

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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MAY 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,

May has arrived, with the beautiful hot sun tempered by the Vancouver rain. Summer is hot on its heels, only 2 months left! Thank you to all who participated in our Card Project and who are participating in our PAC run Chocolate Almond School Fundraiser.

Look for our **Bike to School/Work Week** activities coming up during Monday, May 28th to Friday, June 1st. In preparation, Divisions 1-4 have had the opportunity this month to have 4 Bike Safety sessions run by HUB Cycling in conjunction with the VSB and the City of Vancouver.

Track and Field is in full force with mini meets happening at Killarney for 4/5s and 6/7s on Thursdays throughout the month of May. On June 7th, the athletes will have the big District meet at Swangard Stadium.

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.

CLASS PLACEMENT INFORMATION FORMS

As we have for the past couple of years, Class Placement Information Forms will be available in the Office for the month of May. If there are any new outstanding academic, social, or emotional needs that the teacher is unaware of this form may be completed.

Please note that extreme care goes into class placements regarding each child's personal, social, academic, and emotional needs, as well as independent special needs and programming. Also, please note the final decision regarding placement resides with the school.

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: 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.

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

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.schoolcashonline.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 [schoolcashonline.com/Home/Support](https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/Home/Support).

Sincerely,
Ms. Lisa Nucich

Principal,
Captain Cook Elementary



BC Summer Reading Club 2018

Children across the province will be taking a big step forward this summer when they join this year's BC Summer Reading Club: ***Motion Commotion***

Summer Reading Club is ***free*** and registration starts on Friday June 15th until the end of the summer. Sign up at your local Champlain Heights Branch or at any other Vancouver Public Library branch (or library in BC), and receive your own personal reading package. Once registered, club members read at least 15 minutes a day for 50 days to earn their **Summer Reading Club Medal!** Meanwhile, keep the reading in motion by visiting the Champlain Heights library or your closest VPL branch for free kids' programs, activities and contest. Program highlights at the Champlain Heights Branch include:

- **Book Olympics:** Race, read and build your way through fun book-themed challenges. For grades 2-7.
- **Shake, Rattle and Roll!** Explore the science of sound and music, and create your own musical instrument. For grades K-7
- **Squish! Creepy Crawly Critters:** Explore icky, sticky animals through books, games and slimy creations! For grades K-7
- **Stories in Motion: Paper Animation (iPad program):** Bring animations and paper crafts to life as you explore animation apps on library iPads. For grades 4-7.

and many more activities ...

The SRC Launch at Champlain Heights Branch happens

Friday, June 15 @ 2:00-3:00pm.

Come by to register!

For more information, visit vpl.ca/SummerReading or a branch near you!

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