



Sir Guy Carleton Elementary



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*we CARE about ourselves,
we CARE about others, and
we CARE about this place.*

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NEWSLETTER #6 - March 10, 2016

Upcoming Dates:

Friday, March 11	Last day of classes prior to Spring Break
March 14 – March 25	Spring Vacation Period (includes Good Friday)
Monday, March 28	Easter Monday – no school for students
Tuesday, March 29	School reopens after Spring Break
Wednesday, March 30	PAC Meeting – 9:15 am, Office
Friday, April 01	Notification of Acceptance of Cross Boundary Applicants
Tuesday, April 12	2 nd Term Report Cards Home (originally a different date in School Calendar)
Friday, April 15	Professional Dev. Curriculum Implementation Day - no school for students
Monday, April 18	Professional Development Day #5 - no school for students
Friday, May 06	Grad & Class Photo Day
Monday, May 09	Professional Development Day #6 - no school for students
Friday, May 20	Day not in session – school closed
Monday, May 23	Victoria Day



Second Term Reports

On Tuesday, April 12 the second term report cards will go home. Following up on our successful Parent Teacher conference nights, these reports will provide parents an assessment of how their child(ren) is progressing thus far. Please take the time to review the report WITH your child(ren) and look at ways you can support your child's learning at home. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.



Student Health & Safety

As you know, it is the school's policy and expectation that students remain on the school grounds unless they are going home for lunch. Please remind your child that this is your expectation as well and that the school is unable to provide the necessary supervision for students who choose to leave the school grounds over the lunch period. Students are reminded to bring written permission from parent/guardian in addition to signing-in and signing-out in the Office.

Library News

In celebration of Freedom to Read Week (Feb 21- 27, 2016), the library display case features books that have been challenged and banned in other places. Did you know that the Harry Potter books were challenged elsewhere because Harry's involvement in wizardry, witchcraft and magic-making was claimed to be inappropriate for young children? Charlie and the Chocolate Factory was challenged on the basis that it purportedly showed a poor philosophy of life. Charlotte's Web was challenged because some said it was inappropriate to have talking animals. At Carleton we celebrate our freedom to read. In December, the library was pleased to host author, Jasmine Bharucha, who shared her book, "Who Am I?", with an intermediate class. Overdue library book lists were sent to the classroom in February. Students are encouraged to check the shelves of the library if they think they have returned any of these materials. Please help your children locate any overdue library materials they may have. Students with no overdue materials are encouraged to borrow up to 10 library books to enjoy over Spring Break. READ ON CARLETON!



Draft School Calendar for next school year – and for 2017-2018 & 2018-2019

The proposed draft calendar for the 2016-17 school year has now been posted on the VSB website <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/>. There is also a proposed draft calendar for 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. These can be viewed at <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/calendars-events>. The final school calendar(s) will be approved and published before the end of March.

Carleton Athletics

Congratulations to our Senior Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams on a very successful season! Both teams demonstrated fair play, sportsmanship and improvement of skills over the course of the season, and hopefully students will be motivated to try out for teams in high school! Thanks to Mr. Brand and Mr. Macdonald for all their efforts coaching and to our parent volunteers for their help getting to games!



Badminton season has already begun! Student in grades 4-7 are invited to come out and play each week; grades 4 and 5 students have practice on Tuesdays after school and grades 6 and 7 students have practice on Wednesdays after school also. Games against other schools will be on Thursdays in April for students in Grades 6 and 7. Good luck to our team!



Track and Field season starts soon! We will be starting Track and Field in April, with morning practices from 8:00 am to 8:55 am. All students in grades 3 – 7 are invited to come and run with us and get in great shape! Students in K – 2 will also have opportunities to come out and have fun with us during the season, so stay tuned for further details.



Donations Received

The Macdonald Shymko & Company Foundation and Kang family has generously donated funds to support our school for the 2015/2016 school year at Sir Guy Carleton Elementary School. This support provides much needed extras at school for our students.

The Carleton School Community would like to thank Macdonald Shymko and the Kang family for their continued support.

VSB 2021 – Strategic Plan Update

Did you know? The Vancouver School Board is now updating its Strategic Plan, as part of its ongoing efforts to meet the needs of our unique district and ensure student achievement and well-being.

The new strategic plan will provide a clear framework for action over the next 5 years, but to update the plan effectively, we need your input!

Over the next 4 months, a wide range of students, families, teachers, staff and stakeholders will share their ideas for the future of our District. Key questions include:

- How can we make sure that all students have equal access to quality education?
- How can we engage our students to reach their full potential?
- What role should our schools play in their communities?
- How do we set priorities and use resources most efficiently?
- **Phase 1** begins with a fun and interactive Ideas Fair and questionnaire. Join us as we explore early ideas, issues and priorities for the new Strategic Plan.
- **Phase 2** dives deeper into specific topics to “set direction” and make some key choices about how to move ahead. Take part in a focus group discussion, complete an interactive workbook or attend an event.
- **Phase 3**, you will be able to review and comment on the draft plan before it is finalized as a lasting guide for the Vancouver School Board.

School Board staff will lead the development of the new plan with support from Modus Planning, Design & Engagement Inc., a local firm specializing in engagement-based planning. The project team will work closely with teachers, staff, administrators, students, parents and community members to create a bold new vision and action-oriented plan. A Stakeholder Advisory Group with representatives from a broad range of stakeholders has also been formed to guide the process and ensure broad participation.

For more information, please see the website or the link below:

strategicplan2021@vsb.bc.ca

How Can You Get Involved?

There will be various ways to get involved in each phase of the update. Initial activities include:

- [Sign up for email updates](#) to find out about upcoming events and activities, review input summaries, and stay up to date the plan as is developed. Your information will be kept confidential.
- Follow us on Twitter [@vsb2021](#) for updates

Don't miss your chance to shape the future – join the VSB2021 conversation!

E-mail Distribution

Thank you to all the families who have provided the Office with an e-mail address for the distribution of important notices. Please ensure the e-mail is that of a parent/guardian. If you have not already provided an e-mail address, please do so as soon as possible via the slip provided at the end of the newsletter.



Building Physical Activity into Daily Routines

Helping children build physical activity into their daily routine helps to create a pattern that may very well stay with them for the rest of their lives. Encourage your child to stay as active as possible; provide opportunities for active, outdoor pursuits such as biking as well as participation in sports and other after-school recreational activities.

Research shows that physical activity:

- builds strong bones and strengthens muscles
- maintains flexibility
- helps to achieve a healthy weight
- promotes good posture and balance
- improves fitness
- strengthens the heart
- improves physical self-esteem
- increases relaxation
- enhances healthy growth and development
- helps children to meet new friends



Daylight Saving Time begins on March 13 – set your clocks one hour ahead

Set your clocks one hour ahead and remember to change out the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, portable radios and flashlights. Also check the charge level on fire extinguisher gauges, and dedicate a few moments to evaluate your **EMERGENCY WATER** needs.

In an emergency, having a supply of clean water for drinking, cooking, and hygiene is a top priority. If a disaster strikes, there could be a temporary loss of access to clean water. Take steps now to store emergency water supplies.



Water Storage:

- * Store at least one gallon of water per person, per day for a **minimum three-day supply**. This means a family of four needs 12 gallons on hand.
- * Be sure to account for pets; dogs and cats typically need one gallon/per day.
- * Store water in a cool, dark place in your home.
- * Do not store water directly on concrete; it is recommended to store water in plastic containers on remnant carpeting, flooring, or wood planks.
- * Be sure to check expiration dates on store-bought water.
- * Replace water every six months if you use your own containers for storing water – sanitize them first. To sanitize:
 - **Wash** containers with dishwashing soap and thoroughly rinse with water.
 - **Sanitize** by swishing a solution of one teaspoon of liquid household chlorine bleach to a quart of water on all interior surfaces of the container.
 - **Rinse** thoroughly with clean water before use.

Spring Break is lots of fun at the Collingwood Library!

Fractured Fairy Tales (Ages 6-12)

Wednesday, Mar. 16 at 2:30 p.m.

How do you fracture a fairy tale? Find out as you crack yourself up with these silly stories and make a craft to go with them.

Free! Drop in!

Games Bonanza (Ages 6-12)

Wednesday, Mar. 23 at 2:30 p.m.

Crazy Rock Paper Scissors, Book Bingo, Book Jenga, and many more!

Free! Drop in!



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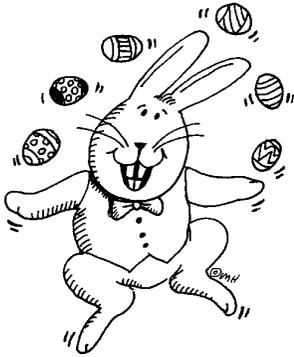
Early Readers Book Club (Ages 6-9)

Saturday, Mar. 19 at 2:30 p.m.

Children from Kindergarten to grade 3 will discover the thrill of reading books and enjoying activities with new friends. **Free! By Registration – in person or by phone 604.665.3953**

Also, drop by for the ongoing free activities such as LEGO, games books, origami and more.

Have a safe, wonderful Spring Break... see you back on Tuesday, March 29!



Happy Spring Break

This notice was sent to families via e-mail. If possible, **please provide a parent/guardian e-mail address to the Office** so that you are able to receive these important notices via e-mail. We appreciate your cooperation to streamline processes and reduce paper.

Student: _____ Div. _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date