



Edith Cavell Elementary



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Take care of others
Take care of this place.*

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Cavell Families,

Every year it seems, people remark upon how quickly the year has gone and how we cannot believe June is upon us! This year is no exception. It is hard to believe that there are a few short weeks left in this school year. On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for making me feel so at home at Cavell. It is a wonderful community and I feel blessed to be a part of it.

There have been many Cavell highlights in May including the Walk for Water run by the Global Citizens Club, our energetic Ultimate team, Geering Up Workshops, and Bike to School Week. A particularly important and very well received event was our Welcome to Kindergarten afternoon when we were able to welcome the newest members of the Cavell community.

The month of June will be jam packed with exciting events from Kindergarten students running Busytown to Grade Sevens preparing to leave. In between will be Sports Day, the PAC Carnival and many more exciting events. So much fun and excitement!

Student teachers Ms. Girard, Ms. Orbach and Ms. Peterson will soon be completing their practicum experiences at Cavell. It has been wonderful having them with us. We wish you all the best on the next step of your educational journey!

We would like to wish our Physical Education teacher, Ms. Tara Jolly, all the best as she moves to a new school next year. Thank you for your service to Cavell, Ms. Jolly!

I wish everyone a healthy and happy summer.

News and Updates

- **Track and Field** – We have a large and enthusiastic Track and Field team, who have been practicing Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Huge thanks to Coach Jenny and Ms. Laudon. Cavell's team will be attending the Track and Field Meet at Hamber on Thursday, June 7.
- **Bike to School Week** – Cavell is celebrating Bike to School Week, May 28 to June 1. Students and families are encouraged to bike to school, or use any type of active transportation (walking, scootering, etc). This is a fun way to encourage healthy habits.
- **Sports Day** – Our annual Sports Day will take place on Friday, June 8. There will be activities and games in the morning, followed by various running races in the afternoon. The fun is expected to wrap up around 2 pm. If you are joining us and would like to take your child home early, please ensure that you report to your child's teacher first.
- **Lost and Found** – please check for items in the Lost and Found (near the student washrooms on the East side). After June 28, any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.
- **Late Returning** – If your child is returning to Cavell but is not expected to be at school until after Wednesday, September 5, it is very important that you complete a 'Notice of Late Return Form' and submit it to the office. This form has been attached with this newsletter and paper copies are also available in the office.
- **Cavell's Student-Run Blog** – Please check out *Cavell Monthly*, a blog written and created by students. <https://cavellmonthly.wixsite.com/cavellnews>



Author's Visit by Dan Bar-el



Engaged in a Geering Up Workshop



Global Citizens Club – Make and Take Workshop



Some members of our Badminton team – Thanks Mr. Turner!

LIBRARY NEWS

A Big Thanks! Thank you to everyone who brought in donations for our book drive. Once again, it was a huge success as the Global Citizens Club collected over 13 boxes of great books for the BOOKS FOR ME! charity. These books will be shared with kids all over Vancouver who will experience the pleasure of reading and owning books!

Help Please! It's been another great year of circulation in the library! Sadly, the end of the year is coming and it is time for books to be returned to the library so we can get shelves back in order. Our final due date is June 6. After that date, we will be sending notices/invoices home to help find or replace lost books. Please check in with Ms. Fung if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your help.

PAC News

1. **PAC AGM June 5**, 7pm Library. As always, childminding available.
2. **Cavell Carnival! June 20**. A notice for volunteer sign-up will be coming by email soon. Your support is needed to make this day of fun a success for our kids.
3. **Proposed Catchment boundary changes**. Please visit the [VSB site](#) to familiarize yourself with the proposed changes to Cavell's catchment and provide your feedback. If you have younger children not yet enrolled in Cavell, the proposed boundary changes could impact your family. If your home no longer falls within Cavell catchment, as the proposal currently stands, younger siblings would not be granted priority for Cavell. This policy was a subject of great concern and debate at the May 24th District PAC meeting, and VSB planners were present to hear parent concerns. One concern was the belief the planning committee may not know the extent to which the lack of sibling priority in catchment change would impact families. The Planning committee putting forward proposed boundary changes for Vancouver elementary schools has responded to parent feedback and, since that meeting, has announced it will extend the review timeline and review current policies. This and other updates will be discussed at the PAC meeting. To complete the parent-created survey documenting numbers of affected families/younger siblings click [HERE](#) . These survey results will be provided to VSB as part of our community feedback regarding the proposal. DPAC is also carrying forward concerns regarding the sibling priority rule, based on a motion passed at the May 24th DPAC meeting.



Dates to Remember....

Monday, June 4	Volunteer Appreciation Event (2-3pm)
Tuesday, June 5	PAC Meeting 7pm in Library
Thursday, June 7	Track and Field Meet at Hamber (9am-3pm)
Friday, June 8	Sports Day
Wednesday, June 20	Spring Carnival
Wednesday, June 27	Grade 7 School Leaving Ceremony (details to follow)
Thursday, June 28	Last day of school