



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

The winter season is almost over even though we saw snow again yesterday! It is truly a pleasure to be here at Cavell as it is a wonderful community and I have really enjoyed getting to know all of your children. Spring Break is just around the corner (March 13-24). On behalf of all the staff at Cavell, we wish you all a very happy, relaxing and safe Spring Break. We look forward to seeing all the students back on Monday, March 27th.

Natasha Miladinovic



"Are You Returning" FORMS

A purple form titled "Are You Returning" was sent home last week. This information is crucial to us for planning for next school year. It helps us to ensure that we have the appropriate staffing and it has an impact on new registrations. We ask all families to fill out the form and return it as soon as possible if you have not done so. Thank you for helping us with this!

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES/OPEN HOUSE and EARLY DISMISSAL



Wednesday, March 8th, 2017 is our Open House for Student-Led Conferences. **Students will be dismissed at 2:00 PM.** Conferences will take place between 2:00 PM and 4:30 PM, and again between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM. This is an open house format so you may come with your child any time during these hours. Your child will be leading this conference and showing you all the great things he or she has been learning. We hope to see you all on Wednesday! If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school. A reminder notice was also sent home today. Some teachers may be organizing their own times and days for the conferences, in which case a separate notice will be sent home from the classroom teacher. Thank you!

Term 2 report cards will go home on Friday, March 10.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2017-2018

At last evening's Board Meeting, the dates for next year's non-instructional days were approved, as were the amended dates for Winter Break.

The link for the final approved district 2017-18 calendar is <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/sites/default/files/VBSchoolCalendar2017-2018d.pdf>



The dates for Winter Break next year are:

Last day of school before the break - Friday December 22; Return to school - Monday January 8th.

THANK YOU PAC

Thank you to the PAC for funding the performance of “**Rumpelstiltskin**” by **Dufflebag Theatre** for students on February 16th. The students and staff enjoyed the performance!



BASKETBALL SEASON

Cavell has now finished another successful basketball season! All players showed tremendous growth in skill level and displayed good sportsmanship and teamwork. None of this could have been accomplished without the dedicated coaches, sponsors and student timekeepers that helped make the season what it was. A big thank you to our Senior Boys coaches, Mr. Deruchie, Mr. Olak , Mr. Brown, our Senior Girls coach, Ms. Gorski. We would also like to thank the following teacher sponsors, without their support the games would not be possible; Ms. House, Ms. Loui-Ying, and Mr. Coletta. Thank you to Ms. House for organizing and training our student scorekeepers as they did a great job!



CHOIR

The Cavell Choir has started and is for our Grades 3-7 students. The program will run over the lunch hour on Mondays and Wednesdays for 6 weeks. here will be a final performance in April during one of our assemblies. We are lucky to have Ms. Donna Brown back who is our choir instructor and a retired Cavell teacher. We also are lucky to have one of our parents accompanying Ms. Brown on the piano, Ms. Melody Belkin. Thank you so much to our PAC who is funding our choir this year!



GROWTH MINDSET PROJECT

Did you know there is a Growth Mindset Project this year at Cavell? Some of our students and teachers are learning about the differences between growth and fixed mindsets. Research shows that children who have a growth mindset are more likely to learn from their mistakes, be motivated to succeed, and take risks in their learning (Carol Dweck, Stanford University).

We encourage all families to come by the main foyer during Student-Led Conferences/Open House to learn more and participate in our Growth Mindset display.

DOUGLAS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Spring break programs, for 8-12 yrs, running for both weeks Monday to Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm. The participants will be going on out-trips every day of the week. The cost is \$200.00/week. If you would like more information please email Starla at starla.bayley@vancouver.ca

PINK DAY

On Pink Day, Cavell students expressed kindness, respect and acceptance to one another. Student Council members and other students led a fabulous assembly for the school community.



Thank you to Michael from Division 2 who created this Pink Day Minecraft photo!

LOST AND FOUND

Please check the Lost and Found when you are in the school. The lost items are located in the basement next to Room 006 on the hanging racks. Items that are identified with a child's name, division or telephone number will be returned. All unclaimed items will be donated after Spring Break.

A NOTE FROM THE LIBRARY:

The VSB is changing its library management system.

All books need to be returned to the Library by Friday, March 3rd. No books will be loaned out over the Spring Break this year due to the system change and circulation will resume after Spring Break. Luckily, we have local public libraries that not only have a great selection of books but also fun and free programs during the break. Detailed information about the programs will be available next week in the Library.

I will be sending home reminders about overdue books next week for students who still have books out. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to write a note on the reminder notice and send it back with your child. Thank you!

Ms. Fung – Teacher Librarian

READY, SET, LEARN

The two-day FREE introductory pre-school program for 3 to 4 year olds will:

- Help your child become ready for kindergarten
- Help you and your child become comfortable with the school
- Help your child develop confidence and relationships with friends and future classmates
- Teach your child some important skills they will need to succeed in school



Program will run April 03 and 10 (both Mondays) from 9:15 – 11:00 am at Cavell Library.

To register your child call Edith Cavell School at 604-713-4932 or email cavell@vsb.bc.ca

A MESSAGE FROM EARTHBITES

EARTHBITES' STUDENTS ARE BUSY BEES

Prior to the winter break the EarthBites team was busy preserving the harvest and exploring preserved foods we can eat in the fall. Primary students enjoyed apple pie & pizza popcorn and intermediate students helped to make chickpea hummus. Students experimented with extending the growing season by building hoop houses and growing winter veggies. Primary students helped beautify the garden by planting spring bulbs.



EarthBites current session focusses on pollination, honey and growing seeds. This session runs from February – March. The students & teachers are learning how bees help us grow food & the health benefits of honey created by our honey bees. Primaries are tasting local honey (clover honey, blackberry honey & wildflower honey + pollen). Intermediate students are helping to make no bake energy bites using honey, oats & sunflower seeds.

Your urban farmer is helping students plant lots of bee friendly flowers, herbs and veggies seeds. Students will then care for these seeds in the classroom, observing when and how they germinate. Seedlings will be planted in the garden throughout the Spring season.

Students will be hosting a Spring Market on Monday, March 6th, 2.50 pm - 3.30 pm - where they will be selling spring seeds, local honey & snacks. An e-mail was sent from PAC with more details and pre-order forms.

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Dates to Remember....

Thursday, March 2	Division 6 – UBC Farm
	Jesse Miller – Workshops for Grades 4-7 Students
Friday, March 3	Division 1 – Mount Seymour
Monday, March 6	Division 3 – Vancouver Art Gallery
Tuesday, March 7	PAC Meeting, 7:00pm in the Library
Wednesday, March 8	Student-Led Conferences/ Open House, Dismissal at 2:00pm
Friday, March 10	Last day of school before Spring Break
	Division 1 – Mount Seymour
	Division 12 & 13 – Carousel Theatre
	Report Cards Go Home
Monday, March 27	School re-opens after Spring Break
Tuesday, March 28	Division 2 – Vancouver Art Gallery
Thursday, March 30	Division 6 – UBC Farm