

# 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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## March 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 March Everyone!! It has been a short term but I can't tell you how much has been packed in to **this second term**. By knowing what your children have been up to by checking the website, monitoring your child's agenda, and communication through the teachers and school, you'll know how wonderfully jam packed it's been! Besides all the poignant teaching and learning in the regular school day, here is a smattering of the **activities** that have been going on at dynamic - just Cook since the beginning of the term:

Books For Me, Skating, Science World Presentation, Justice Theater (Internet Bullying and Restorative Justice), Primary Snowboarding Skills, Kindergarten 2018 Registration, Talking Festival Indigenous Hip Hop Artist, Schoolwide Valentine's Day Card Making and Delivery, Valentine's K-7 Friendship Dance, Lunar New Year, Class Field Trips, BC Lions Energy Conservation Presentation, PAC Scholastic Book Fair, Vancouver Opera Performance, Ready Set Learn, VPD vs. Gr. 7 Basketball Game, Paralympian and Mentor The Unstoppable Tracy Schmidt, Gr. 7 Photos, Pink Day, Killarney Band Presentation, Killarney Choir Presentation, Gr. 7 Secondary Registration, Primary Trip To Carousel Theater, Full Week Of Square Dancing, Green Theme Day!

Whew, it's been an exciting whirlwind!!

#### **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!

#### **THE CARD PROJECT IS COMING TO CAPTAIN COOK!**

Captain Cook students are working with **The Card Project** again this year. The last time Cook took part was 3 years ago. Each student is currently working with their teacher to create an individual, unique, greeting card that will be professionally printed! In early April, your child's unique greeting card will come home. Families will have the opportunity to order cards, notebooks, and sketchbooks with the art on the cover. Orders will also be received by Mother's Day. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school, not only for the beautiful art, but the school will also receive 20% of all sales!

### LOST AND FOUND

Please come by the Lost and Found in the front central hallway. We have a big 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.

### 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.**

### 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.

### MINISTRY OF EDUCATION STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY 2018

Parents of Gr. 4 and 7 students are welcome to drop by the Office to receive a unique code in order to participate in the annual Ministry of Education's 2018 Student Learning Survey. The survey is available until April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### UBC PARENTING AND COMMUNICATION STUDY

Moms of 6 – 10 year old children are invited to take part in a Parenting and Communication Study. Please see our Parent Board for more information

**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](http://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.