



SIR JOHN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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FRANKLIN SCHOOL GOALS (2018-2019):

- 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.

Heart-Mind Well-Being



heartmindonline.org



The Heart-Mind Index was developed by the Dalai Lama Center for Peace and Education and UBC's Human Early Learning Partnership.



HEART-MIND WELL-BEING

Social Emotional Learning will continue to be our school goal this year. The focus for this year will be “Heart-mind Well-Being”, a program co-developed by the Dalai Lama Center for Peace + Education and UBC’s Human Early Learning. At last Friday’s Professional Development Day (September 21st), Franklin staff worked with the staff from the Dalai Lama Center for Peace and Education to learn about ways to support students’ social emotional development represented by the five human qualities: *Secure and Calm*, *Compassionate and Kind*, *Alert and Engaged*, *Gets Along with Others*, *Solves Problems peacefully*. Two more sessions of professional development have been planned for staff. Parents will be invited to attend those meetings (more information to follow).



FOR PEACE+EDUCATION

How do we educate the mind and the heart? Why do we promote social emotional learning in children? To learn more, have a look at the the following video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66HDe_sr9FQ

SAFE ARRIVAL



If your child will be absent or late for school, please inform the school office by leaving a brief message with your child’s name and division number or your child’s teacher’s name at (604) 713-4709 before 9:00am. Thank you.

STUDENT SIGN OUT POLICY

Once the children arrive at school, they remain under the care of the school staff until the end of the day. Please be advised that students need to be signed out at the office if they need to leave the school during the school day.

SCHOOL ACTIVE TRAVEL PLANS 2018-2019

Due to traffic safety concerns in the Franklin neighbourhood, Franklin School has been chosen to participate in the School Active Travel Plans for this school year. The school Active Travel Plan is sponsored by the City of Vancouver. The objective is to make it safe for our students to walk and bike to school. In early October, as a part of the project, students will participate in an in-class survey and followed by an online parent survey. There will be a neighbourhood walkabout with a representative from the City of Vancouver and Franklin parents on October 23 at 8:45am. Thank you to our parents Anita Zaenker, Beth Wolfe, Jody Timmis, Angela North and Patricia Cullen for representing parents on the walkabout. Please contact Anita (anita.zaenker@gmail.com 604-376-6201) if you would like to be a part of the traffic safety committee.



PARENT TRAFFIC PATROL

Due to congestion and safety concerns on Hastings and Skeena, the Grade 7 students will no longer patrol this corner. We hope to have parents who will step up to help our students get across Hastings Street safely. Please contact Anita Zaenker (contact information above) if you are able to help out.

FRANKLIN TERRY FOX RUN

The annual Terry Fox Run will be held on **Thursday, September 27th**. Intermediate students will be joining other schools to run at Empire Field at 9:30 am, while primary classes will be running at Franklin at 1:30 pm. There will be a Terry Fox Run assembly at school at 1:00 pm. All parents are welcome to attend. Please make sure that your child returns his or her fieldtrip permission form prior to the run at the PNE (Empire Field). Grade 7 students will continue to collect donations until this Friday. Money raised will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research.



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL-AGM (OCTOBER 10th)

There are many ways to be involved in your child's education and school life at Franklin. All Franklin parents are part of the PAC and are encouraged to come to regular meetings to get to know other parents and get involved with what is happening at the school. More information about our PAC can be found at <http://franklinpac.weebly.com/>. The Franklin PAC AGM will be held on **Wednesday, October 10th at 7:00 pm** in the Staff Room. At this meeting, members will elect the next PAC chair as well as many PAC executive positions. All Franklin parents are welcome to attend. Child care will be provided.



YOUTH CREDIT UNION

Once again, Franklin is partnering with the VanCity Credit Union to run the Youth Credit Union every Tuesday at lunch, beginning October 2nd. Research has shown that children who develop financial literacy at an early age are more successful in managing their finances as an adult. The Youth Credit Union is a great way for students to develop financial literacy. All new students to Franklin will receive an application to make deposits at school. Current students who would like to join please pick up an application form from Mrs. Switzer at the office.

PROVINCIAL BY-LAW

Please be informed of the provincial by-law on Smoking and Vaping on school property.

All public and private kindergarten to Grade 12 schools in B.C. are tobacco and vape-free under the Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act and Regulation. This ban extends to all school property 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, regardless of whether or not school is in session. The ban also includes vehicles, parking lots, sports fields, driveways, courtyards, and private vehicles parked on school property. Please note: Marijuana is still illegal until legislation changes in October. Marijuana and other drugs would currently be dealt with through the Controlled Drug and Substances Act and not a bylaw.

There is an exception to the tobacco-free restriction:

The ceremonial use of tobacco is exempted from the ban on tobacco use in schools if the ceremonial use is pre-approved by the school board and it is performed in relation to a traditional aboriginal activity.

To report any violation on the school grounds when school is not in session, please phone the Vancouver Police Department non-emergency phone number: (604)717-3321.



COMMUNITY SKATE

The PNE is kicking off its Community Skate program for this season on **Sunday, September 30** with a *free* skate at the Agrodome! All Franklin families are invited to attend these family skate events.



PARKING/DROP OFF PROCEDURES

Please respect the traffic and parking signs around our school. When school is in session, a 30-km per hour school zone speed limit is in effect from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every school day, unless otherwise posted. Also, remember that vehicles approaching from both directions must stop for school buses when their lights are flashing. Thank you for keeping our students safe.



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| Tuesday, September 24th | Youth Credit Union training for Grade 7 students |
| Thursday, September 27th | Terry Fox Run (9:30 am Grade 4 to 7; 1:30 pm K to 3); Terry Fox Assembly at 1:00 |
| Friday, September 28th | Sand Northrup-one women circus performance |
| Tuesday, October 2nd (and every Tuesday) | Youth Credit Union begins |
| Monday, October 8th | Thanksgiving |
| Wednesday, October 10th | PAC AGM at 7:00 pm |
| Thursday, October 18th | District Cross Country Meet |
| Friday, October 19th | Professional Development Day |
| Tuesday, October 23rd | School Walkabout (School Active Travel Plan)T |
| Thursday, October 25th | Student of the Month Assembly at 9:15am |
| Friday, October 26th | Halloween Dance (after school, details to follow) |
| Wednesday, November 7th | Goal Setting Conferences (2:00 early dismissal) |
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| Friday, November 9th | Professional Development Day |
| Monday, November 12th | Remembrance Day holiday |
| Friday, December 21st | Last day of instruction before winter break |
| Monday, January 7th 2019 | School re-opens after winter vacation |



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.