



## Communication from False Creek School and PAC to Parents, Students, and Staff

### Welcome Back to School!

It's hard to believe that our summer is almost over and that another school year is upon us. We are sure, though, that all of the children are eager to return to school, to see their old friends and to meet their new classmates. It is such a pleasure to anticipate the coming school year. Whether you are returning to False Creek or are newly arriving, we, the False Creek staff, offer warm greetings and want to share our optimism for the year ahead. We hope that each student will make the most of the educational opportunities this year and that you will join us in supporting our students as they strive to achieve their goals.

*Ms. Maria Donovan*

### Reminders for the First Week of School

#### Tuesday, September 4, 2018

- All students will go to school on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018 from 8:55 am to 10:00 am.
- All returning students will go back to their 2017-2018 classrooms for the first week, with the following exceptions:
  - Ms. Cotter's Div. 6 class: will go to room 210 (which is upstairs, located directly across from the stairs to the main office)
  - Ms. Olson's Div. 5 class: will go to Ms. Appleton in room 101 (across from Ms. Hill's room, which is past the library and downstairs)
  - Ms. Yao's Div. 10 class: will go to Ms. Mitchell in Room 216 (near the gym, across from Ms. Wallace's room)
- New students will go to the library
- New Kindergarten students will go to their assigned classroom

#### Wednesday, September 5, 2018

- All Grades 1 – 7 students will attend school on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018 onward from 8:55 am – 3:00 pm
- New Kindergarten students will follow the gradual entry schedule that was mailed home to you or given to you by the Kindergarten teacher.
- The first bell is at 8:55 am and the dismissal bell is at 3:00 pm each day.
- Remember to pack a healthy recess snack and if your child is eating lunch at school, to pack a healthy lunch each day.

### Changing Classes

It is our intention to have students move to their new classes for the 2018-2019 school year by Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Once students go into their new classrooms, **emails will be sent to all parents** telling them of their child's new teacher and classroom number for after school pick-up.



## **Classroom construction**

Please note that there have been some delays in the construction of the two new classrooms. The new completion date has been pushed back to October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. After the new 2018-2019 placements have been assigned, students who are going to be placed in one of the new classrooms will be temporarily housed in the library.

## **Student Supervision**

Staff supervise the playground at 8:40 am before school and until 3:20 pm after school. For safety reasons, **we do not recommend your child be at school before 8:40 am.**

## **Traffic**

Please go over the traffic safety rules with your child. With the excitement of school, students can often forget these pedestrian rules. Our parking lot is needed for staff. Please do **not** park, stop or walk through the staff parking lot. The staff parking lot is dangerous for pedestrians and therefore, off limits to students. The EasyPark lot next to the school allows free parking from 8:45 to 9:00 a.m. and 2:50 to 3:15 p.m. to allow parents to pick up their children.

## **Student Fees**

During September and part of October, student fees will be collected. This year, all money will be collected by the classroom teacher. Please do NOT send any money to school until requested. More information will be sent home with your child in the coming weeks.

## **Safe Arrival and Sign-Out Procedures**

The Vancouver School Board has a safe arrival protocol district wide. 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 – enter the two digit extension for your school – 28 prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence. Upon calling the Safe Arrival phone line you will be asked to leave a message and will require the following information:

First & Last Name of your child (Please spell the last name)

Grade & Division

Reason for Absence

Date & Length of Absence

### **Student Sign Out Procedure**

When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you sign them out at the school office. If you do not sign out your child, they will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a 'missing' student and will commence a search of school grounds. If the school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent promptly, the school will call the Vancouver Police Department. Therefore, clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!



## **Meet the Staff Night**

Our False Creek Meet the Staff Evening will be held on **Thursday, September 13, 2018**. Please save the date! Meet the Staff Night is an important evening for parents to meet their child's new teacher. Teachers will explain class procedures and expectations. Meet the Staff will begin at 6 pm in the gym with staff introductions, then parents can visit classrooms to meet the teacher (each teacher will present twice), and conclude at 7 pm. See you there!

## **Professional Day**

Please note that our first Pro-D Day is on **Friday, September 14th, 2018**. There will be **NO school** for students on this day.

## **Newsletters**

We will continue to strive to be environmentally-friendly and will make all newsletters available electronically (i.e. posted on the website and emailed home). We will be asking all families to inform the office of their current email addresses in the days to come.



## CALENDAR 2018 – 2019

### Elementary School

#### School Operation Overview

Number of Days in Session	187
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	7 Non Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 28)

#### Important Dates

School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 8, 2018
Remembrance Day Holiday	Monday, November 12, 2018 (in lieu of Sun. Nov. 11)
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 21, 2018
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 24, 2018 – Friday, January 4, 2019
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 7, 2019
Family Day	Monday, February 18, 2019
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 15, 2019
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 18 – Friday, March 29, 2019
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, April 1, 2019
Good Friday	Friday, April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	Monday, April 22, 2019
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2019
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 27, 2019
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 28, 2019

#### Professional Development and Curriculum Implementation Days (school not in session)

Friday, September 14, 2018	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 19, 2018	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 9, 2018	Curriculum Implementation Day (District Wide)
Friday, January 25, 2019	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 15, 2019	Curriculum Implementation Day (District Wide)
Monday, April 29, 2019	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Friday, May 17, 2019	Professional Development Day (District Wide)

#### Parent Conference Dates

#### Early Dismissal Times

Wednesday, October 3, 2018	Goal Setting Conferences 2:00 pm dismissal
Thursday, October 4, 2018	Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:00 pm dismissal
Wednesday, March 13, 2019	Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:00 pm dismissal
Thursday, March 14, 2019	Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:00 pm dismissal



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at FALSE CREEK  
Elementary

Grades 1 - 6

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### Classes

**Wednesdays**  
3:05 - 4:15 p.m.  
Sep 19 - Dec 12 2018  
(no class 10/3)



### Tuition

**\$210 (12-Week Session)**  
*3-payment options available*  
*Supplies and GST included*



### Enrollment

**ENROLL ONLINE** at  
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### Questions?

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