

Garibaldi Annex Newsletter



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Message from the Vice-Principal

September has been a very busy and eventful month and we've had a successful start to the school year. I must say that I am so impressed with the Monday morning assemblies run by the students of Division 1 and it's wonderful to see many of the parents attend as well. It certainly shows that the staff and the parents have created a wonderfully, positive learning environment for the children at Garibaldi. I was also very happy to have met with the Parent Advisory Council. Garibaldi is lucky to have such a committed and active group of parents who work hard to fundraise for programs and activities that benefit all the children at the school. One such program supported by the PAC is our school wide ArtsStarts initiative where all students will be reflecting back on our 150 year Canadian Heritage with a focus on "Trees". The students in their own journal will create watercolours, mixed media, and digital photos as they explore the impact trees have had on us. The students' social and emotional growth will be enhanced as they gain respect for, and a connection to trees, thanks to Aboriginal Jenoa Esquirp and Naturalist Darren Cliello, who will be sharing their stories, skills and knowledge. This educational experience will be shared with the parents at a future Learning Celebration. I would encourage everyone to come out to the meetings if you are able to. The next meeting is Wednesday, October 18th from 6 - 7:30pm.

Donna Emeno
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Important Dates

Oct 9	Thanksgiving No School
Oct 20	Pro D Day No School
Oct 24	Photo Day Individual Class & Panorama

**Garibaldi School
Student Code**

BE SAFE,

BE FAIR,

BE KIND,

**And ALWAYS TRY
YOUR BEST**



Reporting Student Absences

Student Safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on a

dedicated answering service by calling **604-713-5062**. Messages will be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

To Report Your Child's Absence - Please call **604-713-5062** prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence. Thank you.

Student Sign Out Procedure

When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you sign them out at the school office. If you do not sign out your child, they will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a 'missing' student and will commence a search of school grounds. If the school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent promptly, the school will call the Vancouver Police Department. Therefore, clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!



Raise a Reader

Thursday, September 21st was Raise a Reader Day. Here are some tips on creating a lifelong reader, taken from home and School Connection:

- Continue to read with your child at home. It's free, it's fun and it will bring you and your child closer.
- Find a time each day when you and your child can get cozy and enjoy a good book!
- If your child doesn't already have a library card, sign them up!
- Find books that expand your child's interests (animals, outer space), deal with an event (a new baby, a visit to the dentist), and build character (friendship, truthfulness)

School Pictures

This year Lifetouch will once again be taking Individual, Class, and the Panorama Photo's all on the same day. October 24th starting at 9:00 am. **Please mark your calendars.**

Shake Out BC

Garibaldi Annex will be participating in the province wide earthquake drill on October 19th at 10:10am. Garibaldi is working on a detailed emergency evacuation plan following the Vancouver Board of Education Emergency management Program. This will be one of two earthquake drills we will have this school year, the other being the Big One at 2 on Thursday, May 3, 2018.

Kindergarten Registration Procedures for 2018 - 2019

Application for Kindergarten for the school year 2018 - 2019 will begin on November 1, 2017. Catchment students applying for registration between November 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018 will be given first consideration over those who apply later. If you have a child born in 2013 or know someone that will have a child attending Kindergarten in September 2018, please register them during the above time frame in order to help guarantee your child's placement in their home school. Stay tuned for upcoming registration procedures.

Congestion in the Stairwell at Morning Bell Time

A reminder to parents if you are bringing your child down to their classroom at morning bell time, please be mindful of the students still coming down the stairs on your way back up. Recent congestion has created some near misses. Thanks so much.

Safe Choices

The school staff request your support in ensuring that the students make safe choices when they are playing on the school grounds before and after school. We ask that you do not allow your child to climb on the Earthquake Bin, the fences and the shed in the garden. Although older children may be confident, they are role models to the younger students who will try and copy them. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Supervision of Students

Students are supervised before school from 8:45 to 9:00am and after school from 3:00pm to 3:15pm. Children should not arrive before 8:40 am or leave after 3:15pm unless specifically requested to do so as part of an organized supervised activity, otherwise they will be unsupervised.

Peanut Allergy Reminder

Parents and students are reminded that there are students in our school who have very serious nut allergies. While Garibaldi is NOT A NUT-FREE environment, we ask parents to be mindful of the kind of snacks/lunches they pack for their children especially if there are fellow classmates who are allergic to nuts.



A reminder that school is not in session on Monday, October 9th for Thanksgiving Day. As well, our next Professional Development Day is Friday, October 20th.

PAC

We had a successful first PAC meeting, thank you to those who came out for support and voted for this year's council. The results of the elections are as follows:

Chair - Cathy Matusicky

Vice Chair - Rosie Cooper

Secretary - Sky Goodwin

Treasurer - Devan Cousineau

Members at Large - Shireen Graham,, Melanie Mason-Webb, Rachelle Siemens

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If you would like to receive email notifications of Garibaldi PAC Blog postings regarding upcoming events and happenings, please sign up at <http://www.garibaldipac.wordpress.com> and BE INFORMED!!

PRINCIPAL:

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ASSOCIATE

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Magdalena Kassis

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chair

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