



SIR JOHN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE FRANKLIN EXPRESS

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Artwork created by students in divisions 3, 7, 8 & 9

SCHOOL GOALS 2017-18

- 1. Social Emotional Learning** - To promote social emotional development by teaching students the necessary skills to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships and make responsible decisions.
- 2. Aboriginal Cultural Enhancement** - To increase knowledge, acceptance, empathy, awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal histories, traditions, cultures and contributions among all students.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The *Student of the Month Award* is presented to students on a monthly basis. This year we will recognize students based on a monthly theme. For the month of November, we recognize students who have demonstrated exceptional skills in approaching new tasks with a positive attitude and seek out opportunities for learning new and interesting things. These students consistently put forth their best effort toward all school activities. The deserving students are presented with a certificate at our monthly assembly. We also put up a group photo in the main hallway. Congratulations to the following students:

Students of the Month for November:

- Division 1- Caitlin, Emma, Matthew
- Division 2- Anneliese, Hazel, Max
- Division 3- Nathan, Isabela, Mackenzie
- Division 4- Emily, Isabella, Andrew
- Division 5 -Nathalie, Joseph, Evelyn
- Division 6 -Violet, Noah
- Division 7 -Sadie, Maya, Mya , Riley
- Division 8 -Julian, Gavin
- Division 9 -Sadie, Micah

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the Vancouver School District runs from November 1 to January 31 for children who will be turning five by December 31, 2018. The first step is to register at your neighborhood English catchment school even if you plan to apply to a district Choice Program or cross boundary to another school. For more information on general kindergarten admission visit www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten

DISTRICT CHOICE PROGRAMS

The district choice programs are offered to students from Grade 1 to 6.

Information sessions are posted on the VSB site: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/choice-info>

Paper application form for the choice programs: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/sites/default/files/Gr1-7-Application2013.pdf>

Please note that priority application deadline for **Grade One Choice** programs is March 31. Applications for grade one placement received between November 1st and March 31st of the school year preceding grade one entry will be considered as per the placement priorities. Please check the link below for the choice program regulation:

<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/district-policy/jecc-r-student-admission-and-school-choice-regulation-0>

STAFFING UPDATE

I am pleased to announce that we have hired a permanent classroom teacher for Div. 4. Ms Chelsea Luchenski is an experienced educator and has taught in many school districts in BC and Saskatchewan. Most recently, she taught in an independent school. Ms. Luchenski will begin at Franklin on December 11th. Please join me to welcome Ms. Luchenski to Franklin.

PAC DIRECT DRIVE

We have received \$5450 from Franklin PAC as a result of the Direct Drive. We will use the money to purchase 10 additional ipads and it will bring our school ipads to a total of 24. The ipads are kept in the library for teachers to sign out to work with students in the classroom. I'd like to thank Franklin PAC and all parents for their generosity. The school will mail out tax receipts once the transactions have been processed with the Accounting Department at VSB.

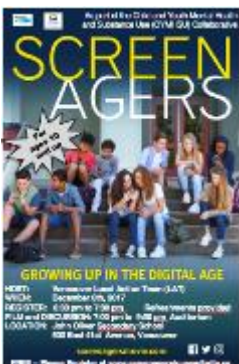


FRANKLIN YOUNG ENTREPRENEURSHIP SHOW

Members of the Franklin community are invited to the FIRST Franklin Young Entrepreneurship Show hosted by our Grade 7 students. The show will be held from **1:30 to 4:00 pm, on Thursday, December 7th** in the school gymnasium. Come check out all the great inventions, arts and crafts, hand made by our Grade 7 entrepreneurs. All products are priced from \$0.5 to \$5.00. Great opportunity to start

your holiday shopping! A big thank-you to Mr. Organge for sponsoring this event.

SCREENAGERS VIEWING



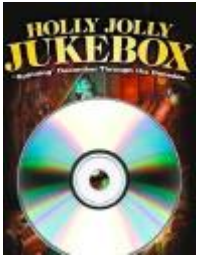
There will be a viewing of the film Screenagers at John Oliver Secondary School on Wednesday, December 6 starting at 6:00 pm. This is a free event that has been organized by the Vancouver Local Action team as part of the Child & Youth Mental Health & Substance Use Collaborative. There will be a moderated Q & A following the film viewing as well as light refreshments. Please note the film is for ages 10 and up. Parents and youths are welcome to attend.

FRANKLIN SPORTS



We just wrapped up a very exciting volleyball season at Franklin. Students enjoyed learning new skills playing the sport and contributing to their general fitness. Basketball season will begin in January. Thank you to our dedicated volleyball coach Mr. Orange and sponsor teachers Mr. Burrus and Ms. Balzarini. We would also like to thank the parents who helped by driving students to the games. We have scheduled a staff vs. students volleyball game on December 20th at 1:30 pm. Parents are welcome to watch.

HOLLY JOLLY JUKEBOX WINTER CONCERT



The students have been working hard rehearsing the winter concert, Holly Jolly Jukebox. The concert will be held at 1:15 pm and 6:00 pm on Thursday, December 14th in the school gymnasium. Please be reminded that the day time concert is open to all Franklin families. Admission for the evening performance is \$2 per ticket. A big thank-you to Mr. Burrus, our music teacher and concert director; as well as teacher sponsors Mrs. Knight and Mrs. DiGiovanni.

FRANKLIN FOOD BANK DRIVE

Once again, this holiday season we will be collecting non-perishable items for the Food Bank. For every 10 cans that we collect in every classroom, we will hang one tree ornament with the division number on the Christmas tree. This year, we will also be accepting cash donations. For every dollar donated, the food bank will be able to buy 4 cans of food. So for every dollar we receive from a class, we will count four cans toward the classroom total. If you wish to donate by cheque, please make it out to "Greater Vancouver Food Bank". All donations will be accepted until December 22nd. Thank you to students in Div. 5 and Mr. Coffin for sponsoring the holiday Food Drive.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost items are piling up at our Lost and Found corner. Our LOST & FOUND corner is located by the exit door in the hall next to the Lunch Room. Please swing by LOST & FOUND to retrieve your child's lost items when you drop off or pick up your child from school.



IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRADUATION YEARS

Please find attached at the end of this newsletter a letter from the Minister of Education regarding the change in scheduling for the implementation of the Graduation Years (Gr. 10-12) curriculum.



Friday, December 1 st	Pro-D day (students do not attend)
Tuesday, December 5 th	Inside VPD presentations by Const. Mah (1:10 & 2:00)
Thursday, December 7 th	Hearing check for Kindergarten (9:30am)
Friday, December 8 th	Div. 1 @ Science Challenge (Templeton School)
Wednesday, December 13 th	Vision Screening for Kindergarten (9:00am)
Thursday, December 14 th	Winter concerts (1:15 & 6:00 pm)
Wednesday, December 20 th	Staff vs. Students volleyball games
Thursday, December 21 st	Report cards go home
Friday, December 22 nd	Students of the Month Assembly @ 9:10am; last day before winter holidays

ALLERGY POLICY



这是重要的信息，请让人们为您翻译

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 Ms. McDonnell for further information. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



November 3, 2017 Dear Parents and Guardians:

Ref: 196911

Re: Changes to the New Curriculum Implementation Schedule for Grades 10–12

Our government would like to do everything we can to ensure children are ready for the challenges of tomorrow, and that students develop the collaboration, critical thinking and communication skills that post-secondary institutions and employers are looking for. To that end, the Ministry of Education is in the midst of rolling out a new curriculum that benefits students by preparing them with new knowledge, skills and abilities that will be needed in a rapidly changing world.

British Columbia is already a world leader in education—our students regularly rank among the best in international assessments. The new curriculum is ensuring they remain at the top of the class and are fully prepared for the challenges and opportunities of the future. Kindergarten to Grade 9 teachers are already using the new curriculum, and Grade 10-12 teachers are currently trialing it in their classrooms.

In my first three months as Minister, I engaged with many partners in the education sector, and continue to hear overwhelmingly positive feedback on the new curriculum and how it is working in classrooms for students of all ages. At the same time, teachers, parents and educational leaders have expressed the need for more time to ensure the transition to the new curriculum goes smoothly for the critically important graduation years.

As Minister of Education, it is one of my top priorities to ensure all students experience a seamless transition to the new curriculum. That is why we are adding an additional year of transition time to bring in the Grade 11-12 curriculum—now all students will be using it starting in September 2019. The Grade 10 curriculum will be implemented as planned in September 2018.

I am confident teachers, administrators, post-secondary institutions and education leaders all across the province will use this extra time to make sure everyone is ready, including students and parents. Teachers will now have more time to prepare and organize classroom supports and resources, and the new curriculum will be well-aligned with post-secondary admission requirements so students have the best possible chance for future success.

The curriculum and graduation requirements have been, and continue to be, thoughtfully designed and reviewed by hundreds of teachers and in collaboration with education partners across the province.

Ministry of Education

Office of the Minister Mailing Address: PO Box 9045 Stn Prov Govt Victoria BC V8W 9E2 Location: Parliament Buildings Victoria

With this extra year, we will ensure teachers have what they need to support students as they develop the skills they need to transition smoothly to the post-secondary institutions and jobs of their choice.

Below you will find details on exactly how this change will affect students, including information on the provincial graduation assessments. If students or parents have specific concerns about the new curriculum, the graduation program or post-secondary requirements, I encourage them to get in touch with their teacher or school principal.

Sincerely,

Rob Fleming Minister

When is it changing?

Grade 11–12 curriculum will be fully implemented in September 2019, one year later than previously planned.

The Grade 10 curriculum will be implemented as planned in September 2018.

The new Provincial Literacy Graduation Assessment will be moved to align with the new Grade 11 and 12 curriculum implementation, with the first assessment scheduled for January 2020.

As previously planned, the Provincial Numeracy Graduation Assessment will be taken for the first time in January 2018 as part of a staged roll-out, with another session in June 2018.

For more detailed information, please visit <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/graduation>.

How will this change affect me?

Students currently in Grade 9 and younger will continue their learning with the new curriculum throughout their graduation years. Students in this group will participate in the 2018 Graduation Program, and take the new graduation assessments.

Students currently in Grade 10 may take the Provincial Numeracy Assessment starting in January 2018, and they will take the Provincial Literacy Assessment in January, June or August 2020.

Students currently in Grade 11 will continue on the current curriculum and will take the new Numeracy Assessment prior to graduation.

Students currently in Grade 12 will not be affected by these changes, and will continue to work towards completion using the 2004 Graduation Program requirements.