

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 February:

Division 1 | Scarlett D., Jacob T.

Division 2 | Emma L., Sorelle, H., Shane G., Eva DG.,

Division 3 | Kira N., Sofia M., Zoey L., Oscar K., Amrit J., Charlie G.

Division 4 | Max R., Cosmo FM., Miranda S.

Division 5 | Danny L., James G., Ivanna B., Hayden OB.

Division 6 | Ava >, Max B., I-Seraphina

Division 7 | Kahleya F., Matteo C., Lizzie C., Jordan L.

Division 8 | Mia B., Violet W., Cole C., Olivia L.

Division 9 | Lou K., Marchesa P., Mackenzie H.

STUDENT, PARENT, TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our conferences are being held on Wednesday March 1st and Thursday March 2nd. If you have not yet received a confirmation for your time, please contact your child's teacher. This term, many teachers will be having student-led conferences. The goal of student-led conferences is to provide you with a deeper understanding of what and how your child is learning, your child's learning goals and how you can support your child at home. This is a wonderful opportunity to have your child show you all of the amazing projects they have been working on so far this term. There are often several families in the classroom at the same time and the teacher meets informally with all families. If you have something of a confidential matter to discuss, please make a separate appointment with the teacher. Please note the **2pm dismissal time on both days**.

REPORT CARDS

Term 2 Progress Reports will be issued to students on Thursday, March 9th. If you have any questions or concerns, please make an appointment to see the classroom teacher.

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is happening from Monday Feb. 27 to Thursday Mar. 2. This is a wonderful opportunity to generate excitement about books, foster a love of reading, and help support our school fundraising efforts. It will be open in the Music Room before and after school, as well as during Conference times. Plan to come by and check it out! A portion of all funds raised will help support our school library. If you are able to volunteer with the Book Fair, please contact our librarian Mrs. Ritchie at aritchie@vsb.bc.ca.

2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Planning for the next school year has already begun. School enrolment projections for next year are based on the children who are registering for Kindergarten as well as confirmations of students returning to Franklin next year. It would be greatly appreciated if you would fill out the form that was sent home last month or telephone

the school if you know you will not be returning to Franklin in September 2017.

UBC READING WEEK PROJECT

Franklin was thrilled to be a part of the UBC reading week project again this year. We participated in 3 days of 'multicultural games' which aligned very well with our school goal of physical literacy. Ten students from various faculties at UBC spent three days teaching and playing games with our students. Favorites included a balloon relay, blind hen and Egyptian sticks. A big thank you to Mr. Coffin who organized and coordinated the project as well as the two UBC student leaders who spent many hours ensuring that everything ran smoothly.

PINK DAY

Wednesday, February 22nd was Pink Day across the country. Pink Day was started in Nova Scotia by a group of secondary students who wanted to show support for a male classmate who was being bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school. Pink Day now receives national recognition and brings messages about acceptance and bullying prevention. Along with other schools in the district, Franklin observed Pink Day with students and staff wearing pink and engaging in discussions and activities that focussed on diversity and acceptance.

SPRING BREAK

School is closed for Spring Break from March 13th to 17th. District Closure days extend the break from March 20th to the 24th. Students **return to school on Monday, March 27th 2017**. We wish everyone a safe and happy vacation!

PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting will be held on **Wednesday April 19th at 6:30pm** in the staffroom. Child minding is available. We hope to see you there.

YMCA SPRING BREAK CAMPS

Spring Break is a time for kids to be kids! It's a chance to play, to run, and to be free from the busy school schedule. That's why the YMCA offers day camps, so that every child can reach their full potential. Join them for fun-filled days of arts and crafts, games, sports and an opportunity to make new friends. The nearest YMCA day camp locations to Franklin Elementary are located at the Hastings YMCA Kids Club or Cascade Heights YMCA Kids Club. Check out everything they have to offer online at gv.ymca.ca/camps

A few reminders

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Students are supervised by staff before school from 8:40 until 9:00 am and after school from 3:00 until 3:20 pm. Children should not arrive before 8:40 or leave after 3:20 unless specifically requested to do so as part of an organized/supervised activity, otherwise they will be unsupervised.

SUN RUN

Are you interested in joining Canada's largest 10K? The annual Vancouver Sun Run will be taking place on Sunday, April 23rd. Join the Franklin team and bring your family to this fun event! There is the option of running a timed 10k, and also a fun 2.5k Mini Sun Run for the kids. For more information on the event, visit their website: <http://www.vancouversun.com/sunrun>. To register yourself and your family, go to this site: <https://register.vancouversunrun.com>. It will prompt you to sign in or log in. After that, click on 'Join an Existing Team', then type 'Franklin' into the search bar. Choose 'Franklin Elementary School' and add yourself from previous years, or create a new profile, and follow the prompts. The Franklin captain will pick up race packages and distribute them at the school prior to the event. The last day for Early Bird entry fees are Friday,

Feb 3rd for the Mini Sun Run, and Friday, Feb 17th for the 10K run, whether you're registering a student or adult. Friends and family are welcome to join our team too, but keep in mind because it's a youth team, they want one youth/child per adult registering. Any questions, please email Elaine at elainehsuwardley@gmail.com.

YOUTH TEAM DIVISION

Student

Early Bird Rate (By Feb. 17) - \$22

February 18 - March 24 - \$32

All fees are subject to GST.

Early Bird 2.5K Shaw Mini Sun Run (until Feb. 3):

\$22 plus GST (Under 18 years)

\$35 plus GST (18 years and older)

Adult

Early Bird Rate (By Feb. 17) - \$35

February 18 - March 24 - \$40

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.

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:

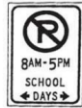
- Parents are asked to drive in a clockwise direction around the school to ensure the flow of traffic and so that students are not crossing the street in front of cars.
- 3 MINUTE PARKING areas have been established on Pandora, Kootenay and Franklin streets to allow for student drop off on the school 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

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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 check the school website <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/franklin> for upcoming events.