



SIR JOHN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL GOALS 2017-18

FRANKLIN HALLOWEEN 'EXTRAVI-DANCE'

- 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 October, we would like to recognize students who have demonstrated exceptional skills in participating in class discussions and activities in an attentive and respectful manner. These students listen to the opinions of others and contributes their own ideas on a variety of topics. 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 October:

- Division 1- Erica, Sasha and Daniel
- Division 2- Kira, Zeta and Gabriel
- Division 3- Cora, Abby and Jaiden
- Division 4- Monica, Rafe, Maria
- Division 5- Kotone, Danny and Jaiden
- Division 6 – Danika, Holly and Antonia
- Division 7- Jordan, Gabriel, Isaiah
- Division 8- Daniel, Annie and Abigail
- Division 9- Sarah



GIT HAYETSK DANCE GROUP

On October 2nd, students and staff were treated with a performance by the Git Hayetsk Dancers. We were introduced to many beautiful hand-crafted masks that are related to the dancers' families and ancestry. Every mask represents a family history. The Git Hayetsk performance provided us with an opportunity to increase our knowledge and appreciation of aboriginal cultures and traditions. We would like to thank Franklin PAC and the VSB for sponsoring this event. Thank you also to our Aboriginal Educational Enhancement Worker Godwin Barton for connecting us with the Git Hayetsk Dancers.

MINI SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Program information nights are held in October and November for grade 7 parents who are interested in learning more about our district's mini schools; please check the online calendar for specific dates

<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/programs/mini-school-registration>.

- **Online registration** for the Mini-School **assessment test** is available starting October 27th. Deadline for registration for the test is November 9th – with no exceptions.
- **Assessment date is November 21, 2017 for all pre-registered students.**

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>

FRANKLIN YOUTH CREDIT UNION

Our Youth Credit Union program is operated and managed by students at Franklin and overseen by Nita Tuan of VanCity. Each student who joins will have a VanCity Investment Savings Account opened in their name. Deposits can be made during lunch every Tuesday that school is in session. If you would like more information or would like your child to participate, please contact the office. Thank you to Mr. Orange for being the teacher sponsor this year.

VPD PRESENTATIONS

On Tuesday, October 24th Constable Mah visited Franklin School to talk with students about Halloween safety. He will return in December to talk with students about his work as a VPD police officer. Constable Johnson visited Franklin on Monday, October 30 for a pedestrian safety presentation. Future topics with VPD will include Internet Safety and Bullying.



MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

Our school library is open after school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Families are welcome to come and visit the library during this time. I am happy to help you choose books, such as good picks for helping students learn to read at home, or recommendations for novels to read together as a family. I can also help you find books to fit challenging circumstances, such as the loss of a pet.

Does your child need help remembering to return his or her library book on time? One helpful tip is to set a reminder on your smartphone as an alert the night before books are

due. All classes are scheduled with a library time as follows:

Tuesday - Div. 2, 3 and 9

Wednesday - Div. 4 and 5

Thursday - Div. 1, 6, 7, 8

Everyone is welcome to visit the library afterschool when we are open to exchange books.

Also, we are seeking one Volunteer to help shelve the Non-Fiction books. Thursday mornings are preferred from 9:00-9:20, but other times are possible.

Please contact Mrs. Ritchie if you are interested in helping take care of our beautiful library: aritchie@vsb.bc.ca

Your Teacher-Librarian (and book fanatic),
Mrs. Ritchie

FRANKLIN PAC

Franklin PAC AGM was held on Wednesday, October 18th in the staff room. At the meeting, the new executive committee was elected. We would like to thank the parents who take the time off their busy schedule to attend the PAC meetings. A huge thank you to the executive members who volunteer their time to run the Franklin PAC and organize school events to bring the community together.

PAC Executive members 2017-2018

Chair: Lara Davis

Vice Chair: Beth Wolfe

Treasurer: Linda Gradnitzer

Secretary: Jody Timmis

Members at Large: Veronica Braico, Ivy Toy and Stephen Tarrant

FRANKLIN HALLOWEEN 'EXTRAVI-DANCE'



A big thank-you to Franklin PAC for a fun-filled Halloween event! It was well attended with over 200 tickets sold. Thank you to Elizabeth Hudgins for taking the lead on organizing the event. Thank you to all the parents who decorated the gym, hallway and the music room, as well as cleaning up after the event. A special thank-you to Keri Adams who headed the decorating team and Ivy Toy who supervised food purchasing and distributing. We also wanted to thank the Grade 7 students for running the haunted house and carving the jack-o-lanterns. Thank you to the students and parents who attended with their spectacular costumes. You all look *spooktacular*. Happy Halloween everyone!

AFTER RECESS AND LUNCH LINE-UP

Due to safety concerns and to reduce the congestion on the stairway, primary students have been lining up outside after recess and lunch and go up to their classrooms led by their teachers. We have since observed smoother transitions and students are calmer upon entering their classrooms. I would like to thank the staff and parents who have provided us with feedback as we are trying out this new strategy to promote a safe and calm learning environment for students.



FRANKLIN SPORTS

Volleyball season has started. Practises are Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:00 to 9:00 am in the school gym. All the Boys Games are played on Wednesdays and the Girls Games are on Thursdays after school. Soccer and cross-country ended last week. Students had a successful soccer and cross-country season participating and learning new skills. Thank you to our sports coaches Mr. Orange, Ms. Balzarini, Ms. Ritchie and Mr. Burrus as well as our parent drivers.

FRANKLIN REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

The Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on Thursday, November 9th at 11:00 am in the school gymnasium. Parents are welcome to attend. Extra poppies are available in the school office. Donations to the Poppy Trust Fund will be gratefully accepted.



SCHOOL SAFETY ZONES



Student safety is our primary concern. **Please respect these signs on Franklin and Pandora street when dropping off and picking up students. Thank you.**

The following rules are enforced under Street and Traffic Bylaw 2849.

No parking

- Effective from 8:00am to 5:00pm on school days
- For use by motorists dropping off and picking up students
- Limit of 5 minutes

No stopping

- Effective from 8:00am to 5:00pm. on school days
- For students to safely get in, and out of school
- Zone must be clear of vehicles

Vehicles parked in No Parking and No Stopping zones in a school area can be ticketed and towed under section 17.1 of the bylaw.

Vehicles that block pedestrians and motorists

Vehicles blocking pedestrians and motorists in school zones, and elsewhere, will be ticketed under Street and Traffic Bylaw 2849 as follows:

- Sections 17.5 (b) and (c): Parked or stopped too close to a corner
- Sections 17.4 (a) and (b): Stopped on, or within 6 m of a crosswalk
- Section 18.1 (b): Parked in the wrong direction
- Section 18.1 (c): Double parked

PARENT SAFETY PATROL

You may be aware that the Grade 7 safety patrol was suspended in early September due to the heavy traffic conditions on Hastings and Skeena. Safety for students crossing Hastings Street is a growing concern among parents and members in the community. The PAC is looking at different ways to address this issue. We are exploring the possibility of having parents patrolling the busy corner of Hastings and Skeena. Please contact Franklin parent Anita (anita.zaenker@gmail.com) if you're interested in helping out.



Monday, November 6	Mini cucumbers delivered to school
Thursday, November 9	Remembrance Day Assembly @ 11 am
Friday, November 10	Curriculum Implementation Day (no school for students)
Wednesday, November 15	PAC meeting @ 7pm in the staff room
Friday, November 24	Students of the Month Assembly
Monday, November 27	Salish apples delivered to school
Friday, December 1	Pro-D day (no school for students)

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.

[From Hastings Community Center:](#)

A poster for "PRE-TEEN YOUTH NIGHT" with a dark blue background and white and green text. The poster lists activities for three Fridays: Oct 13, Nov 3, and Dec 1. Activities include Design It, Banananana Bread, King Kong, Minute to Win It, Karaoke, and Brownies. The dates Oct 20, Nov 17, and Dec 8 are also listed with activities Spooky Friday and Giving Thanks. The poster includes contact information for Hastings Community Centre and is jointly sponsored by the Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation and the Hastings Community Association.

PRE-TEEN YOUTH NIGHT FREE ACTIVITIES!
FRIDAYS: 6:00-9:00PM
AGES: 8-12

DATES:

OCT. 13	NOV. 3	DEC. 1
DESIGN IT	BANANANANA BREAD	KING KONG
OCT. 20	NOV. 17	DEC. 8
Minute to win it	KARAOKE	Brownies
OCT. 27	NOV. 24	
SPOOKY FRIDAY	Giving Thanks	

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