

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.'

Principal: Ms. Lisa Nucich

Office Administrative Assistant:
Mrs. Joanne Carruthers

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Ms. Theresa Schiewe

PAC Chair: Mr. Jeff Yee

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Superintendent: Mrs. Suzanne Hoffman

June 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,

Wow! June has arrived and we are in the last month of the 2017-2018 school year. How quickly this year has gone! I am so proud to be a part of this wonderful school and community. Students, staff, parents, guardians, volunteers all work together as part of a respectful team. The most wonderful part of it all is observing how all the modelling is being picked up by the students. If you were lucky enough to come and witness our amazing Cook's Got Talent Show on Friday the 1st, you were able to witness, feel, and share the beautiful talent and sense of warm, supportive community.

The same feelings exuded within the school community with our lovely Volunteer Tea and the AMAZING Staff Appreciation Lunch the parents put on. Thank you so much for your positive and kind contributions to Cook. It all is so very much appreciated.

June is the time where we have some shifts that will be occurring in our school for a variety of reasons. We are sad to say goodbye to Mr. Craig Nixon (retirement), Ms. Lael Sleep (District position), Ms. Melanie Sy (temporary contract), Mrs. Melissa Liu (temporary contract), Miss Samantha Gryz (temporary contract), and Mrs. Suzanne Buckley (change in time). We wish them all luck and hope to be working with them again someday. Mr. Nixon the enjoyment of all the wonderful opportunities that retirement brings!

To all of our Grade 7's who are leaving Cook to go on to their respective Secondary schools. Thank you for your presence here at Cook, whether it has been for one or eight years. We are so proud of our Grade 7's this year. They are kind, caring, respectful citizens. You have been given a caring, kind environment to experience your fundamental elementary years here at Cook. May you find your joy and passion in life with your head held high, knowing you will always be cherished cookies!

Thank you to Ms. Levens, Ms. Sy, Mr. Clover, Ms. Griffin, Ms. Gutri, and Mr. Gomez for all their volunteer time in making Cook's Track and Field team

happen. This Thursday, June 7th, the athletes have had the big VSB District meet at Swangard Stadium.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Young Years Math Olympiad Competition this year. We had participants from Grades 2-7. Cook Elementary students received some special awards! Selena D. earned the top score among all Grade 6 students in BC and Matthew F. earned the top score among all Grade 7 students in BC! Furthermore, our eight highest scoring Grade 7 scores when combined earned the top class score among all Grade 7 classes in BC! This honour goes to Adrian T., Annalise P., Brayden Y., David Z., Fraser D., Jonathan C., Matthew F. and Stephanie T..

Also, congratulations to Jonathan C. for his incredible 7th place finish at the Elmacon Math Competition held at UBC this Spring. Well done to all the participants who represented Cook Elementary so incredibly well!

Also, congratulations to Stephanie T., Kendra N., Adrian T., and William C. who on their own, took it upon themselves to raise \$100.00 for the Run For Water Foundation drive.

We were lucky to have our wonderful UBC student teachers for the past few months. Today, Sports Day, was their last day to be here with us. We wish Miss Amanda Griffin, Miss Lucy Jun, Miss Laura Gutri, and Mr. Miguel Gomez luck in their teaching careers. We hope to work with them again.

This has been an incredibly busy and wonderful year. As I keep saying, I am so proud to be a part of this wonderful Cook community. The staff, students, parents, guardians, and volunteers model and create an encompassing sense of belonging. It makes this place a great second home to come to every day. We wish you and your families a peaceful, restful summer filled with fun. See you in September 2018!

PAC CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER:

Thank you to PAC and families for another chocolate school fundraiser! Congratulations to Galen and Ethan Y. for selling the most chocolates in the Primary and Intermediate grades, Ethan Y. for being the top seller – so he will be Principal for the day coming up. Also Congratulations to Div. 1 for winning the ice cream party for being the first to bring in all their materials, and for Divs. 2, 8, 12, 13, 14, and 15 for getting all their materials back in on time and winning an extended recess/lunch time!

HEALTH AND SAFETY; PLEASE RESPECT THE FLAGGING TAPE BLOCKING SCHOOL GATE ENTRANCES AND OTHER SCHOOL SIGNS

In the case of Emergency, flagging tape will be adhered to school gate entrances in order to indicate blocked entrances FOR Health and Safety purposes. We have had this occur during icy winter path conditions as well as our VSB District Big One at 2 Earthquake Reunification Drill last week. Unfortunately, parents and guardians were witnessed ripping the tape down to gain more expedient access to the school. Please respect the **Health and Safety** indicators around the school. They are there for very important reasons.

VSB CASH ONLINE SYSTEM ENROLMENT:

The VSB is moving towards a pay online system. A letter was sent home earlier this month (Please see the below copy of the letter – it is also up on our website) in regards to how to enroll in the process.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: PLEASE DO NOT PROP OPEN PRIMARY DOORS

The Primary Wing doors are locked for Health and Safety purposes. Please use the Main school door. It's important that those doors stay closed and locked at all times. Thank you for helping keep our staff and students safe!

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: Please 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.

VSB STAFF PARKING LOT

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 VSB 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.

VSB ANNOUNCEMENT: THE BELOW LETTER WAS SENT HOME IN THE BEGINNING OF MAY REGARDING THE NEW VSB CASH ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Vancouver School Board will now be offering School Cash Online at Captain Cook Elementary as its preferred method of payment for all school fees, including everything from field trips to yearbooks. This secure system helps parents and community members pay school-related fees safely, quickly and easily online.

The new system puts all of the school fees available to your student online for purchase, keeping you informed of your child's activities and needs. We will post items through the system and assign the relevant fees to your student. You can then choose to purchase these fees online with one of three different methods, including credit cards. You can also stay informed and keep track of which school fees require your attention. The system strictly adheres to Canada's privacy and anti-spam legislation and meets the latest industry standards for payment security.

You are now able to register – a simple process that takes only a few minutes – by visiting <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com> or visiting our website at <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/online-payment> and following directions to the School Cash Online page. You will need your child's usual first name, last name and birth date to register.

Should you encounter any difficulties, you can use the parent help desk at **1(866) 961-1803** or by visiting [schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support](https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support).

Sincerely,
Ms. Lisa Nucich

Principal,
Captain Cook Elementary

