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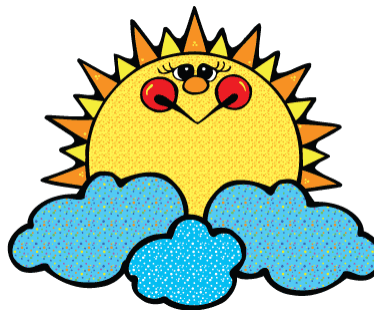
# Graham Bruce School News

Dear Parents/Guardians of Graham Bruce:

We have started a new term at Graham Bruce and are looking forward to all our spring school and community activities. I am sure that you would agree that it hasn't been much of a Spring so far, but on the first day of track and field the sun came out. We are pleased to have our athlete-coaches from the Harry Jerome Society out to assist us for another year with our track program. Spring is also planting time for our Landed Learning group. This week they planted their carrots and radishes. The Grade 7 students are looking forward to high school and our new Youth and Family Worker, Leah Van Meer-Mass, will be working with these students on high school transitions program. We are also pleased to welcome Stephanie Wasserman, who is partnering with Kelly Lee in Grade 2/3 until the end of the year, and Sheila Mullin, who is teaching Division 1 until Ms. Haines returns.

Spring means it is also time for our Grade 7 and PAC Carnivals. The Grade 7 Carnival funds school leaving activities for our students who are leaving for high schools. The PAC Carnival is a large-scale community event that is a fundraiser for school programs and supplementary resources. There is a raffle, silent auction, carnival games, and a magician. I am also told that my role at Bruce includes being immersed in the Dunk Tank at the Carnival. I am really hoping that it is hot and sunny! The Grade 7 Carnival will take place on Friday April 21 and the PAC Carnival is on Friday May 26.

*Sean Marilyn*



**NEXT PAC MEETING**  
 Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
 6:00–7:30 p.m. Staff Room  
 Babysitting Available

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

**School Website:**  
<http://bruce.vsb.bc.ca>  
**PAC Website:**  
<https://brucepac.ca/>

- IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES:**
- Mar. 31—NO HOT LUNCH TODAY
- Apr. 5—Ready, Set, Learn for 2017 Kindergarteners—Will Stroet
- Apr. 11—Div. 5 Growing Chefs
- Apr. 12—Div. 4 to UBC Farm
- Apr. 14—Good Friday—School Closed
- April 17—Easter Monday—School Closed
- Apr. 25—Div. 5 Growing Chefs
- Apr. 26—Div. 4 to UBC Farm
- LOOKING AHEAD:**
- May 1—PRO-D Day. No School for Students
- May 9—Div. 5 Growing Chefs
- May 10—Welcome to Kindergarten for 2017
- May 10—Div. 4 to UBC Farm
- May 22—Victoria Day—School Closed
- May 23—Div. 5 Growing Chefs
- May 24—Div. 4 to UBC Farm
- May 26—PAC Carnival
- May 29—Fire Drill
- June 6—Immunization Clinic for K's, Grade 6's and Follow-ups
- June 13—Div. 5 Growing Chefs
- June 23—Sports Day
- June 29—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS—REPORT CARDS HOME TODAY
- June 30—Administrative Day

## Scholastic Book Fair

The total profit from the March Book Fair for our library and classroom collections was \$1,000.00. Thank you once again to all those who helped to make the book fair a success!



### Allergies & Medicines:

Please let the school know if your child has a very serious life-threatening allergy or if they regularly take medication so that we can discuss safety procedures with you. Medication may only be administered at school once a "Request for Administration of Medication at School" form has been completed by your child's attending Physician. Once this form has been completed by your Physician the medication will be kept at the school office and the child will see Denise to have the proper doses administered. Please do not allow your child/children to bring any type of medication to school for if it gets into the wrong hands a serious injury could occur.

### Important Parental Reminders:

Please call our school at 713-4778 if your child is ill or absent from school. Also, notify our school immediately if your child has a contagious disease. This is for the safety of other students and staff at our school. Thank you. Check out the Vancouver Coastal Health "Sneezes & Diseases" Resource Book for Parents and Caregivers on the Graham Bruce website at the following link: [Sneezes and Diseases](#)

### Let's Talk About Safety:

We are responsible for the safety of the students at Graham Bruce. **When the bell rings at 3:00 most students go home with their friends or are picked up by a family member.** However, some children are still on the playground, the undercover area or in the office long after supervision has ended at 3:15 p.m. Please arrange for your child to go home or to a friend's house after school. If they are in an after school program that does not start until much later (e.g. 4:00 Music Lesson), they should go home at 3:00 and return at 4:00. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Class Organizations for 2017–2018

Towards the end of each school year, staff put a tremendous amount of thought into the organization of classes for September 2017. Many factors go into determining the placement of a child in a class. These factors include student learning, needs, student safety, numbers of students in each class, gender balancing, numbers of students with special needs and social emotional needs of students.

At this time, Mr. Marlyn, Principal, is accepting parent requests **IN WRITING** (letters or emails) from families about their child's class placement describing the learning environment which would best meet your child's needs ***for September 2017 by Friday, May 19th, 2017.*** Please do not request a specific "teacher". Requests for a higher split grade (eg. 2/3 instead of 1/2) or a friend in the class, will be considered. However, not all requests may be honored due to the complexity of the school and the class organization. Mr. Marlyn's email address is [smarlyn@vsb.bc.ca](mailto: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

## **BRUCE PAC NEWS:**

Please join us for the next PAC meeting 6:00-7:30pm, Wednesday, April 5, 2017 in the staff room. Guest speaker, DPAC Chairman Nathan Wilkes from the Vancouver School Board, will lead a PAC workshop and share valuable experiences.

### **WINDERMERE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:**

Tuesday, April 4th, 2017      In-Person Registration on A-Deck at 4:00PM  
*All programs begin at 3:15PM, with the following start dates:*  
Monday, April 10th, 2017      Moresports Ultimate  
Wednesday, April 19th, 2017      Lego Robotics  
Thursday, April 20th, 2017      Mini Chefs and Piano lessons  
Friday, April 21th, 2017      Fastbreak Soccer

### **LEGO ROBOTICS (GRADES 5 - 7):**

Again, the Bruce PAC is offering the exclusive LEGO Robotics program. Students will create, build, program, and operate robotic animals, machines and vehicles using LEGO® Education Mindstorms Robotics with Computer Programming. On the way, they will learn computational and critical thinking, problem solving and teamwork skills. This program is offered at Vancouver Community Centres for \$175 per student. The Bruce PAC is proud to sponsor this program and offer it at the reduced rate of \$60 per student -- an amazing opportunity for students in grades 5 - 7 to learn coding.

*See <http://BrucePAC.ca> for the link to online registration for all WCP programs at Graham Bruce.*

### **POPCORN SALES:**

Starting in April, please support the fundraising popcorn sales for the Grade 7's graduation!

### **SPRING CARNIVAL:**

Save the date -- Graham Bruce PAC will host the fifth annual Spring Carnival Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017! Please encourage your family, friends & neighbours to attend. Last year's carnival was a huge success and raised over \$9,000 which has been used for school improvements like computer lab upgrades and new program implementation.

**Volunteer for the Spring Carnival -- Have FUN! Win Prizes!**

*Sign up at <http://BrucePAC.ca>*

1. **Wednesday, May 24th, 2017—Work Party**, 6:00-8:30PM, in the staff room. We'll sort raffle tickets, count pre-sales, and make popcorn to prepare for the event. Child-minding is available for kids ages 5-12 during the Work Party. Come help out for the fun of it, and for pizza too!
2. **Friday, May 26th, 2017—Cakes & Baked Goods**, by 9:00AM drop-off in the staff room. Our annual campaign for \*nut-free\* baked goods for the ever-popular, Spring Carnival Cake Walk.
3. **Friday, May 26th, 2017—Event Volunteers**. We need 30 event volunteers for the Spring Carnival. All event volunteers receive a complimentary hot dog, popcorn & drink, plus a chance to *WIN over \$100 in prizes* in our volunteer draw.

<b>Superintendent:</b>	Mr. Scott Robinson
<b>Director of Instruction:</b>	Ms. Ellen Roberts
<b>Official Trustee:</b>	Ms. Dianne Turner
<b>Principal:</b>	Mr. Sean Marlyn (604-713-4778)
<b>Secretary:</b>	Ms. Denise Meyer (604-713-4778)

# April

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

<p>3</p> <p>Learning Buddies— 3:15 A Deck</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Ready, Set, Learn Library 9—10:30 a.m.</p> <p>PAC Meeting 6:00—7:30 Staff Room Babysitting Available</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>HOT LUNCH— SUSHI</p> <p>Fire Drill—10:45</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Learning Buddies— 3:15 A Deck</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Div. 5—Growing Chefs</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Div. 4—UBC Farm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Good Friday</p> 
<p>17</p> <p>Easter Monday</p> 	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>HOT LUNCH— FRESH SLICE PIZZA</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Learning Buddies— 3:15 A Deck</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Div. 5—Growing Chefs</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Div. 4—UBC Farm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>HOT LUNCH—TACO TIME BURRITOS</p> <p>Grade 6—7 Carnival</p>