

Champlain Heights Annex

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3rd Annual "Stuff the Bus Food Drive"



In partnership with the Royal Arch Masonic Care Home, we are pleased to announce that our school will collect donations during the holiday season for the Food Bank. It is our goal to help support those that must rely on the food bank to feed their families. We are always very proud of the generous response from our community. We are now collecting goods until we load up the bus at 9:00 am **Monday, December 11.**

Some Suggestions:

- Canned Fish and Meats
- Baby Food and Formula
- Peanut and Almond Butter
- Tetra Pack Almond Milk
- Unopened Pet Food is also accepted
- Meals-in-a-Can (Soups, Stew, Chili, Beans)
- Canned Fruit, Vegetables, Juice
- Tetra Pack Almond Milk
- Rice, Pasta

Let's send a fully loaded bus to the Food Bank!



A WINTER CONCERT

* **Winter Concert—Thursday, Dec 14th**

Be sure to mark your calendar for our Winter Concert to be presented on Thurs. Dec 14th. There will be an afternoon performance at **1:30pm** and an evening performance at **6:30pm**. *Although we will have completed the "Stuff the Bus" Food Drive, we will continue collecting donations for the Food Bank and ask that families bring their contributions when attending the concert presentations.*

Gingerbread House & Holiday Sing-a-Long Event: Friday December 22nd

We will dedicate the afternoon of Dec 22nd to our annual Gingerbread House Craft Project beginning with a Holiday Sing-a-Long. This is always a holiday highlight for the students.

A notice will go home outlining the supplies students will be required to bring to create their own unique Gingerbread House. There will be a tear-off included on the notice requesting parent helpers for set-up and clean-up. *Volunteer assistance is greatly appreciated.*



Gingerbread

What About Bedtimes and School?

The holiday season is a busy time for children and their parents. Children's sleep routines often change and they become overtired and irritable. Here are some points to consider:

- * Some children will need extra sleep to adjust to new routines and the demands of school.
- * Although some children need less sleep and others more, most feel and act better when they go to sleep at a regular bedtime.
- * The 5-7 year old child needs about 10-11 hours sleep each night. One way to figure out how much sleep your child may need is to count the hours between when they fall asleep until they wake up by themselves in the morning.
- * Children often become cranky or impatient or have a shorter attention span when they are not getting enough sleep.
- * A routine at bedtime helps to set regular sleep patterns and good sleep habits.
- * Quiet play followed by bath or story time helps children to wind down.
- * Some children settle themselves for sleep by listening to bedtime songs or stories.
- * For children who have trouble getting to sleep, it often helps to limit vigorous activity or exciting television and video games before bedtime and provide about an hour of quiet time before bed.



Do you have a child born in 2013?

Kindergarten Registration – Nov. 1st until Jan. 31st (Priority Registration)

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. **As the Main School & Annex share one common catchment area, upon registration, parents will be asked their preference, annex or the main school. The district will attempt to accommodate parental preferences for placement at one of the two sights based upon available space.** 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.

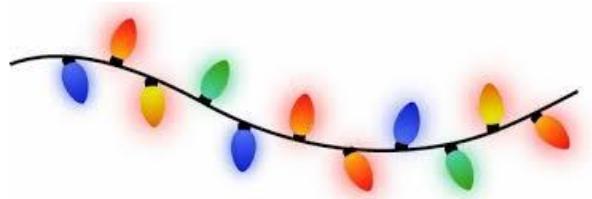
- ◆ When registering your child please bring:
 - Proof of Residence in Vancouver
 - Child's Birth Certificate
 - Immigration Documentation (if student was not born in Canada Report to DRPC for Registration)
 - Immunization Records from birth

Please remember, 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 2018, but only after you have registered at your catchment school.

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	STUFF THE BUS 	BUS FOOD 	DRIVE IS 	ON NOW! 	1 DISTRICT WIDE PRO D DAY School & Strong Start Closed	2
	4	5	6	7 Last Day for After-School Programs	8 Artist in Residence (AIR) working with all classes	9
10	11 We will 'Stuff The Bus' @ 9am Artist in Residence (AIR) working with all classes	12 Artist in Residence (AIR) working with all classes PAC Mtg 6pm ANNEX	13 Hanukka Begins! Artist in Residence works with all classes	14 Winter Concert 1:30 & 6:30 pm	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 First Day of Winter	22 Strong Start Closed pm Gingerbread & Sing a Long Pizza Lunch	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31	Jan 01 Happy New Year	Jan 02	Have a great winter break!		Jan 05	Jan 06

REMINDER: Traffic Safety & Parking Restrictions

We encourage you to walk your children to school whenever possible but if coming by car, please observe the Staff Parking Only signage, as the parking lot is strictly for **VSB personnel at all times.** (An exception to the rules will only be made for those with a legitimate handicap permit.)

DO NOT ENTER

Parents and other caregivers, may not use the school driveway/parking lot to Drop Off or Pick-Up students, regardless of weather conditions.



Parking spaces are extremely limited for school staff and itinerant VSB employees who service the school throughout the day. Vehicles are being left to block the chained service entrance and on the perimeter sidewalk. Often delivery trucks must double park as there is no safe access to the building. It may become necessary for vehicles *not belonging to staff* to be towed at the owner's expense.



Note: Traffic control officers will strictly enforce **No Parking and No Stopping Zones** and ticket motorists for both parking violations and speeding.

Please remember these regulations are for everyone's safety! Thank You!

PAC MEETING-TUES. DECEMBER 12TH CHAMPLAIN ANNEX @ 6:00PM ATTENTION: All Parents & Guardians!



We encourage you to come out and join us for our next parent meeting. This is an ideal opportunity to get together with other parents, share your ideas, discuss fundraising goals, ask questions and find out what's happening at both the Annex and the Main School.



Everyone is welcome and child care is provided.

SCHOOL Attendance

Finally after several issues in implementing the "Safe Arrival System" we are up and running. It has been a very challenging process to initiate. Our apologies for the inaccurate numbers that were initially given.

All VSB schools are on this telephone reporting system and it is essential that parents inform the school prior to 9:00am daily, when their child(ren) will arrive late or will be absent.

Monday January 8th School & Strong Start Re-Open

BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER WINTER BREAK



Please call **604-713-5159**—and the Annex Extension **17** and follow the voice prompts to leave a detailed message. The system records even prior to school opening.