



SIR JOHN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The *Student of the Month Award* is presented to deserving students on a monthly basis. Students are presented with a certificate and a pen at our monthly assembly. We also put up a group photo in the main hallway. Congratulations to the following students for the month of April:

- Division 1 | Jasper L., Kevin L., Sebastian P.
- Division 2 | Daniel P., Amy L., Brandon H., Marissa S.
- Division 3 | Queena W., Hugo W., Maggie Y., Hannah P.
- Division 4 | Chloe H., Dillon J., Niccolo N.
- Division 5 | Graham N., Marjorie L., Joseph B.
- Division 6 | Leon G., Elias H., Keira S., Maurice B., Olivia C.
- Division 7 | Jaiden N., Claudio M., Nadirah M.
- Division 8 | Daniel T., Tristan B., Mya T., Nolan R.
- Division 9 | Olivia K., Taylor C., Salina R.

BIG ONE at TWO

All VSB schools participate in two earthquake drills each year; one in the fall and the Big One @ Two drill which is scheduled for **Thursday, May 4th**. At 2:00pm we will play an earthquake tape over the PA system and all students will drop and cover for 60 seconds after the sounds of the shaking stop. Classes will then head to the field and our staff will proceed with the planned preparations. This year, we will be holding a partial earth quake drill and the students will return to class about 2:20pm in order for the staff to proceed with an emergency student reunification drill.

EMERGENCY REUNIFICATION DRILL

This year we are inviting **up to 20 interested parents/guardians** to come to the school around 2:30pm to participate in a mock student-parent **Emergency Reunification drill**. Interested parents are asked to RSVP with the Main Office. We expect this to be a chaotic high energy learning experience...and it will be far from perfect, but it will allow us to learn and improve together! The drill will end at just before 3:00PM and regular dismissal will proceed after that. The VSB uses the same Reunification process as most other school districts. It involves parents reporting to a Check-In desk, showing personal identification (ID), and our staff confirming the person picking-up a student is listed with the school as an Emergency Contact of the student.

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will be on **Friday May 19th**. Students will attend for the whole day as usual. There will be a concession stand and pizza lunch organized and run by the grade 7 parents - all money raised will go towards the grade 7 leaving ceremony to celebrate our amazing grade 7 students. We will be sending more information home closer to the date. Please try to come out and join the fun!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday May 5th is a Curriculum Implementation Day – students do not attend school. 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.

PARENT APPRECIATION TEA

Parents support our school community in so many ways: driving or supervising on field trips, helping out in the classrooms, manning the snack shack, distributing fruit and veggies, attending PAC meetings, donating money by buying sushi and pizza lunches, coaching and supervising sport teams, supporting special events such as the Halloween extravaganza – the list goes on and on. On **Wednesday May 10th**, the Franklin staff will be hosting an **Appreciation Tea to thank parents for all of the support given to our school community** throughout the year. We hope you will be able to join us in the library between **8:30 and 9:30am**. Please feel free to come by for a few minutes or stay the whole time. We will have coffee and breakfast treats. Child minding will be available – please contact the office with the age of your child/ren so that we can plan accordingly.

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 drop it off at the office by the end of May. 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. We appreciate your support in this complex, multi-level process of arranging educationally sound and balanced classes.

STUDENT COUNCIL USED BOOK SALE

Our student council has been very busy this past month planning for a used book sale. For every two books that children bring in they will receive one ticket for a free book during the sale. All used books can be brought to Mr. Coffin's room (205) at any time and will be exchanged for tickets. The sale will take place on **Wednesday May 10th** from 8:15-9:00, at recess, lunch and then again afterschool. All proceeds will be donated to International Elephant Foundation, an elephant conservation organization. Great initiative Student Council!

KEEPING OUR GROUNDS CLEAN

The Franklin community has really noticed the increased garbage in our school grounds, especially now that the warmer weather has come. One way that Franklin students do their part to keep the grounds clean is by having one class on grounds clean-up each week – this class goes out a few times a week with gloves, tongs, and buckets to pick up garbage. Staff have also been reminding children to make sure that all of their lunch, including wrappers, goes back into their lunch bag when the bell rings. We have been discussing ways to implement 'litterless lunch' practices for next year. If you have any other ideas on how we can keep our grounds clean, please let us know.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Franklin will be hosting our annual Welcome to Kindergarten event for students and families registered to attend Franklin school in September. The event will be held in our library on **Wednesday May 24th** from 1:30-2:30. Information will be emailed directly to registered families.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR OUR BC FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM

A huge thank you goes out to Elaine Wardley who has organized and ran the BC Fruit and Vegetable Program for Franklin for quite a few years now. This year she received help from Shelley Yu to distribute them – thank you both as this program is not possible without the support of parent volunteers. **We are in need of a volunteer to organize and run the program for the 2017-2018 school year.** If you are interested, please let the office know and we can connect you with Elaine or Shelley to get more information. Information can also be found at <http://www.sfvnp.ca/running-the-program.html>. We need to submit our **application for next year by May 22nd**, so please let us know as soon as possible if you think you can help us out.

PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting will be held on **Wednesday May 17th at 6:30pm** in the staffroom. Child minding is available. We hope to see you there.

INFORMATION FOR SUMMER SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMS

SUMMER SCHOOL

2017 Summer School Program information can be found at <https://summer.vsb.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx>. **Registration opens 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.