

THE CUNNINGHAM NEWS

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

February 27- March 1	Arts Umbrella (mornings only)
February 27-March 1	Book Fair
March 19-April 2	Spring Break /Easter

***Please check our website regularly for updates and for photos of special events:
cunningham.vsb.bc.ca***

Principal Message:

February has been a busy month here at Cunningham. The teachers have been working on a number of concepts as well as celebrating special days such as Valentine's and Chinese New Year. You will notice a number of lovely displays on our bulletin boards reflecting these days, as well as keeping track of our Olympic athletes as they compete for Canada! Our next assembly will also host two talents from our student body. We look forward to being in the audience. Our following assembly on February 28th is our Pink Day assembly. Many classes will be participating in this assembly, to bring further awareness to bullying and encouraging acts of kindness throughout the year.

Cunningham has also worked together with Carleton to put in a Senior Boys team. These dedicated boys have been practicing their skills with their coach Cedric Quicho. They also had a great time playing against the Vancouver Police Department PALS program last week. The teams played in front of a rambunctious crowd!

There have also been a number of fieldtrips that students have been involved in. Some of our students have taken to the mountains during this winter weather to go snowshoeing, while others have gone bowling.

These are a few of the exciting things that have been happening at our school!

Sincerely,
Rosemary Thomas
Principal

Student Learning Survey

The Ministry of Education will also be initiating the Student Learning Survey (formally called the Satisfaction Survey) later on this month. This survey is for grades 4 and 7 students, their parents and staff. It is the only source of province-wide information on in-school process and the learning environment. The survey is open until April 27, 2018 and covers a range of topics, providing a comprehensive picture of the educational experience in B.C. public schools. More information regarding this survey will follow.

Reporting Student Absences – Safe Arrival

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**, then, when prompted, enter **extension 24**. Messages will be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school soon! You will find hundreds of quality books at our Book Fair with a wide assortment of reading levels. Did you know that for every \$10 you spend at the Fair, up to \$6 comes directly back to our school? Your support of this event is key in helping us obtain new resources for our library.

Don't forget to mark the Book Fair dates on your calendar! We look forward to seeing you and thank you, in advance, for supporting this great literary fundraiser. Mostly, thank you for believing in books and the importance of reading in your child's future.

Book Sale Fair Dates: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Thursday, March 1, 2018 from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Location: Cunningham Library If you are interested in volunteering for the book fair, please email Ms. Cho at scho@vsb.bc.ca. We need volunteers in a variety of areas, including greeting customers at the door, working at our cashier table, and helping students and shoppers select just the right books.

Sincerely, Ms. Cho

We accept cheques payable to our school. Visa, Mastercard, and American Express will be accepted

Split Lunch Hour

The staff at both Cunningham and Carleton have been researching a number of options that will improve the students' lunch environment. At this time in the school year we are encouraging student to strengthen their independence and eating their lunches on their own.

To that end there will be a new procedure for lunch starting February 26, 2018:

- **Primary students**, grades Kindergarten to grade 3 **will be eating their lunch in the Activity Room at 12:30**. They will be entering the Activity room at the 12:30 bell and eating their lunch at designated tables.
- **Intermediate students**, grades 4 to 7, **will be eating their lunch in the Activity Room at 12:10**. They will be eating their lunch at designated tables.

Outside time:

Primary- 12:10-12:30

Intermediate- 12:30-1:00

The Activity Room will be set up for the primaries when they enter for lunch. Student lunch monitors, as well as the supervision aides will also help support primary students organize their lunches. At this time in the school year we are encouraging students to strengthen their independence and eating their lunches on their own. To support this independence please label all lunch items, such as thermos, plastics and lunch bags.

Supervision will continue during lunch and outside. We hope that the outside play spaces will be more available to all students given that there will be half the student population out each time.

We hope that this new procedure, while challenging to initially implement, will benefit all students.



PAC Meetings

The Parent Advisory Council is an important, integral part of our school community. As a parent of a student at Cunningham, you are automatically a member of PAC. Please come join us and help us provide the best learning environment for our students. Our next PAC meeting will be on Monday, February 26 at 6:30 in the Library.

ONLINE RESOURCES:

One of our school goals is to teach our students how to use technology for educational purposes. To support this goal, parents should be aware that we offer the following:

1. Raz-Kids – online reading program for up to Gr. 5 and ELL students – we offer it free to identified students
2. **Library Catalogue:** Do you know that the Vancouver School Board has a web catalogue that lists not only all the books in the Vancouver School District, but also a number of internet resources, including databases, ebooks, video clips, and newspapers?

To access the library resources, go to the website:

<https://library.vsb.bc.ca/>

Scroll down and click on "**GT Cunningham Elementary School**"

Click on "**Login**" on the right-hand upper corner of the webpage

Username: {type in their student number}

Password: student

In the databases, you will find a number of excellent resources, including:

- o **BookFlix** – interactive storybooks, both fiction and non-fiction, for primary grades
- o **World Book Encyclopedia Online** – students can do research or learn information about any topics they wish, includes videos and photos, and links to reputable sites
- o **National Geographic Kids** – online version of their magazines, books, and videos
- o **EBSCO** and **Academic Search Premier** – database of magazine articles and research papers
- o **Starfall** – primary reading program
- o **Vancouver Sun** and **Province** newspapers



Tumblebooks – Story books available FREE online 24/7

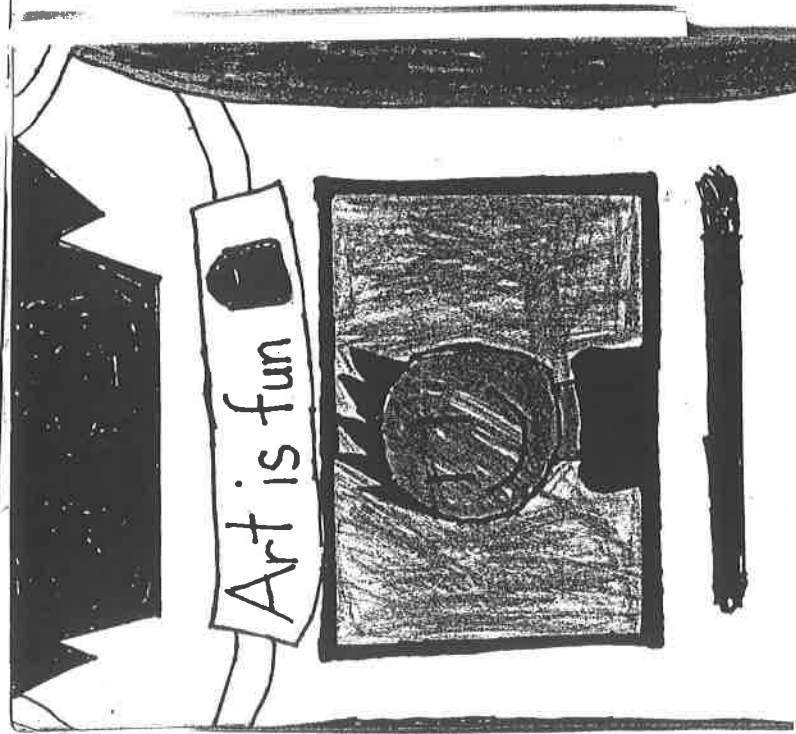
Do you have children who say they have nothing to read?

Do you have children who say "Oh, I forgot to sign out books from the library?"

Do you know that you can read books online through the Vancouver Public Library 24/7?

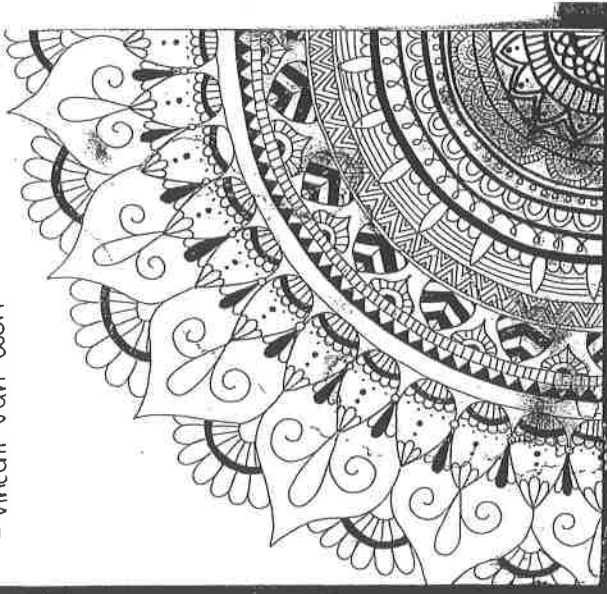
(Make sure you have a valid Vancouver Public Library Card – if you don't have one, now is the time to sign up for one!)

1. Go to: www.vpl.ca
2. At the top, under "Digital Library", click "eBooks"
3. Scroll down and select which Tumblebooks you would like (check out the first one for the great interactive picture books!) There are 3 choices: (1) Tumblebook Library, (2) Tumblebook Cloud Junior – Gr. 3 – 8, and (3) Tumblebook Cloud – Gr. 7 and up
4. The website will ask you for authentication. Type in the library code numbers on the back of your library card as well as your 4 digit PIN number (usually the last 4 numbers of the phone number you used to register the card)
5. Once it says "Success!", click on the **RED** words that say "your log in was successful"
6. Don't forget you can also check out the eBooks that are different from Tumblebooks.
7. Enjoy and Happy Reading!



"I dream my paintings
and then I paint my
dream"

- Vincent van Gogh



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Workshop for Parents 家长讲座

Your Brain on Twitter - Helping Children Learn in the Age of Distraction 受电讯影响的脑袋 – 在使人分心的世代中帮助孩子学习

Video games, online gaming, social media and all things electronic are here to stay with both positive and negative outcomes. How do we help children (and adults) cope with the ever-increasing culture of distraction? What can we do to counteract the negative outcomes?

电子游戏、网上游戏、社交网站和各种电子产品带来了正面与负面的后果。我们怎样帮助孩子（和成年人）处理越来越使人分心的文化？我们怎样抗衡那些负面影响？

This presentation will explore what happens to our brains with the constant bombardment of distractions and provides concrete ideas on what parents and teachers can do to counteract negative outcomes. A "cheat sheet" will be provided for parents to take home, that will contain the key points of the presentation.

这个讲座会探讨脑袋不断受到分心事物冲击所产生的变化，同时为家长提供抗衡这些负面影响的具体办法，讲座后家长可以把锦囊（包括讲座内容重点）带回家。

Childminding will be provided.

讲座进行期间，会有义工帮忙照顾小孩。

Speaker 讲员：温哥华教育局辅导员 Dr. Emi Garzitto, Area Counsellor, VSB

English presentation with Cantonese interpretation 英语主讲，粤语传译。

Date 日期: **Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018** 年 2 月 28 日 星期三

Time 时间：晚上 7 pm – 9 pm

地点: **Library, John Norquay Elementary** 学校图书馆, 4710 Slocan Street, Vancouver BC

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