

CAPTAIN JAMES COOK ELEMENTARY

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'The students, staff, and parents of Cook Elementary are committed to providing educational opportunities for intellectual, social, physical and creative growth for all children, in a setting that reflects mutual respect and social responsibility.'

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January 2018 Newsletter

SCHOOL HOURS:

Educational Teaching Time - Monday-Friday- 9:00am-3:00pm

Lunch-12:10- 12:57pm

Supervision in the mornings on the playground for students- 8:40-9:00 a.m.

Supervision after school on the playground- 3:00-3:20pm

SCHOOL NEWS



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Captain Cook Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year 2018!!! It's always so exciting and fulfilling to see all the smiling eager faces return from the Winter Break. Students know their routines and January is always a wonderful, important time in the year to buckle down, work hard, and set oneself on achieving individual set goals.

For those who were able to join us for our first time Winter Assembly Concert the Thursday before the break, we hope you enjoyed the fun and spirit that it infused throughout the school.

Thank you to all who helped contribute to the **Captain Cook Goods Holiday Drive** grade boxes for donation. It was such a joy to see those boxes in front of the tree grow each and every day as we counted down the last few weeks of term one. Thank you to Mrs. Schleppe for delivering all the donations! Also a note of Thanks to Ms. Bland and Ms. Toor for all their work with the Student Council that put many of our December events into reality!

Thank you to all who were able to contribute to the **Food Bank Drive**. Our food line went well past the Library, almost three quarters of the way down the entire wing of the school!!!!

We had great participation turnout for both the **Gingerbread House and Holiday Basket Lotteries** which helped bring in \$319.00 to our school fund. Thank you to Ms. Aprile Levens for once again creating that wonderful gingerbread house and creating those fabulous baskets. Thank you as well to Mrs. Mendes and Mrs. Schleppe for their donations along with Ms. Levens'.

Lost and Found: Please come by the Lost and Found in the front central hallway. We have a bin of items that need to be returned to their homes. Before the break, teachers brought their students down to see if any matches could be made. We will be boxing the unclaimed items for donation at the beginning of March.

We welcome Ms. Melanie Sy to the P.E. temporary position until the end of the year. We also re-welcome back Mrs. Melissa Liu who has been a part of Cook as a Supervision Aid. She now returns to us as a Student Support Worker for the rest of the year! Welcome Melanie and Melissa!!

INSTRUCTIONAL TIME AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Please be aware that school hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. The warning bell will ring at 8:55 a.m. **and Instructional Time begins at 9:00 a.m..** All children go outside during recess whether it rains or shines! Outside supervision begins before school at 8:40am. After school supervision is from 3:00-3:20p.m..

We appreciate your cooperation in meeting your children at these times where your child's teacher has indicated and respecting the work spaces of not only our students, but of our staff as well. Much is going on at all times and both staff and students need to be able to work in their respectful respected spaces.

V.S.B. SAFE ARRIVAL - REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES AND LATES

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling **604-713-5159 and enter 19 for the school mailbox before 9am.** School offices are very busy places: consistently notifying your child's teacher and the office in advance of your child's absence and/or lates will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the V.S.B. mandated Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS

SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY: As the days shorten and it's darker outside for longer it's a good reminder to obey all traffic laws in the vicinity of schools in order to keep students and other pedestrians safe. At this time of the year it is more difficult to see pedestrians, so as drivers, we must all pay even closer attention. Please always remember to "**Slow Down**" in **School Zones.**

The **Staff Parking Lot** is for **VSB Staff** only. It is not intended for pick ups and drop offs. We have a large school with a large staff and large grounds. There is work being done consistently for maintenance throughout the year and the parking lot and VSB vehicle access to the fields must be in place at all times.

COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING: CHANGES IN REPORTING PROCEDURES:

Many Vancouver Public Schools, along with schools throughout British Columbia, are moving from a model of 'reporting to parents' on a regular and pre-determined schedule to 'communicating student learning with parents' on an on-going basis throughout the school year. This year, our school, Cook, will be participating in a district-initiated pilot project along with 62 other Vancouver Elementary schools, 2 Secondary schools, and their teachers. These teacher teams will work with the school district to provide parents with timely and responsive communications of student learning throughout the school year. Parents with children in these classes will receive five communications from teachers within a school year:

- a written progress report at the end of January
- a written summative report at the end of June
- a minimum of three ongoing communications of student learning in various subject areas.

The written reports will include descriptive comments and a summary of student progress in relation to the learning standards from the BC Curriculum. Detailed information about these changes will be sent home to parents/guardians if your child's teacher is involved in this pilot project.

STRONGSTART CENTRES:

StrongStart is for parents and caregivers with children **ages 0-5 years old.** Vancouver has 18 StrongStart Centers operating in Elementary Schools. StrongStart Centers offer preschool aged children quality, early learning experiences. These centers offer play based early learning opportunities and demonstrate to parents and caregivers how they can enhance their child's development. The emphasis of the program is on learning through play, language and positive social interactions. There is no cost to families but the parent/caregiver is required to remain with their child and participate in the program. It is not necessary to have English as a first

language to attend the drop in programs.

Cook's StrongStart Centre is located in Room #160

Hours of operation: Mon. – Fri. 9am – 12 noon (ages zero- 5yrs)

CAPTAIN COOK WEBSITE: www.cook.vsb.bc.ca

Please refer to our Cook website regularly. You will find updated and fluid information there including weekly and monthly calendars, newsletters (at the beginning of each month), and other pertinent information. Please ensure you have clearly filled out and returned the CASL form that has been sent home so that we may send items home by email.



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2013 begins 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 **Wednesday November 1st** and closes at 3:30 pm on **Wednesday January 31st**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than the school can accommodate the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1st and January 31st

1. In-catchment Kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a random draw for the remaining Kindergarten spaces.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
4. Between January 31st and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

In-catchment Kindergarten students who apply after January 31st will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

Note: There will be no priority given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31st.

活泉學校招生

Living Water Chinese Academic School

本校中文班現招下年度各級新生

- 1 中文: (幼稚園至第七班) · (分粵語, 國語, 簡體, 繁體兩組)
- 2 英文補習 (English language study), 數學及功課補習 G1 - G7

Welcome every student in school regardless of race

現已接受報名: 註冊日期: 2017年6月開始

分低班 幼稚園到三年級 (Gr 1- Grade 3)

初班 小一至七年級 Grade 1 -7) 上課時間:

9月11日 3:00 p.m. (星期一)

開始--報名 9月11日新學期開始, 繼續上課

地址: Captain Cook Elementary School RM100

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The 2017 student registration for the Living Water Chinese Academic School program is currently available. Classes will begin in September 11 2017 and it will be scheduled weekly, Monday (3:00 p.m. started at the School.

Parents are encouraged to invite their children to come study Chinese language, supplementary need and culture. We hope to see you there!

Please contact Mrs. April Leung for further information

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