



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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has certainly been a busy month here at Cavell. A big thank you to the staff who have put forth so much effort and planning to make many of the programs and events here at Cavell possible; they enrich the lives of students at our school in so many ways. Thank you to all our volunteers who do so much for our school. Leaves are beginning to change colour and the days are getting shorter which means fall is definitely here. Happy October and Happy Thanksgiving!

Ms. Natasha Miladinovic

Safe Arrival Program

*Please call the school at **604-713-5284**. **Cavell's code is "16"** before 9:00 a.m. if your child is going to be absent or late. Thank you! Please provide student's name, division, date of absence/late and reason.*

TERRY FOX



The 37th annual Terry Fox Run was held on Friday, September 29, and the Cavell community once again displayed their generosity and compassion donating **\$5548.00** to the Terry Fox Foundation to support cancer research. The assembly in the gym had one primary and one intermediate student randomly drawn to be "Principal For A Day" from all the students who donated. Congratulations to Casey Liang in Division 11 and Gavin Brown in Division 1 who will job shadow

Ms. Miladinovic for a day assisting her with some very important school decisions. Once outside, the weather thankfully cooperated and the students and staff walked and ran the perimeter of Douglas Park in dry conditions. A special thank you to Mr. Walter and Division 1 for organizing such an important event for our school.

I want to set an example that will never be forgotten.
Terry Fox

SOCCER



Soccer season is well underway. This year we have a Senior Boys and a Senior Girls soccer team. Our teams are having a very successful season with the support of Mr. Turner, Ms. House, Ms.-Loui-Ying, their coaches. Thank you!! Thank you to our volunteer drivers as well.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Book Fair 2017



Another great Book Fair!

Over \$ 6100 worth of books and stationery items were sold at our Book Fair this year. That means over \$2500 worth of reading material and learning resources will come into our library. Thank you to our wonderful parent and staff volunteers who tackled the credit machine and displayed incredible mental math skills in adding and making change! Thanks to our student volunteers who did everything from keeping everything organized to choosing books for our library and monthly book draws. Special thanks to Mia D. and Brandon T. who stayed behind on Thursday after school to help pack up everything!

Once again, the teachers would like to thank students and parents for the many wonderful book donations to their classrooms. If we did not get a chance to thank you personally, it's because we forgot to write the donor's name on the book plate so please accept our apologies! The classroom teachers and students are grateful that so many new books were added to our classroom libraries so that all may enjoy!

A special thank you to Ms. Fung for organizing this exciting event! Your time is appreciated ☺

CROSS COUNTRY

We have had a fantastic turn out for cross country this year. The team has 75 runners from grade 3 to 7 and they have been training and participating in mini-meets at Douglas Park for the past month. Our final meet with students from across the city is on October 19th at Trout Lake in the afternoon. Good luck to everyone and have a great run!

A special thank you to Mr. Bell and Ms. Laudon for all of your work with early morning practices and organizing the mini-meets! Thank you to all of the parents that join us on the early morning runs as well.



CAVELL IS CONNECTED

In an effort to provide the Cavell school community with a variety of ways to stay up to date with the many 'happenings' at the school we invite you to check out our school website at <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/cavell>. We are still working to update it with the most current information. This site provides the monthly school calendar, school contact information, our 2017-18 School Plan, newsletters as well as other important information. Monthly newsletters will be e-mailed home as well as posted on the website.

EDITH CAVELL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS – FALL 2017

The after school programs are back again this term! Are you looking to have fun while you learn something new with your friends? Sign up for our **Ukulele for Kids** and **Young Rembrandts** programs this term! Look out for the brochures that have been sent home! Programs begin the week of October 23rd.

RECESS & LUNCH

Students are expected to be outside at recess and lunchtime, daily. Recess is from 10:30-10:50 a.m. and lunch is from 12:10-12:57 p.m. If it is raining at recess or during lunchtime, students are expected to be outside on the school grounds with appropriate rain gear or play in the covered areas.

Please inform the school in writing if your child goes home for lunch regularly (students who go home for lunch will also sign out in our sign out binder located in the Office).

CHOIR

Choir will be starting up again for this year. Practices will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays on the stage in the gym at lunch for interested Grade 3-7 students. We are excited to have Ms. Brown and Ms. Belkin back! We also want to thank the PAC for funding our Choir Program this year.

SCHOOL ROUTINES

We are looking forward to working with you and your children. It is important for students to start off the school year by being punctual and ready to learn. We are also working on making sure that our school is a safe and healthy environment.

- Outside supervision by staff begins at 8:40 in the morning and ends twenty minutes after the 3:00 p.m. bell. Please do not leave your children in the playground unsupervised before 8:40 a.m. and after 3:20 p.m. There is a bell at 3:20 that reminds students that they need to come to the office if they haven't been picked up.
- Please make sure that you call the school at **(604) 713-5284 ext 16** if your child is going to be absent. Parents must sign their child in/out at the office if your child arrives late or has to leave early.
- We encourage families to try and stay out of the parking lot. If this is the way you enter the school, please try and walk along the sides as it is a busy place before and after school. We encourage students to walk along the sides of the fence in order to get to where they need to go.
- Riding bikes and scooters on school grounds before and after school (while pedestrians are on the grounds) is NOT permitted for safety reasons since there are so many children and adults on the school grounds at those times. We appreciate parents reinforcing this rule with their children. City Of Vancouver by-laws require all bike riders to wear a helmet.
- We promote good nutrition in the school and encourage students to bring good nutritious snacks and lunches. **As we have a number of students with serious food allergies, we ask parents to avoid preparing lunches and snacks that contain nut and seed products.**
- All students are required to adhere to the school's [Code of Conduct](#). It is printed in students' agenda, is available on the school website, and is frequently reviewed with students at school. Parents are encouraged to review it with their children.
- We understand that parents need to stay in communication with their children. However, cell phone use is not permitted during the school day (9:00am-3:00pm), unless it is under the direct supervision of a staff member. Students should not be taking pictures, making phone calls, or gaming during recess and lunch. If there is a need to make an important phone call, students can make the phone call under adult supervision or use our office phone during the school day. We want to protect the educational environment of our students. We ask that parents support the school on this matter as we ensure that our children stay safe, and are enjoying a healthy lifestyle by playing and socializing face-to-face during our recess and lunch breaks.

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District and Cavell Elementary. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist our school, we ask parents to notify the school of student absences. If your child will be away from school, please phone us to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling **(604) 713-5284 ext 16**. Messages will be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine. To Report Your Child's Absence – Please Call **(604) 713-5284 ext 16** prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence.



Halloween Safety Tips

REMINDER: Students are not permitted to bring replica weapons to the school

When you're out Trick or Treating on Halloween Night, follow these important safety tips:



- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep your heads up.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Do not run back and forth across streets; visit the houses on one side, cross safely at an intersection, then do the other side.
- Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Carry a glow stick or flashlight to help you see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.
- Always go trick or treating with your parents, a friend, or a group.
- Only go to houses where there are lights on.
- Always let your parents check your treats before you eat them

CAVELL PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

The Cavell PAC meets monthly to discuss and develop plans to support the Cavell School community. They would love to have you join them in working to provide enhanced educational opportunities for all our students. Please visit the PAC website www.cavellpac.ca for more information.



1. **Family Photo Night:** October 11 & October 13, 100% of the \$40 session fee goes to the PAC.

2. **Thanks For Giving Direct Donation Campaign:** Consider donating directly to the PAC and 100% of your donation goes to the PAC and you get tax receipt from the VSB. Donations go toward funding the school programs such as School Dance Program, school performances, bookworm awards, classroom funds and subsidizing field trips etc. Direct Donation will also go toward fulfilling the teachers wish list, such as buying more primary home reading books, 16 new iPads and upgrading library desktops.

3. **Halloween Costume Fundraiser:** Help the school in 2 ways: (1) Donate your old costumes to the school by the end of day on Friday, October 6th and (2) Pick up new costumes for your kids (or yourself) at the Costume Sale on Tuesday, October 10 in the Gym. All costumes sold for \$5, \$10 or \$15. 100% of the proceeds go back to the PAC.

4. **SPUD and Mabel's Labels** Ongoing fundraisers open to Cavell parents. Organic groceries and Printed, Stick on labels for stuff that gets misplaced! 25% of your spending is returned to the PAC. See PAC website for more information.

5. **Division Parents**, thanks for volunteering! We still need Division Parent representatives from Divisions 5, 8 and 10. This is a volunteer position and a great opportunity to meet people and make a difference. Tasks include:
 - Attending the monthly PAC meeting on behalf of your Division.
 - Acting as a Teacher/Parent liaison for your child's Division, and supporting the Division teacher and class.
 - Communicating via email with the PAC and Division families (eg: asking for volunteers, forwarding important notices and PAC meeting notes).
 - Organizing group gifts for teachers from parents, ie December/June.

Please email Andrea Daem at pacsecretary1@gmail.com if you are able to help.

6. Next PAC meeting Tuesday, Nov 7th at 7PM. Childminding available.

Edith Cavell parents, please add the email address 'pacsecretary1@gmail.com' to your email contacts and/or to check your SPAM folder and mark the email address as "Not Spam", so that emails from the Cavell PAC are not sent to the SPAM folder. Thank you.



Dates to Remember....

Monday, October 9	Happy Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, October 10	Halloween Costume Sale 3:00pm-5:00pm in the gym
Wednesday, October 11	Family Photo Night (PAC)
Friday, October 13	Family Photo Night (PAC)
Thursday, October 19	Great B.C. Shake Out – Earthquake Drill #1
Thursday, October 19	Cross Country – Final Meet @ Trout Lake
Friday, October 20	Pro D Day – NO SCHOOL for students
Thursday, October 26	Individual Photo Day
Tuesday, November 7	PAC Meeting @ 7p.m. in the Library
Friday, November 10	Pro D Day – NO SCHOOL for students
Monday, November 13	Remembrance Day Holiday – STATUTORY HOLIDAY (in lieu of Saturday, November 11 th)