

GRAHAM BRUCE IS A NUT FREE SCHOOL!

Please do not send your child to school with Peanut Butter, Nutella or any products that contain any type of nuts.

Please check out these websites for food that is safe for all children to eat:

<http://www.nutmums.com/nut-free-food/>

<http://www.peanutfreeplanet.com/>

This is a blog from Vancouver Parents about allergies and anaphylaxis:

<http://vancouvermom.ca/for-kids/you-say-vancouver-moms-food-allergies/>



Track and Field

We now have the dates for the Mini Meets:

Thurs., May 4th - Grade 6/7 Individual and Field Events

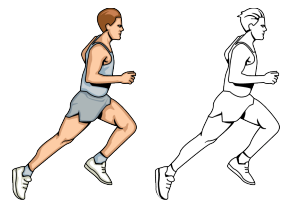
Thurs., May 11th - Grade 4/5 Individual and Field Events

Thurs., May 18th - Grade 6/7 Relays

Thurs., May 25th - Grade 4/5 Relays **All May Meets begin at 3:30pm**

Thurs., June 1st - Ribbons Meet for ALL (10am to 2:30 pm)

Please note that it is the responsibility of all parents whose child is participating in this team event that they take a turn at driving to and from the Meets. The only exception is the Ribbons Meet on June 1st as students will be taking a bus. All Track Meets are held at Vancouver Technical Secondary located at 2600 East Broadway on the upper field.



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.



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, Monday May 8, 2017 in the staff room. We will be discussing the upcoming carnival preparations. There will also be PAC Carnival Work Parties on May 15 and 24, further information regarding these events will be emailed to you from the PAC.

SPRING CARNIVAL

Graham Bruce PAC will host the 5th annual Spring Carnival Friday, May 26, 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.) **WED MAY 24: Work Party**, 6:00-8:30 PM, 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.) **FRI MAY 26: Cakes & Baked Goods**, by 9:00 AM drop-off in the staff room. Our annual campaign for *nut-free* baked goods for the ever-popular, Spring Carnival Cake Walk.
- 3.) **FRI MAY 26: 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.

Traffic—Safety and Requests

During school time it is requested that parents/caregivers respect the signs at the front of the school that state "No Parking, 8:00—5:00, Monday to Friday" and "No Stopping, 8:00—5:00, Monday to Friday". We have a student attending our school that is in a wheelchair and her bus must have safe access to the school.

As a reminder to all parents and caregivers, the following regulations are in forced during school times (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday).

1. When school is in session, a 30-km/h school zone speed limit is in effect from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every school day, unless otherwise posted. Also, remember that vehicles approaching from both directions must stop for school buses when their lights are flashing.
2. Do not stop or park on the wrong side of the street to drop off your children. This is becoming an increasing problem and poses significant risk to our children.
3. Always yield to pedestrians (it's the law). Pedestrians should cross at corners. J-Walking or crossing in the middle of the block is very dangerous. **U-TURNS ARE ILLEGAL.**
4. When dropping off children in a school zone, stop and allow them to exit onto the sidewalk side of the car. **Never double park and allow a child to cross mid-block.**
5. If a vehicle is stopped in front of you or in the lane next to you, they may be yielding for a pedestrian, so be prepared to stop.

Please note that our school has partnered with the VPD who will be randomly monitoring and ticketing drivers along Tanner Street and in the surrounding area for road infractions. Thank you to those parents who comply with the rules of the road.



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

May

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	2 Author Visit: Karen Autio for Div. 3 & 4 11:00—11:45 Books for Me! 3:15—Arts Umbrella & Robert's After School Program	3 3:15—Sportsball	4 Big One @ 2:00 Earthquake Drill Track Meet Gr. 6/7 @ Van Tech 3:15—Mini Chefs & Music Lessons	5 Hot Lunch—Sushi 3:15—Fastbreak Soccer
8 Learning Buddies 3:15—4:30 Ukulele 3:15—4:30	9 Election Day— School Gym in Use Div. 5 Growing Chefs 3:15—Arts Umbrella & Robert's After School Program 6-7:30 PAC Meeting	10 Div. 4 to UBC Farm WTK 9—10:30 in the Library Div. 7 & 8 to Burnaby Village	11 Track Meet Gr. 4/5 @ Van Tech 3:15—Mini Chefs & Music Lessons	12 Hot Lunch—Subway 3:15—Fastbreak Soccer
15 Learning Buddies 3:15—4:30 Ukulele 3:15—4:30 PAC Carnival Work Party—Time TBA	16 Class & Panorama Photos today 3:15—Arts Umbrella & Robert's After School Program	17 3:15—Sportsball	18 Track Meet Gr. 6/7 @ Van Tech 3:15—Mini Chefs & Music Lessons	19 Hot Lunch—Taco Time 3:15—Fastbreak Soccer
22 Victoria Day No School Today	23 Div. 5 Growing Chefs 3:15—Arts Umbrella & Robert's After School Program	24 Div. 4 to UBC Farm 3:15—Sportsball PAC Carnival Work Party—Time TBA	25 Track Meet Gr. 4/5 @ Van Tech 3:15—Mini Chefs & Music Lessons	26 Hot Lunch— Fresh Slice Pizza 3:15—Fastbreak Soccer—On Gravel Field (Rain/Shine) PAC CARNIVAL 4—8:00 P.M.
29 Learning Buddies 3:15—4:30 Ukulele 3:15—4:30	30 Div. 5 Growing Chefs	31 3:15—Sportsball	GymSense	