



SIR JOHN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a relaxing and fun filled break and are excited and energized for another term!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH ASSEMBLY

With all the performances and celebrations last month, we did not have a student of the month assembly. This month's assembly will be on Friday January 27th at 9:15am.

INTENSIVE FRENCH PROGRAM

Did you know that our grade 6 and 7 program here at Franklin is an Intensive French program? Intensive French is a second language teaching approach in which French is taught intensively for most of the day during five months in Grade 6. The students in the program receive about 80% of their instructional day learning French during the first half of the year and 20% during the second half. The rest of the curriculum (except for Mathematics) is "compressed" into the second half of the year. Emphasis is put on oral language and interaction between students.

All of our grade 6 and 7 students at Franklin follow the Intensive French program. We will be having a parent information session for all grade 5 parents later this term. In the meantime, information is available on our website, on the VSB website, or you can contact the Principal directly.

GREATER VANCOUVER FOOD BANK

We collected 24 boxes of non-perishable food donations and \$48 for the Food Bank last month. Way to go Franklin community!

READY, SET, LEARN

This year's Ready, Set, Learn event will look a little different than in past years; we will be hosting a community event with our neighbourhood schools and several community partners. There will be information for parents and activities for three and four year old children. The event will be held at the **Hastings Community Center on Tuesday, February 7th from 10-12pm**. All neighbourhood three and four year old children and their parents are invited to attend.

SNOW EVENT OR SEVERE WEATHER INFORMATION

Information regarding school closures in the event of snow or other emergency situations will be provided to the following local media stations by 7:00 a.m. at the latest on the morning of the closure; CKNW (980AM), CBC (690AM, 105.7FM), CJVB (1470AM), CFHG (96.1FM), CKWX (1130AM), BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11) and City TV (Cable channel 13). School closure information is also available online at <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/severe-weather>.

SAFETY DRILLS

Various safety drills are reviewed and practised regularly throughout the year, including fire, earthquake, lockdown (building intruder), hold and secure and shelter in place (external concern that may impact the

school). Students are prepared in advance and are informed of upcoming drills at the beginning of the school year. As the year progresses, we have several surprise drills for both students and staff. These safety drills allow us to assess our level of preparedness and make adjustments to better prepare in case of an emergency. Students are expected to follow instructions quickly and quietly during drills, exercising the safe practices that have been taught.

PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting will be held on **Wednesday January 18th at 6:30pm** in the staffroom. Child minding is available. We hope to see you there.

A few reminders

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Do you have a child born in 2012? Kindergarten registration started on November 1st.

All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (French Immersion, Montessori, etc.) and/or a cross boundary placement. The priority registration period for Kindergarten opened on **Tuesday November 1st and closes at 4 pm on Tuesday January 31st**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

If your child was born outside of Canada, you need to report to the [VSB District Reception and Placement Centre](#) (DRPC) and complete the initial Kindergarten application there.

In a few Vancouver schools there may be more in-catchment applicants than the school can accommodate. For those schools, applicants who applied within the priority registration period (November 1 to January 31) will be included in a draw for available spaces. Students with siblings already in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed prior to the draw. When registering your child please bring:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records

If you want to apply for a Choice program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for Choice programs and cross boundary placements will be accepted in early 2017, but only after you have registered at your catchment school. **For more information on Kindergarten registration please visit:** <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

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.

Please note:

- Parents are asked to drive in a clockwise direction around the school to ensure the flow of traffic and so that students are not crossing the street in front of cars.
- 3 MINUTE PARKING areas have been established on Pandora, Kootenay and Franklin streets to allow for student drop off on the school side of the streets.
- NO STOPPING ANY TIME signs are for the safety of all children. Please respect them.

- Resident permit parking zones allow for stopping for up to five minutes IF the driver remains in the vehicle.

For the safety of the children, please drive carefully and obey traffic signs around school grounds. The following are traffic signs that are typically posted around Vancouver schools.



“NO STOPPING 8am - 5pm SCHOOL DAYS”

These signs designate the zones where vehicles are not permitted to stop under any circumstances. These zones are kept clear to provide good sight lines for drivers to see students and students to see drivers.



“NO PARKING 8am - 5pm SCHOOL DAYS”

These signs designate the zones for active picking up and dropping off of students. Do not park and leave the vehicle in these zones.



School Area Signs

This sign is used in advance of school to warn drivers that children may be walking along or crossing the road. On local streets 30 km/hr signs are posted and the speed limit is 30 km/hr from 8am - 5pm on school days.



School Crosswalk Signs

A school crosswalk sign indicates where children will be crossing the road. Vehicles must yield to pedestrians at all intersections and crosswalks. Vehicles must remain stopped until children are safely across and on the curb. Please remember children are playful and impulsive and may enter the roadway suddenly.



School Safety Patrols



School safety patrols direct and help students cross at intersections near schools. The school safety patrols are given important responsibilities and follow established procedures to help to ensure the safety of students. Please respect the patrol.

Traffic Safety Tips for Parents

Encourage walking, cycling, or carpooling to school. If you must drive, park a couple of blocks away and walk to the school. Reduce traffic congestion and make school zones safer.



ALLERGIES

ALLERGY POLICY

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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 see attached calendar for important dates and check the school website <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/franklin> for upcoming events.