We have child minding for kids ages 5 - 12 years during meetings. To stay informed, please check our website at [brucepac.ca](http://brucepac.ca)!



Acting Superintendent:	Mr. John Lewis
Director of Instruction:	Ms. Ellen Roberts
Official Trustee:	Ms. Dianne Turner
Principal:	Mrs. Lani Morden (604-713-4778)
Secretary:	Ms. Denise Meyer (604-713-4778)

# December 2016

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	2  Deadline to request Hip Hop Concert Tickets. All Families must request a ticket.
5 PRO-D DAY NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	6	7	8	9 Report Cards Home Today  
<b>Food Bank Drive Week</b>				
12 Hip Hop Concert Tickets will go home with the youngest in the family today.	13	14	15 HIP HOP CONCERT Please bring your tickets with you. No Ticket, No Entry  Entry to gym will be at 1:00 & 6:30 p.m.	16 Last Day of School