

Garibaldi Annex Newsletter



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Message from the Vice-Principal

This is the time of year, the end of October and the beginning of November, just after Thanksgiving and before Remembrance Day when we highlight for the students what we are thankful for and how to promote friendliness, peace and unity within our school culture. We promote and try to develop a culture of character where respect, patience, self-discipline, acceptance and a joy for learning are among the virtues our children master. I'll leave you with what we refer to as Virtues: The Gift of Character in order that it may promote some family discussion around what each virtue might mean for you.

Virtues: The Gift of Character

Assertiveness, Caring, Cleanliness, Commitment, Compassion, Confidence, Consideration, Cooperation, Courage, Courtesy, Creativity, Detachment, Determination, Diligence, Enthusiasm, Excellence, Flexibility, Forgiveness, Friendliness, Generosity, Gentleness, Helpfulness, Honesty, Honour, Humility, Idealism, Integrity, Joyfulness, Justice, Kindness, Love, Loyalty, Moderation, Modesty, Orderliness, Patience, Peacefulness, Perseverance, Purposefulness, Reliability, Self-discipline, Service, Tact, Thankfulness, Tolerance, Trust, Trustworthiness, Truthfulness, Understanding, Unity.

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Important Dates

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| Nov 5 | Daylight Savings Time Ends |
| Nov 9 | Remembrance Day Assembly |
| Nov 10 | Curriculum Implementation Day |
| | No School |
| Nov 13 | Stat Holiday |
| | No School |

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Kindergarten
Registration

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Visit the school office for information

**Garibaldi School
Student Code**

BE SAFE,

BE FAIR,

BE KIND,

**And ALWAYS TRY
YOUR BEST**

Kindergarten registration for children born in 2013 begins 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 opens on **Wednesday November 1st** and closes at 4 pm on **Wednesday January 31st**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

When registering your child please bring:

- Proof of residence in Vancouver
- Child's birth certificate
- Immigration documentation (if applicable)
- 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 2018.

Registering at the Annex or the Main School

Lord Nelson Elementary and Garibaldi Annex share one common catchment area. Students who reside within this catchment area (in-catchment registrants) will receive priority for enrolment at one of the two school sites based upon available space.*

When completing a registration form parents will be asked if they prefer the annex or the main school. The district will attempt to accommodate parental preferences for placement, once available space has been determined.

At some sites there may be more in-catchment applicants than available space. In these instances, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1st and January 31st

In-catchment Kindergarten registrants who have a sibling who is currently attending and who will continue to attend Lord Nelson Elementary and Garibaldi Annex next year **will be enrolled first at their preferred location**.

The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining Kindergarten spaces. Students will be registered at their preferred location as space permits.

Students who cannot be accommodated at their preferred location will be accommodated at the location that has space and placed on waitlist for their preferred location in the order in which their name is drawn.

Between January 31st and the second Friday in June (when school organizations are finalized), students on the ordered waitlist will be offered spaces at their preferred location as space becomes available. This waitlist will remain active until September 14, 2018.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

All in-catchment Kindergarten applications received **after** January 31st, will be registered at their preferred location, if there is space, or added to the bottom of the existing waitlist for their preferred location and registered at the location that has space to accommodate them.

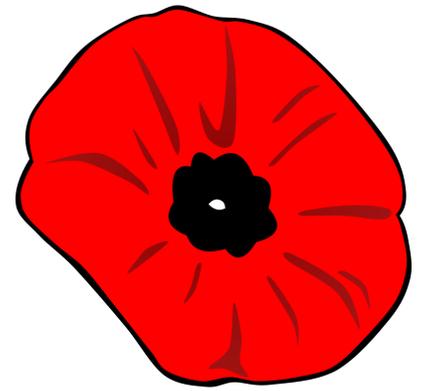
Please Note: There will be no priority given to registrants with siblings already attending Lord Nelson Elementary and Garibaldi Annex if they register after January 31st.

* Available Space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the district. (Policy Regulation JECC-R)

For more information on kindergarten registration visit: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

Remembrance Day Assembly

On Thursday, November 9th, we will be joining Nelson for their Remembrance Day Assembly at 11:00 am. Families are welcome to join us there. We will be leaving at approximately 10:15. Students will have recess with the Nelson students at 10:40. We will be performing a song about Peace as a whole school at the assembly.



Badminton

Badminton lessons for the students will begin the week of November 14th until November 21st. We want to thank the PAC for sponsoring this wonderful program.

Holiday Concert

We also want to thank the PAC for organizing a Music specialist who will prepare the children for their performances at the Christmas Concert which will take place on **Wednesday, December 20th**. I know it will be a magical evening.

Walk-a-thon and Book Fair

Thanks for your support! Garibaldi students and their families purchased almost \$400.00 in books from the Nelson Book Fair and that means almost \$250 in books for our library! Our Walk-a-thon was also a great success and we will be tallying the pledges by the end of next week.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour on Sunday, November 5th!

PAC

A BIG thank you to everyone who came out to the dance last Friday night. It was a wonderful community event and everyone had a super fun - and spooky - time!

Thanks to all who sent in donations for the volleyballs and basketballs. We raised over \$300!



The next PAC Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

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!!

Have a Safe and Happy Hallowe'en Tonight!

The Hallowe'en Dance last Friday was so much fun! It was great to see everyone out and in their costumes. A wonderful time was had by all!

Costumes

Use fire-resistant material, preferably bright colours or fitted with reflective strips

If you are wearing a mask, make sure it is well fitted with large eye holes for good vision. Better still, use make-up and your imagination

On the Street

Go with an adult, preferably in groups, or use a buddy system to keep track of everybody. Never go alone.

Start early and finish early - you get all the good stuff that way!

Carry a flashlight.

Stay on the sidewalk, trick or treat on one side, then cross at a corner and do the other side. □ Go only to homes you know.

Never eat anything until you take it home and inspect it.

Be careful crossing the street. Remember, drivers may not see you.

Do not play with firecrackers or fireworks. Fireworks may be used by an adult or under adult supervision. Never hold them in your hands.

Halloween Safety Tips from the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Awareness Program

Please visit the BC Fire Fighters' webpage at www.burnfund.org and click on Halloween Safety Tips. There is a lot of information on fireworks safety tips for children, adults, safety at home and pet safety.

Help to Keep Our Schools Free of Vandalism

Every year at this time, the Vancouver School Board of Education requests your assistance in keeping our schools free of vandalism. If you witness vandalism or suspicious activities around the school, please call 911 immediately. When you call 911, you need not give your name. Give the name of the school, location and tell them what is happening. We appreciate your support in keeping our school safe and helping us make better use of our education dollars.

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Bedtime and School

Children who are more rested are awake and ready for learning at school. Some children will need extra sleep to adjust to the new routines and demands of school.

Although some children need less sleep and others more, most feel and act better when they go to sleep at a regular bedtime. Most children need between 10 and 12 hours of sleep per night. Children often become cranky, impatient or have a shorter attention span when they are not getting enough sleep. A routine bedtime helps to set regular sleep patterns and good sleep habits.



BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutrition Program

We're lucky that this program runs here!

No time for Breakfast? Try these:

Breakfast in a Drink

Make Fruit smoothies in a blender or food processor. Blend fruit juice, milk, yogurt or soft tofu, and pieces of fruit. Experiment with different juices and fruit. For a thicker drink use chunks of frozen fruit. Pour into a travel mug and enjoy on the way to school or work.

Breakfast Wrap & Roll

Spread a tortilla with light cream cheese and add any vegetables on hand (left over cooked vegetables, shredded carrot or lettuce, alfalfa or mixed sprouts, strips of sweet red or green pepper) , season with your favorite dressing or salsa. Roll up and eat on the go.

Breakfast Muffin or Bagel

Grab a muffin or a bagel, add a piece of cheese, and nature's fast food - a piece of fruit - for a quick nutritious breakfast.

- Pick local fruits and vegetables
- Wash fruits and vegetables before eating
- Enjoy the great taste of local fruits and vegetables

The fruits and vegetables served in this program are washed and ready to eat. Handlers and students are reminded of the importance of regular hand washing.

According to the Fight BAC! (Bacteria) campaign the best way to reduce the risk of foodborne illness is to follow these four simple

steps:

- **Clean:** Wash hands, utensils and surfaces with hot soapy water before, during and after preparing foods. Sanitize counter tops, cutting boards and utensils with a mild bleach and water solution. Wash all produce thoroughly before eating or cooking.
- **Separate:** Keep raw meats and poultry away from other foods during storage and preparation. Keep separate cutting boards for raw meat and vegetables. Always keep food covered.
- **Cook:** Cook food thoroughly - cooking times and temperatures vary for different meat and poultry. Prepare foods quickly, and serve immediately so foods don't linger at room temperatures where bacteria can grow.
- **Chill:** Refrigerate or freeze perishables, prepared food and leftovers within 2 hours. Make sure the refrigerator is set at a temperature of 4°C (40°F), and keep freezer at 18°C (0°F).

