



SIR JOHN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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There are many things happening at Franklin this month and so we will be sending out several updates via email or in shorter newsletters. We will also send out a final newsletter at the end of June with information about the 2017-2018 start-up.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Our last Student of the Month assembly will be next Friday June 2nd at 9:15am. We will send the names of the students of the month in a newsletter following that assembly.

2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Attached to this newsletter is the calendar for the upcoming school year.

PLACEMENT INPUT FOR 2017-2018

In May and June of each year, we begin the process of planning for the next school year. In considering classroom placements, our school based team take into consideration each child's social, emotional and academic needs. Our goal is to meet the needs of all students at Franklin in order to maximize their growth as learners and to create balanced and effective learning environments. If there is information that you would like us to consider when placing your child in a class for next year, please put it **in writing to Mrs. Myers** and either **email it or drop it off at the office by June 2nd**. This information will be given to the team and be considered during the placement process. **Please note that no letters will be accepted if names of staff members are used in outlining requests.** As well, please understand that the placement of students into a combined class does not in any way reflect their academic ability; with the number of students currently enrolled at Franklin for next year, there will likely be many combined classes. Please be aware that this organization can change depending on the number of students who register over the summer and those who actually arrive to school in September. As such, classes are tentative and may change during the first week and month of school. Consequently, we cannot be sure of how the grade levels will be organized, for example a grade 3 class could become a grade 2/3 or a grade 3/4 combined class depending on our registration. Also, we cannot know for sure which teachers will be teaching each class as staffing may change in August or September if teachers transfer into and out of Franklin. We appreciate your support in this complex, multi-level process of arranging educationally sound and balanced classes.

ADMINISTRATOR MOVES

This year, there are many school-based administrators retiring at the end of June. That, together with other vacancies emerging across the district, has created the need for a large number of Principals and Vice Principals moving to new school communities in September. I would like to let you that I have been assigned to a new school, effective August 1st. Ms. Maureen McDonnell will be the new Principal here at Franklin. She is currently at Carnarvon in the role of Vice Principal. I look forward to working with her and introducing her to the community to ensure a smooth transition. I truly have had a wonderful experience here at Franklin; staff, students and parents have all been so amazing to work with and I will miss this community greatly.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Our final assembly will be on **Tuesday June 27th at 9:15am**. At this assembly, we will recognize the grade 7 students and certain members of staff. Student awards will also be presented. We hope many of you will join us to celebrate the end of another amazing year at Franklin. On **Thursday June 29th at 11:00am** we will have our **final slide show** and recognize

all of the students who participated in our sports teams this year.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school is Thursday June 29th. Students attend school from 9-3pm that day.

BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK

Next week, May 29th to June 2nd is Bike to School week. We are encouraging all Franklin staff, students and parents to bike, scooter, unicycle, heelee, skateboard, walk, run...whatever is active. If you bring your bike to school, you can lock it to the bike racks outside or store it in the gym during the week. Please remember that there are **no wheels allowed on school grounds from 8:40 am – 3:20 pm**. This is for everyone's safety. What does that mean? That means when you arrive to the sidewalk around the school you must stop using your bike, scooter, unicycle, heeles – ANYTHING THAT HAS WHEELS, and safely bring your mode of transportation into the school.

HOT LUNCH FUNDRAISER

Every Wednesday, the teachers at Franklin organize and distribute either pizza or sushi lunch. The fundraised money helps support classroom enhancements throughout the year. Some of the ways the money has enhanced students' learning includes; book boxes and beanbag chairs for classroom library, robotics lessons, field studies, lunar new year celebrations, art supplies, cooking supplies, math and science supplies, math manipulatives and ukuleles. The staff greatly appreciate your contribution to this fundraiser over the year and would like to thank you for your support.

FAMILY PICNIC

The Franklin Community Association will be hosting a Family Picnic on Saturday June 24th from 4-7pm in the Franklin School field. Music, bouncy castles, face painters, climbing wall, acro-flier and more! Bring your own picnic. We are in need of volunteers for this event. Email ldavis@sutton.com if you can lend us a hand.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Don't forget about this fun night out at Steamworks Brewery, May 27 6pm – Midnight, in support of Franklin students and school. Family, friends and neighbours welcome. This is an adult only event. The PAC looks forward to seeing you all there!

PAC MEETING

The final PAC meeting of the school year will be held on **Wednesday June 21st at 6:30pm** in the staffroom. Child minding is available. We hope to see you there.

INFORMATION FOR SUMMER SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMS

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2017 Summer School Program information can be found at <https://summer.vsb.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx>. **Registration opened on May 5th** and course calendars can be picked up from the office.

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.

ALLERGY POLICY

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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.