



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

### Important Upcoming Dates

#### Friday, January 12th

- 3:00-5:00 Grade 6&7 3x3 basketball kick off tournament , followed by a chocolate fountain treat

#### Friday, January 19th

- A 3 Crows Production in the gym at 9:15 am called *How Raven Stole the Sun*

#### Tuesday, January 23rd

- PAC Meeting from 6:30-8:00pm



#### Wednesday, January 24th

- Boys Basketball Game afterschool (location TBA)

#### Thursday, January 25th

- Girls Basketball Game afterschool (location TBA)

#### Monday, January 29th

- Curriculum Implementation Day
- **No school for students**

### Principal's Message



*Happy New Year and Welcome Back!*

*Basketball season has begun! This week we have had the Split Second Basketball program for all students, K-7. In addition, we are still getting our senior girls and boys basketball teams together. Tomorrow, January 12th, there will be a fun 3x3 basketball tournament for grades 6's and 7's who are interested in playing basketball from 3-5pm in the gym.*

*We have been advised that government funding has been allocated to move forward with building 2 new classrooms in False Creek Elementary School, in order to meet the needs of this growing community. Currently, we are unable to accommodate all of our in catchment students. The plan is to have these new classrooms open by September 2018.*

### Food Bank

### & Winter Bazaar



Thank you False Creek School Community for donating a total of \$1, 662.70 and over 30 boxes of food for the Food Bank in December!!!

This amount included \$645.00 raised through the winter bazaar. Another \$645.00 from the winter bazaar went to support our grade 7 camp.

Thank you to Ms. Mitchell, Grade 7's and all the PAC volunteers who made this fundraiser possible!



**FOOD DRIVE**



### Safe Arrival

Student Safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. In order to assist schools in ensuring student safety, please remember to notify the school when your child is going to be away ,even if it's only going to be a for a few hours, by using our dedicated answering service.

The safe arrival phone number is:

### 604 713-5159, False Creek extension #28.

Please provide the following information:

Child's Name:

Grade:

Division:

Reason for absence: (eg. Illness, medical appointment, vacation)

Date & Length of Absence if more



# Activity Fees



A notice will be sent home next week requesting payment for Activities Fees which helps pay for gymnastics, tennis, basketball and other school based activities.

**Do not bring in any activity fees until a notice is sent home with your child**

# PAC Lunches now twice weekly!



PAC is pleased to offer our popular lunches for students twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning next week on January 16th.

We need help with lunch distribution from **11:45am - 12:15pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. PLEASE SIGN UP IN ADVANCE** so we can ensure there are enough parents to help each day: [PAC LUNCH Volunteer Sign Up Sheet.](#)

**For complete menu details and to order, visit <https://falsecreek.backpacfundraising.com>.**

*The PAC LUNCH program is fundraiser for our school and organized by parent volunteers. This program is optional.*

# Friday Parent Coffee Time

Friday Coffee Sessions will resume this Friday, January 12th.

Parents/guardians are invited to stop by from 9:00-9:30am for a cup of coffee and a chance

to meet other parents from False Creek School. Meet in front of the gym.



# PAC Meeting



## Next PAC Meeting – January 23rd

Our next PAC Meeting takes place Tuesday, January 23rd from 6:30-8:00pm in the school library. All


parents/guardians are invited to attend. Childminding is provided at the school by our grade 7 students.



Share the wonder of chess  
**VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL**

**JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL CHESS ADVENTURE!**

This comprehensive and progressive program allows students to learn how to play chess in the optimal manner by gradually increasing complexity. Within 1.5 class hour we will teach our students different chess concepts, solve a large variety of tactical exercises, play practice games and tournaments. In addition, our students can use a wide range of our own unique on-line resources and software for homework, class material and games.

 <p><b>VCS</b></p> <hr/> <p>Before &amp; After          School Chess          Program</p>	<p><b>Why Chess?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exercise both sides of your brain</li> <li>• Enhance academic skills of reading and mathematics</li> <li>• Improve your memory and concentration</li> <li>• Boost your creativity and problem-solving skills</li> <li>• Develop long term planning and foresight</li> <li>• Foster critical thinking and life skills</li> </ul>	<p><b>Program Dates</b></p> <p>7 Mondays, Jan 8<sup>th</sup> – Mar 12<sup>th</sup>. <b>Join any time!</b></p> <p><b>Time</b></p> <p>3 pm – 4:30 pm</p> <p><b>Location</b> Library</p> <p><b>Program Fees</b></p> <p>\$ 15 per class paid in full upon registration</p> <p><b>Registration</b></p> <p>Register online at <a href="http://www.vanchess.ca/groups">http://www.vanchess.ca/groups</a> -&gt; Vancouver -&gt; Chess in Schools -&gt; False Creek ES</p>
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If you have any questions please contact us at (604) 568-3283 or [info@vanchess.ca](mailto:info@vanchess.ca).



## DPAC General Meeting Events, January 25, 2018:

Follow this link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/special-education-navigating-inclusive-education-tickets-42033239551>

DPAC wishes to acknowledge the ancestral, traditional and unceded Indigenous territories of the Coast Salish Peoples, and in particular, the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations on whose territory we work, live and play.

**Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)**  
January General Meeting: Special Ed Focus

**NAVIGATING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**  
IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

**Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00-9:00pm  
**Vancouver School Board Office**  
Rm 180, 1580 West Broadway  
(Free parking below building; take elevator to G floor.)

[www.vancouverdpac.org](http://www.vancouverdpac.org)  
[media@vancouverdpac.org](mailto:media@vancouverdpac.org)  
[www.facebook.com/VSB DPAC/](https://www.facebook.com/VSB DPAC/)  
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**Special Education:  
Navigating Inclusive  
Education**

by Vancouver DPAC

Free

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REGISTER

### DESCRIPTION

As part of DPAC's General Meeting on January 25th, there will be a presentation and forum for VSB parents and guardians to learn more about navigating inclusive education within VSB and British Columbia's public education system.

Presentations from:

- **Suzanne Perreault**, InclusiveEd Parent Advocate/Mediator, Counsellor, International Public Speaker & Workshop Educator, will present on "starting at the bottom; triggering the process" with some information about navigating the system. ([link to her TedX presentation](#))
- **Mette Hamaguchi**, new Director of Learning Services for VSB, along with Doug Matear and Selma Smith, District Principals - Student Support Services

Followed by a question and answer period.

All parents and guardians in the Vancouver school district are welcome to attend. Please contact [vicechair@vancouverdpac.org](mailto:vicechair@vancouverdpac.org) at least 48 hours ahead of time if you require childcare for this meeting.

### DATE AND TIME

Thu, 25 January 2018  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM PST  
[Add to Calendar](#)

### LOCATION

Room 180  
1580 West Broadway  
Vancouver, BC V6J 5K9  
Canada  
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