



SIR JOHN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back! We hope you have all had a wonderful and relaxing Spring Break.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH ASSEMBLY

As we were in school for such a short while during the month of March, we did not have a Student of the Month assembly. Our next one will be on Friday April 28th.

INTENSIVE FRENCH

Is your child in grade 5? Did you know that our grade 6 and 7 program here at Franklin is an Intensive French program? We will be having an information session for all grade 5 parents this month – more information will be sent home to grade 5 families shortly. We hope that you will be able to join us in the library for an overview of the Intensive French program. Information is also available on our [school website](#) and on the [VSB website](#). Please feel free to contact the principal if you have any questions about the program.

GRADE 7 SPRING BULB FUNDRAISER

Spring is here (officially, at least), and Mother's Day is coming soon – May 14! Our grade 7 students will be taking orders for hanging baskets, patio planters and bedding plants – herbs, tomatoes and annuals – to raise funds for their field trip to Strathcona Outdoor School in June. Look for information and order forms at the school and coming home soon.

SPORTS

Badminton season is underway; we have a co-ed grade 6 and a co-ed grade 7 team. Information has been sent home but please contact Mr. Coffin or Mme Lievens if you need more information. **Track and Field** will be gearing up soon – stay tuned for more information.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

Our next curriculum implementation day is on Friday **May 5th**. The staff will continue to explore BC's new curriculum and work together to bring the personalized learning approach into their classrooms and weave it into their current practice.

LIBRARY UPDATE

Franklin students have been enjoying many of the new titles that have been added to our library collection this year. All student books will be due back to the library the first week of June, so take a good look underneath the couch cushions and on book shelves for any of those overdue books that are hiding in your homes!

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair was a big success this year! We sold \$2600 of books and materials, which will enable us to purchase many new books and supplies for our school library and classrooms. The students were excited to visit the fair, and we had several winners in our draw prize. Thank you so much to our dedicated team of parent volunteers.

SUMMER SCHOOL

2017 Summer School Program information can be found at: <https://summer.vsb.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx>
Registration Opens on May 5th, 2017 and course calendars will be arriving at the school during the third week of April.

PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting will be held on **Wednesday April 19th at 6:30pm** in the staffroom. Child minding is available. We hope to see you there.

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TEAM AND THE YMCA

COMMUNITY SCHOOL SPRING REGISTRATION

We are excited to announce that the Spring program brochures will be handed out to students on Monday April 3rd. A few extra brochures and registration forms can be found outside of the community programs office. The start of Spring registration will be on Thursday April 6th. Chelsea Tekonomy will be outside the community office from 2:45-4:00pm taking in registration forms. Afterwards, registration forms can be put in the Community Programs mailbox or given in person to Chelsea. Remember registration is based on a first-come, first served basis. If there are any questions please feel free to contact Chelsea either on her office phone 604-713-5898 or by email at ctekonomy@vsb.bc.ca.

YMCA SUMMER BREAK PROGRAMS

Summer is a time for kids to play, run, get outside and have fun with friends. For more than 100 years, the YMCA has provided camp adventures that help kids learn about themselves, grow in self-confidence and gain new skills in a safe and caring environment. From overnight camps with activities like archery, climbing, sailing and canoeing, to day camps full of out trips, arts & crafts, sports and games—we have something for everyone. We hope you'll join us! To learn more or register, visit gv.ymca.ca/camps.

A FEW REMINDERS...

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Students are supervised by staff before school from 8:40 until 9:00 am and after school from 3:00 until 3:20 pm. Children should not arrive before 8:40 or leave after 3:20 unless specifically requested to do so as part of an organized/supervised activity, otherwise they will be unsupervised.

PARKING AND DRIVING AROUND THE SCHOOL

In the interest of safety of our children, please respect the posted signs for speed limits and parking, as well as the rules of the road for driving. Also, please respect the signs for residents only parking across the street, and for staff only parking in the parking lot during the day. Student safety is the concern of all of us.

ALLERGIES

ALLERGY POLICY

CHINESE

這是非常重要的資料

請人員代你翻譯

Franklin School is allergy-aware! Please note that parents are asked to avoid sending foods containing **nut or peanut products** to school with their children due to severe allergies to these particular foods.

As peanut/nut butter tends to stick to surfaces, please wash your child's hands if you give them these foods for breakfast before school.

If there are questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Myers for further information. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Please check the school website <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/franklin> for upcoming events.

