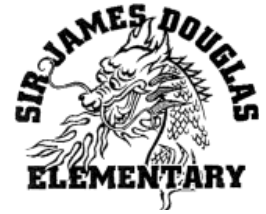


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Chers parents et gardiens,

Thank you for your commitment to come and support your child/ren's work during the Student-led conferences. It is always a pleasure to see students proudly describe their work, growth, and their areas of needs to their loved ones.

Before we left for Spring Break, we said "see you soon" to our Mme Dionne who was teaching at the Annex for the last few months. We were very fortunate to have her in our team. Next week, we are welcoming Mme Kate Meehan as classroom teacher in Division 6. I have had the pleasure to work with her before and am grateful for the opportunity of working with her again.

Spring is here and filled with positive and exciting initiatives at Douglas Annex. I continue to enjoy being part of this warm and stimulating community and appreciate seeing the growth and happiness in our children.

Wishing you a wonderful Easter Week-end.

Easter Week-end & April Professional Day

A reminder that there is no school on April 2. School is back in session on Tuesday, April 3. Our next professional day is on April 27, and there will be no school for students all day.

Jump Rope for Heart kick off assembly will be on Friday, April 6 at 2:00 pm. On Thursday, April 26, students and staff at Douglas Annex will be participating in our annual "Jump Rope for Heart" event. In this event students or staff will be skipping throughout the whole day of school. You

are welcome to come and join your child/ren's class for jumping. All proceeds raised from this event will be given to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC. The forms for pledges will be sent home on April 6. You can pledge by returning the form or by going to the secure website at www.JumpRopeForHeart.ca. Please make your donations by April 26. Thank you.

District Wide Earthquake Drill, May 3 -The Big One at 2 pm.

Please note that depending on how many divisions will participate in the reunification practice part of the drill, you may need to come and pick up your child/ren. The scope of the drill is still being determined in discussion with our teachers. We thank you in advance for your collaboration during this large-scale safety drill. We will be sending additional information about this important safety drill in the week of April 9.

Grade 3 Students Group, Teams and

Panorama Photos will be taken soon. The poor weather prevented us to take those pictures on March 14. You will receive prior notification when the photographer has provided us with a new date.

Bons Dragons We are very proud of all our Bons Dragons! This month, the Bons Dragons whose names were drawn are:

Simon, Div 1, pour aider ses amis avec une dispute
Yousef, Div 2, il suit toutes les attentes dans la classe

Daniel, Div 3, il garde la bibliothèque de la classe propre

Kara, Div 4, pour aider à bien ranger la classe

Vienna, Div 5, elle suit les instructions la première fois

Ben, Div 6, pour prendre soin de ses amis

Mya F., Div 7, pour ranger ses souliers à la fin de la journée

Jennifer, Div 8, pour bien ranger dans la salle de classe

Ethan, Div. 9, pour aider un ami triste

Je parle français During our March 16 assembly, we acknowledged the following students for their effort in speaking in French.

Dean Div. 1

Belle Div. 2

Dael Div. 3

Lux Div. 4

Jasleen Div. 5

Liana Div. 6

Minnie Div. 7

Laurel Div. 8

Alicia Div. 9

This month, we are traveling to Iran to celebrate French speaking countries. It was Norouz on March 20.



Peer Helpers We would like to thank student peer helpers for their help in March. Audrey, Nadia, Rylan, and Kylie were reliable peer helpers inside our school. Jin, Keenan, Olivia, and Gurveer made a difference by their positive presence on our school grounds.

Starting in April, there will be a rotation of divisions walking our grounds to make sure it is tidy and trash-free. New supplies were acquired to facilitate trash collection. Students will also participate in [Keep Vancouver Spectacular](#) on April 23, 24, and 26 when they are with me in the library. We will be covering blocks between Knight Street to Jasper Crescent, walking on 61st and 60th. I believe it is important to be connected and involved with our direct environment and community.

Library News A special thank you to students Alexandra and William for helping me decorate the library and promote the Festival du livre and to Shoshanna, Keerthana, and Belle for helping me set up the books. Mme Michelle, Amber Pallister, Alice Ho, and her son Nicholas also volunteered their time during the Festival du livre and I would like to thank them for their help

during that event. Thank you to Mme Michelle and Mme Jenn for wrapping up rapidly the library on Friday morning and Mme Kwan for preparing the beautiful display of stationary items and for the final accounting. It does take a village to run a book fair. With the purchases made by families, we have obtained **\$1,285 in Scholastic books** for our school. The books have been chosen in cohesion with teachers' wish lists and will soon be used by all. Merci!

Book borrowing will resume this week. It was too challenging to borrow books when the Festival du livre was set up. Now the coast is clear! Look forward to seeing new books coming home with your child/ren. Note that in the week of April 23, students will be able to return books yet not borrow as we will be taking part in Keep Vancouver Spectacular.

Book Swap Our annual book swap will be coming toward the end of May. Please save your "gently used" books for donation/exchange. Information on the Book Swap will be coming in the next newsletter.

The Douglas Clothing Drive Each student received a bag before Spring Break to collect used clothing and household items (non-breakable) in support of Developmental Disabilities. **Please bring your bags by Thursday, April 5 (after 3) or Friday, April 6 before 9 am.** If you have more than one bag (that is great), you can ask for more or you can just bring it in a green garbage bag. Ask your friends and family if they want to clear their drawers and bring along their bags also.

Pick up time at the Annex will be 9 am. We are looking for **volunteers** to help us carrying the bags from the library to the truck. Thank you for letting Mme Nixon, Mme Kwan, or Mme Eve if you are able to help out.

DTCST Spring Programs It was fantastic having the DTCST team at the Annex on Wednesday, March 15 to take in registration and answer questions. Registration for spring after-school activities should be brought to the office in the identified blue bin no later than this Tuesday, April 4, at 9 am. A random draw will be done on Thursday and everyone will be contacted to be advised of status of draw.

304,280 OF US TOOK THE GREAT BIG CRUNCH That is correct, 304,280 of us helped make Great Big Crunch history! The collective

bite didn't just promote local produce, it raised awareness for good school food from coast to coast to coast! With another record breaking crunch, the initiative has reached almost 1.5 million crunches for food literacy. This is very exciting!

Track & Field We are happy to be able to join the big kids for the Track & Field events. This is only offered to our Grade 3 students at the annex. Most schools offer Track & Field from grades 4-7, however annexes in the district are allowed to participate with their Grade 3's. More information will come soon – the season will be starting in May.

Vancouver School Board Summer School

Programs VSB summer school program will be offered in July at various Elementary schools. Visit [vsb summer school](#) for details. Registration will begin on Friday, April 27. French Immersion courses are offered at Laura Secord for 3 weeks from July 9 to the 27.

Bake Sale News This month's bake sale went super well. Such an amazing variety for the kids to choose from. Thank you Division 7 for the contributions. The final sale came to \$265. Have a fantastic Spring Break!
–Corrie

Our next bake sale will be on Friday, April 20 hosted by Division 8. Merci.

PAC News

Douglas Clothing Drive, April 3-5. Accepting clothes, toys, and small non-breakable household items. Either put it in white/clear garbage bags or the bags distributed to your child. Extra bags can be obtained from the school's office.

Douglas Walkathon Friday, May 4 @ Annex and Friday, May 11 @ Main. Please keep a lookout for more information.

Get relevant PAC-related news by joining our PAC mailing list. Go to <https://thedouglaspac.wordpress.com> and click on "Join our mail list" on the right column. Checkout our PAC bulletin boards at the school.

We hope to see you at our next meeting on April 16, 7-8:30 pm in the Main School library at 2150 Brigadoon Avenue! Executive meeting at 6 pm.