

Charles Dickens Elementary School Newsletter

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Dear Families of the Charles Dickens Community,

As we all anticipate welcoming a sunny Spring, we want to acknowledge that the snowy season was thoroughly enjoyed by students with time to build snowy creations and enjoy our playground in different ways. We wish to thank our students for honouring our safety guidelines in the slippery weather! As we turn to sunnier days, please know, the staff have been working to more consistently provide supervision so that students can enjoy Sunnyside Park. At the moment, in addition to individual class time in the park, students are enjoying Sunnyside Park on most Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thank you to staff and to parents for all the assistance as we work together to support this opportunity.

We wish to thank our Student's Council, our Green Team, and our Noon-Hour Activity Club Teams for all the hard work. We enjoyed an exciting 'Spirit Week' in February, with lots of recycling initiatives and awareness building about keeping our school 'green' and 'clean'. Additionally, students have been enjoying basketball, floor hockey, and dance time during the noon hours. Thank you to all staff for making these opportunities available for students.

Thank you to the Dickens Community for all your support during the Bottle Drive! The next Bottle Drive will be held on Tuesday, April 4th, Wednesday, April 5th, and Friday, April 7th, 2017. Please bring your empty cans, juice containers, and glass bottles to the area in front of the parking garage from 8:15 am to 8:55 am.

A special thank you to our PAC for supporting us to provide students with an opportunity to enjoy Square Dancing! Taking place February 27th to March 3, 2017, this activity was well-received and enjoyed by all. Thank you to all families who participated in the March 3rd afternoon community session! Such a fun, memorable experience for all!

Congratulations go to the Senior Boys' Basketball team coached by David. (Div. 7) They won the City Championship in an exciting final that went into overtime. Thank you to all who came out in support – it was much appreciated.

Special Announcement

Please join me in Congratulating Vivian Omori, our Office Administrative Assistant, on her new assignment as Office Administrative Assistant at the newly built, Crosstown Elementary, near Roger's Arena in Downtown Vancouver. This change will be in effect Monday, March 27, 2017. This means Viv's last day at Dickens will be Friday, March 10th, 2017.

As you are all aware, Viv has been an anchor in the Dickens Community for over 12 years. Providing exceptional leadership with comfort and care, Viv's commitment to teamwork and her respectful, skilled, warm, calm, helpful, knowledgeable presence in the office and in our community in general has contributed significantly to making Dickens what it is today—a welcoming, safe place.

Thank you, Viv, for all that you have given to Dickens students, staff, and parents. Although you will be dearly missed, we are delighted that you will be sharing your expertise with another Vancouver school community. Congratulations Viv, our cherished colleague and friend!

At this time, we are unaware of who will be fulfilling Viv's duties in the Office Administrative Assistant role. As this information becomes available, we will update the community.

Some Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **Friday, March 10, 2017** – Dismissal for Spring Break
- **Monday, March 27, 2017** – First Day Back from Spring Break
- **Wednesday April 5 & Thursday, April 6** – 2:00 pm early dismissal. Student led conferences.

To all our Students, Staff, and Families, enjoy a safe, restful, fun-filled Spring Break!

Sincerely,

Anna Maria Niccoli-Mullett
Principal