



Edith Cavell Elementary



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*Take care of yourself
Take care of others
Take care of this place.*

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy December!



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe we are in December already! My time at Cavell has been wonderful and I have enjoyed getting to know the staff, students and families. The students at Cavell are amazing! I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff members for their hard work and commitment to our students and families. Many of our staff members go beyond their job description on a regular basis, by taking on other responsibilities throughout the school year to make the school safer, more enjoyable and more rewarding for your children. I would also like to thank the many parents, especially the PAC, for their dedication and commitment to our school. On behalf of all the staff at Cavell we wish you all a happy and safe holiday! We look forward to welcoming students back on **Tuesday, January 3rd.**

It is with mixed emotions that I would like to announce that effective January 2017 Mr. Baldwin will be moving to a new position as a Grade 6/7 classroom teacher at Maquinna Elementary. While we couldn't be more excited for Mr. Baldwin in his new position, he will be missed at Cavell. During his time at Cavell, Mr. Baldwin has been an integral part of the Cavell staff. Please join me in wishing Mr. Baldwin the very best in his new role. We would like to welcome Mr. Vittorio Coletta who will be replacing Mr. Baldwin. Welcome to Cavell! Ms. Josie Fenton, who works with Ms. Aley Paterson, will be off on maternity leave and we welcome her replacement on Tuesdays.

Natasha Miladinovic
Principal

Safe Arrival

Please call the school at 604 713-5284 before 9:00 a.m. if your child is going to be absent or late. Thank you!

WINTER CONCERT



The students and staff cordially invite you to join us for our Winter Concert which will be held on Thursday, December 15th. We will have two concerts, one at 11:00 a.m. and the other at 1:30 p.m. A notice will be sent home today regarding the Winter Concert. We are collecting non-perishable food items or cash donations for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. We hope to see you all there!

REPORT CARDS

First term report cards will be sent home on December 16th (Grades 1-7). Kindergarten reports were sent home on Friday, December 2nd. Parents, please take the time to review the report comments with your children so they know what is expected of them for the following terms. **Please make sure you sign the back of the envelope and return it to your classroom teacher to acknowledge that you have received and read the report card.** If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.



The Vancouver School Board is in the process of examining a variety of reporting options to reflect the re-designed curriculum. As there continues to be ongoing updates from the Ministry, and as the Ministry is seeking parent and educator feedback this year, you will notice there are a variety of reports this year. In some schools, all or some classes are piloting new reports. In other schools, the reports will look much the same as last year. As we move through the year, we will continue to explore reporting options and ways of sharing student learning with parents as we implement the re-designed curriculum.

At Cavell, our Term 1 and Term 2 report cards will remain essentially the same as last year's. Parents will likely see changes in our **Term 3** reports in the following way:

PRIMARY

Applied Design, Skills and Technology	Summative description of progress at the end of the year
Career Education	Summative description at the end of the year
Core Competencies	Student self-evaluation at the end of the year

GRADES 4 & 5

Applied Design, Skills and Technology	Summative description of progress at the end of the year
Career Education	Summative description at the end of the year
Core Competencies	Student self-evaluation at the end of the year

GRADES 6 & 7

Applied Design, Skills and Technology	Every report (starting Term 3 this year)
Career Education	Every report (starting Term 3 this year)
Core Competencies	Student self-evaluation at the end of the year

A MESSAGE FROM EARTHBITES

We certainly have been having a busy fun fall with all the students here at Edith Cavell!

We have harvested the garden and learned about different ways to preserve food, while making yummy snacks out of preserved foods like popcorn, and using canned beans to make hummus! The intermediates have been very hands on in the garden, using power tools and their own hands to create hoop houses to keep our garden beds warm through the winter - a first for EarthBites! This month they will learn all about ways to strengthen their immune systems, do some winter planting, forage for wild foods, and make crafts for the especially rainy days!



Hummus Recipe: - Made with the Intermediates

1 can chickpeas

4-6 garlic cloves if roasting, 1-2 if using fresh

1 lemon

1-2 tbsp Olive Oil

1 tsp salt

1/2 tsp cumin (optional)

1) Open can of chickpeas, pour into a colander, rinse.

2) Peel off garlic skin with knife, add to garlic press.

3) Cut lemon, juice contents.

4) Measure salt, olive oil, cumin

5) Add all the above with the chickpeas in a food processor and blend. May add warm water until desired consistency reached

6) Serve with blue corn chips

POTENTIAL SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO SNOW

All schools in the Vancouver School District will remain OPEN if at all possible during winter weather, including snowfalls. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 7:00 a.m. at the latest and will be announced through the media as well as through the District website. Please note that no announcement will be made stating that schools are open. Only closures and delayed openings will be announced. Information about any district-wide closures will be sent to Metro Vancouver radio and television stations. Parents should check the VSB website or listen to the radio/TV stations listed below to learn about school closures. Parents should not call media outlets to ask whether schools are closed.



Radio	Television
CBC AM 690 radio, 88.1 FM	Global BC
CKNW AM 980 radio	CBC TV
News AM 1130 radio	CTV BC
Fairchild AM 1470 radio	City TV

LOST AND FOUND

Please check our Lost and Found to see if anything belongs to your child!! We will pack up unclaimed items to take to a goodwill society on Friday December 16th, 2016. It is extremely helpful if you label all your children's belongings with your family name in order to help us match lost articles to their owner. Thank you!



MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI) GRADE 4 AND 7 UPDATE

Parents of students in Grades 4 and 7 may recall having been asked to give permission for their child to participate in the MDI during the month of November. The data gathered by this survey is very valuable to the district and to individual schools as it provides us with a better understanding of the social and emotional strengths and challenges for our students. However, as of early November the school district made the decision to postpone the execution of the MDI survey for this year. It had become apparent that the timing of the MDI was conflicting with important tasks that schools were undertaking in support of student learning, including the implementation of the new curriculum. Given that information, the decision was made to stop collecting data until more of our schools could actively participate.

The school district is working closely with UBC, who administers the questionnaire, to determine the best time to complete the surveys. We also anticipate that Grades 4 and 7 surveys will now on be administered in alternating years so as to relieve some of the pressure on schools.



Dates to Remember....

Tuesday, December 6	Kindergarten Conferences
Tuesday, December 6	PAC Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. in the library
Thursday, December 15	Winter Concert (11:00am and 1:30pm)
Friday, December 16	Reports Go Home (Grades 1 – 7)
Friday, December 16	Last day of school before winter holidays – Happy Holidays!
Tuesday, January 3	First day of school after winter holidays
Monday, January 30	Professional Day – NO SCHOOL for students
Monday, February 13	FAMILY DAY – Statutory Holiday – NO SCHOOL

Register for



Kindergarten

Do you have a child born in 2012?

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 **Tuesday, November 1st and closes at 4 pm on Tuesday, January 31st**. 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) and complete the initial Kindergarten application there.

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:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate showing parent's names
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. 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.

For more information on Kindergarten registration please visit: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>



