



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Grandview Families,

Greetings everyone! As many of you may already know, I am the new principal here at Grandview. It has been a wonderful experience so far. I have been greeted by friendly staff, parents, and children. It is clear that Grandview values the term "community". I have spent my first few weeks getting up to speed on all the things happening here at the school. Let me tell you...there is a lot going on. This is a very busy place! Please stop by my office to say "Hi" whenever you get a chance. I look forward to meeting all of you.

I would very much like to bring to all of our parent community's attention to what a wonderful staff we have here at Grandview. The staff generously give their time to perform duties outside of school hours for the benefit of your children. These could include coaching sports, attending meetings and taking students on extra field trips. This really shows how much they care and our school is very lucky. Speaking of dedicated staff, after 35 years of dedicated service to children as an educator, Wendy Fouks, our resource teacher, has decided to retire. What makes this even more amazing is that she has wonderfully served the Grandview School community for 21 of those 35 years! Please join me in wishing her all the best as she enjoys some much deserved time off! Wendy's last day will be Tuesday January 31. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Rachel Corkum, who will be taking over for Ms. Fouks for the rest of the school year.

From time to time, the school performs emergency drills such as fire drills and earthquake drills. Please remember that all individuals in the school or on school property are expected to participate in those drills as they are practiced for the safety of all people. When visiting the school, parents may look to school staff for direction during an emergency or during an emergency drill.

Mr. Stephen Leung

**Grandview School
Code of Conduct**

As a student at Grandview, I:

- Take care of myself**
- Take care of others**
- Take care of this place**

**REMINDER OF SAFE ARRIVAL
AND PICK-UP**

- * Please call the school **before 9:00 a.m.** if your child is going to be late or absent. Late arrivals from recess onwards will be considered "**Absent**" for the morning.
- * Please call the school immediately at 604-713-4663 if your child is being picked up by someone other than a person in their contact information.

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL
SUPERVISION**

Please do not drop your child off before 8:30 AM. Supervision is only provided from 8:30-8:55. Additional supervision after school provided from 3:01-3:15. Thank you for your cooperation.

NOTICES

Please ensure you check your child's bag for notices & forms. Most often they are time-sensitive announcements and need your immediate attention. Please return the lunch envelopes if your child is participating in the lunch program.

Thank you!

Month at a Glance for February 2017

Wednesday, Feb 1-	Div 8 to Vancouver Art Gallery CHILL @ 3pm
Monday, Feb 6-	Div 8 to Watermania 9:30-2:30 pm
Wednesday, Feb 8-	CHILL @ 3pm
Monday, Feb 13-	NO SCHOOL (Family Day)
Wednesday, Feb 15 -	Term 2 Conferences -Dismissal @ 2pm
Thursday, Feb 16-	Term 2 Conferences- Dismissal @ 2pm
Wednesday, Feb 22 -	CHILL @ 3pm
Thursday, Feb 23 -	Div 5-8 Snow Tubing @ Cypress from 9am-2:30 pm
Friday, Feb 24-	NO SCHOOL (Pro-D Day)
Tuesday, Feb 28 -	PAC Meeting @ 9am

Month at a Glance for March 2017

Monday, March 6 -	Class & Panorama Photos @ 1pm
Friday, March 10 -	Last day of school before Spring Break
March 13 - 24	NO SCHOOL Spring Break

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

For the second year in a row, Divisions 3, 4 and 5 are participating in the Chocolate Lily Awards. Students across British Columbia read the nominated books from authors living in BC and then get to vote on their favourite one. The award will be given to the book with the most student votes. Watch out for the winner that Grandview students vote for. The official winner will be announced in May.



We are asking again for your help to ensure your child finds a regular, safe place at home to keep their library books so that they may easily find the books when it is time to return them. Your help is greatly appreciated!

*Robyn Smyk
Teacher Librarian*

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSISTANT

Happy Nisga'a New Year!
Happy Chinese New Year!

It's the end of January and I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. We have some wonderful things happening in February. **On February 7th** we will begin our parent cooking program followed by another one **on February 23rd**. We will have backpack buddies on **February 3rd** and **February 17th**. The kids can pick them up after school in the lunchroom. As always, we have our parent tea every Tuesday. On Tuesday, **February 7th**, it will be the potluck tea, so please bring something. The school will supply the coffee.

Our Buyer's Club will be on **February 23rd**. This is a wonderful program! For ten dollars you get one bag of fruit and one bag of veggies but you need to sign up for it a week before. There will be a sign up sheet in front of my office.

A bit of sad news, Leah Gies has moved on to Queen Alexandra School to become their Neighbourhood Assistant. We wish her much success in her new school.

If you didn't get a chance to order Grandview hoodies in January, we will sell only adult sizes starting in March. Please pay \$30 upon ordering.

One last note, It is Nisga'a New Year, I hope to see some our families at the celebration on **February 3rd and 4th** at the PNE Forum.

If you have any question or just need someone to talk to, feel free to pop by my office - the door is always open.

*Donna Mah
Grandview Neighborhood Asst.
604-713-5008*

Do you have a child born in 2012?

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 **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:

- 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 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>

NURSE PRACTITIONER CLINIC GRANDVIEW SCHOOL CLINIC with KRISTINA PIKKSALU, NP

**Every Tuesday 9:00—11:30 am
DROP INS ARE WELCOME OR TO BOOK AN APPT. CALL
604-875-2246**

**RICHER Initiative
Responsive Intersectoral Children's Health,
Education, and Research Initiative**

WHO WE ARE

Community-based primary healthcare providers who meet the unique needs of children, youth, and families in Vancouver's inner city neighbourhoods, specifically Grandview/Woodlands, Strathcona, and Downtown Eastside

WHAT WE DO

- Primary health care clinic provided by Nurse Practitioners
- Assessment, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up of common, predictable health conditions affecting children, youth and their families
- Prescribe medications, order tests and provide referral to specialists
- Episodic illness care
- Mental health screening
- Developmental screening
- Link with specialists

Our approach provides important links to specialized healthcare services in partnership with families and their community-based support networks.

NEWS FROM VISIONS

Visions is excited to announce that Emily is now running lunch programs every day from 12:20 to 1:00.

Monday: Intermediates - Grades 4-7
Tuesday: Arts and Crafts
Wednesday: Kindergarten Club
Thursday: Lego Club – open to grades
Friday: Primaries - Grades 1-3

Visions is partnering with Science World for "Super Science" on Tuesdays, from January to March. Students who complete the program will receive a Science World Family Pass for a full year, a \$195 value. In addition, Visions is once again hosting the Heart of the City Piano Program from UBC to give one-to-one piano lessons for Grandview Students. See Visions staff for more details.

And of course, Visions continues to run its favourite ongoing programs: VIP club, FAME, Floor Hockey, RPG, Red Fox, Pretten and Teen Nights, plus arts, music, cooking, sports, science, outdoor play...

On behalf of our staff and students, a very big "Thank You!" to all of our donors for the 2016-17 school year: *RBC, Telus, and CLICK.*

To find out more about Visions, please stop by the lunchroom after school hours.

Dave Taylor

Community Schools Team
Programmer Grandview/
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604-349-2396



Kindergarten Noon Activities



Is your child going into Kindergarten in September 2017?

Kindergarten can be an exciting and stressful time for you and your child. **Support for School Success** invites families who have a child entering kindergarten to join in fun activities to provide support for learning, behaviour and physical health.

What will these activities include?

With fun activities, your child will have these checks:

- Eyes
- Hearing
- Talking
- Health
- Behaviour
- Dental

Who?

This event is supported by community workers, child health providers, and educators for children entering Kindergarten at:

- Grandview
- Britannia
- Strathcona
- Macdonald
- Seymour

Where?

Ray-Cam Co-operative Centre 920 East Hastings Street

When?

Wednesdays- Your appointment will take 2 hours.

January 25, February 22, March 29, April 26, May 24, June 21, July 5

How do you sign up?

Call Chantel @ 604-675-3980

For more information:

Ray-Cam staff - Carin @ 604-257-6949;

BC Children's Hospital RICHER NPs @ 604-875-2246

OR **Drop in** to check things out!

You can bring a friend or family member with you for support.

There will be snack, lunch and a small gift bag for your child.

Frequently Asked Questions

“Support for School Success” (SSS) What is this?

Starting school can be stressful as well as exciting! We can help ease that stress to make this change as smooth as possible by taking some time to answer questions about your child's physical and emotional health, as well as development.

What will this cost me?

This is a free event! Snacks, lunch, and a little gift for your child will be offered.

Can I bring someone else with me?

Of course! If you want a friend or family member there with you to have company, they are welcome too.

How do I get there?

SSS will be at Ray-Cam Co-operative Centre and we will provide bus tickets to the event (if needed). We will confirm the place and time with you a few days before the event.

How long will this take?

Your time is valuable so count on approximately 2 hours. If you have more questions the event may take longer than 2 hours. We hope to make this event fun for your child so becoming “bored” will not be an issue!

Who will my child see?

The SSS team is made up of public health nurses, dental team, vision screener, nurse practitioners, speech language therapist, occupational therapist, and pediatricians. We will work together to connect you and your child with the right team members to help answer your questions.

What will happen with my child's information?

Your child's entry to school should be a positive experience! With your permission, we will share your child's school readiness information with you, your child's school and healthcare team so that any suggestions can be communicated to help ease your child's transition to Kindergarten. Support strategies will be shared with your child's daycare/ preschool where appropriate.

What if I'm not sure at this time, or sign up and change my mind about participating?

You can sign up now, and decline later when we call to confirm the appointment. If you decide later to participate, you are welcome to talk to Carin at Ray-Cam, RICHER NPs, public health nurse, daycare providers or call **Chantel** at 604-675-3980 to see if space is still available to participate.

Hope to see you and your child come out for some fun activities!