



Issue 01

22-Sept-2017

Principal: Mr. Stephen Leung

Director of Instruction : Ms. Ellen Roberts

Superintendent: Mr. John Lewis (Acting Superintendent)

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## Principal's Message

Greetings everyone!

I would like to extend a special welcome to all returning students and parents, and to all those who are new to our school (especially our new kindergarten students who have all been adjusting wonderfully!). New to our staff this year are: Elvi Cabrone, Margo Hrennikoff, Kate Zisman, Bonnie Wendt, Mahtab Hajmohammadjafar, and Joselito Palencia. I have gotten to know these people over the last couple weeks and I can tell you that your children are lucky to have these wonderful new people teaching them at school.

A new year brings with it new ideas and new possibilities and I for one, am excited to get started. We have a lot of exciting things planned for your child(ren) this year. We had our first assembly on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. At this assembly, we introduced the staff to the students and we had a ceremony to welcome back our carving that we did last year as a school. Ms. Virginia Jack and Mr. Art Bolton attended this assembly. Virginia helped bless the carving and Art helped the students carve the piece last year. The carving is magnificent and if you haven't seen it in person, please try to stop by sometime and have a look. You'll be amazed at the beauty that your child(ren) helped create!



I also spoke to the kids about the importance of attending the Walk for Reconciliation coming up on September 24<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to attend this event with our school, please contact me and I will register our school as a team. If we get enough people, I would like to walk as a group and proudly display our school banner (This is not a school sanctioned field trip. If you wish to attend, it is the expectation that you must walk with your child at the event). You can find more information at <http://reconciliationcanada.ca/walk-for-reconciliation-2017/>.

This year, our school will be focusing heavily on creating a safe and caring school atmosphere. We have a Code of Conduct in place (Take care of ourselves, Take care of others, Take care of our environment) and we will be referring to this often. (A copy is included in this newsletter). The basic message to take out of this is that we want everyone to care about everyone and care about this place we inhabit. I will be referring to this often over the PA, at assemblies, or when I speak with your child(ren). It would be greatly appreciated if you would do the same. We would like to interact with each other in a caring and respectful manner to make this place the best place it can be!

This year we have two new rules I would like to make you aware of:

1. Safety is one of our primary concerns here at Grandview. As such, We need to ensure that children are properly supervised on site. Children are NOT allowed on the second and third floor before school, at recess, or during lunchtime as there is no supervision in those areas during that time. Children are invited to go to the lunchroom to eat breakfast from 8:30-8:57, go to the library or gym when they are open, and of course play outside. This may be a big change for some students who are used to going upstairs to put away their backpacks in the morning. However, we will need to enforce this rule to ensure safety. This means students need to hang onto their backpacks until the bell rings.
2. We are obligated to ensure a safe environment, even digitally. Therefore, technology may only be accessed if the teacher is directly supervising students in the school. We have no way of ensuring that students are not accessing websites that they should not be accessing, so we will need to enforce this rule to make sure everyone is safe. All technology such as iPads, iPhones, tablets etc. must be put away in backpacks or pockets the moment students step foot on school property. This rule will be enforced all day. If parents wish to access our internet with their child, they must sit directly beside them and supervise actively. In other words, they must be able to directly see the screen and the website their child(ren) are accessing at that moment.

In addition to the above, please read the information included in this newsletter on page 4, about the New Safe Arrival Procedures. We ask for your cooperation to help us ensure a safe environment for all.

Last but not least, I would like to invite parents and guardians into our school on Thurs, Oct 12<sup>th</sup> (see the calendar on page 2). This is a time when you will get to come in and see your child's classroom and see your child as he/she works in class. I hope you can make it to this event! As usual, if you would like to speak with me, my door is open. Thank you.

*Mr. Stephen Leung*

# September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Gr 7 -Golf 12-3pm	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Pro-D Day NO SCHOOL	23
24	25	26	27	28 Terry Fox Run (P.M)	29 Orange shirt day; Gr 7- Golf 12-3pm	30

# October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 PAC meeting @ 5:30 pm	3	4	5 Immuniza- tion KF & Gr 6 (AM)	6 Gr 7 Golf 12-3 pm	7
8	9 Thanks- giving Day NO SCHOOL	10 Students Photos @ 9 AM	11	12 Grandview Open House 9-9:30 and 2:30-3pm	13 Gr 7 Golf 12-3pm	14
15	16 Scholas- tic Book Fair until Thurs, Oct 19	17	18 Parent/ Teacher Con- ferences Early Dismissal @ 2pm	19 Parent/ Teacher Con- ferences Early Dismissal @ 2pm	20 Pro D Day NO SCHOOL	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Gr 7 Golf 12- 3pm	28
29	30	31				

## **NOTICES/REMINDERS:**

Please ensure you check your child's bag for notices & forms. Most often, they are time-sensitive announcements and need your immediate attention.

1. The Student Verification Form and Media Consent forms have been sent home. Please verify, complete, sign and return these forms.
2. Newsletters and school communication are sent via email. Please provide the school with your email address if you are not receiving information.
3. Please return the lunch envelopes if your child is participating in the lunch program. This is important to ensure that sufficient food is provided.
4. Please note that the staff parking lot is ONLY for staff. There is NO student drop-off or pick-up from that area. Thank you.

## **WALKING SCHOOL BUS**

The Grandview walking school bus is already up and running this September. The "bus" starts at 8:15 a.m. and meets students within a three block area arriving at Grandview for 8:45, in time for our breakfast program. Students, if you see us in the community, feel free to join. And families, if you would like your child to be involved, please feel free to contact me.

*Shane Ernst*  
Youth and Family Worker  
604-713-5007.



## **NEWS FROM OUR**

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSISTANT**

Welcome to another year school at Grandview Elementary

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! As we start the 2017/2018 school year, I would like to share some of the activities we have for the new and returning families. Make sure you check the newsletter every month so you can find out the dates for all our activities.

We will continue with our **Buyer's Club**. This is a program that we run with Fresh Direct Produce. For \$10.00, families can purchase fruits and veggies. It is usually one bag of each for that price, and we do it once a month usually in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week. We will start this program in October. We also provide **Birthday Cupcakes** for all of our students at the end each month. These have been donated by a kind family for the last 3 years. The **Parent Tea** will be run by our new Aboriginal Education Enhancement Worker (AEEW) Bonnie Wendt. Stay tuned for more information from her. This year we will again sell Grandview clothing. If you are interested, please contact me.

This year my office has changed. I am in the mezzanine, Room 210. Feel free to pop by if you need some support or just to chat.

*Donna Mah*

Neighbourhood Assistant

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## **GENERAL \$25.00 SUPPLY FEE**

### **SCHOOL FEES 2017-2018**

**Important Information – Please Translate**

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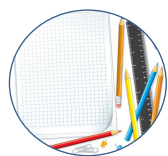
**کنید ترجمه لطفا - مهم اطلاعات**

**Mahalagang Impormasyon - Paki salin sa sariling wika**

**중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다**

**ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ-ਮਿਹਰਬਾਨੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰੋ/ਕਰਵਾਓ**

**Важная информация!Переведите,пожалуйста**



The Vancouver School Board offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2016-2017 is \$25.00 per student.

This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year. The advantages of the Board providing families with supplies include convenience, cost savings through a one-time fee, and the standardization of supplies used in the classroom. While parents and/or guardians are free to purchase school supplies for students and not pay this fee, please know that the \$25 school supplies fee does provide the necessary school supplies at a cost which is less than one would pay if these items were purchased independently.



Grandview/Ɂuuqinak'uuh Elementary School  
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**Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):**

As you are aware, student safety is of paramount importance to all of us who work in public education. In the Vancouver School District, Student Safe Arrival and attendance routines are a crucial part of a student safety plan and are a priority.

**Please note that due to a new phone system within the District, starting this school year 2017, we have new procedures for reporting a student absence to the school.**

**Reporting Student Absences & Late Arrivals**

Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences or late arrivals. Please phone the school as early as possible (prior to 9am). **Parents should leave a clear and detailed message on a dedicated answering service by calling 604-713-5159. You will then be prompted to enter a two-digit code to reach our school. Our two-digit code is 33.**

Messages will be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

**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!

## **VISIONS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM NEWS**

Welcome back to school from the Visions team! We hope that you and your families had a wonderful summer. Visions After-school programs are back in full swing. Children in Grades 2-7 are invited to come and enjoy activities like arts and crafts, choir, science, outdoor play, gym, cooking and more! Visions is excited to be hosting their very own Teen and Preteen nights at Grandview this year. They will be held on Wednesdays and Thursday evenings after regular Visions programs. For this term, we have started lunch programs with Emily this week from 12:20-1:00 as follows:

Monday: Intramurals in the gym, Grades 4-7  
Tuesday: Primary Science Club  
Wednesday: Kindergarten Club  
Thursday: Lego Club  
Friday: Mini Soccer on the gravel field

For more information, stop by the Visions' office in the lunch room. We are looking forward to another fun and fantastic year!

*Emily Holzman*

Community Schools Team Programmer  
Grandview/ᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃ Elementary School  
604-312-5025

*Andrea Vaags*

Club Coordinator  
Boys & Girls Club South Coast BC  
604-839-1656

## **PAC CORNER**

Welcome to our new and returning families! Our first PAC meeting will be on Monday, October 2nd at 5:30 pm. Pizza will be provided on this day. All are welcome!

Moving forward, PAC meetings will be scheduled either for 9am or 5:30 pm. Light snacks will be provided. Stay tuned!

**ALL PARENTS & GUARDIANS  
ARE WELCOME!**

### **NURSE PRACTITIONER CLINIC**

**GRANDVIEW SCHOOL CLINIC with  
KRISTINA PIKKSALU, NP**

**Every Tuesday 9:30—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.**

## Grandview Elementary School 2017 - 2018

<b>SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW</b>	
Number of Days in Session	187
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Hours of Instruction in a School year	874
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	7 Non Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 29)
<b>Important Dates</b>	
School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 5, 2017
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 9, 2017
Remembrance Day Holiday	Monday, November 13, 2017 (in lieu of Saturday,
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 22, 2017
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 25, 2017 – Friday, January 5, 2018
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 8, 2018
Family Day	Monday, February 12, 2018
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 16, 2018
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 19 – Thursday, March 29, 2017
Good Friday	Friday, March 30, 2018
Easter Monday	Monday, April 2, 2018
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, April 3, 2018
School not in session	Friday, May 18, 2018
Victoria Day	Monday, May 21, 2018
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 28, 2018
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 29, 2018
<b>Non Instructional Days (school not in</b>	<b>Professional Development Focus</b>
Friday, September 22, 2017*	School-wide Planning
Friday, October 20, 2017	District wide non-instructional day
Friday, November 10, 2017	Curriculum Implementation Day
Friday, December 1, 2017	School-wide Planning
Monday, January 29, 2018	Curriculum Implementation Day
Monday, February 19, 2018	School-wide Planning
Friday, April 27, 2018*	School-wide Planning
*placeholder dates – schools may apply to alter these dates	
<b>Parent Teacher Conference Dates:</b>	<b>Early dismissal times:</b>
Wednesday Oct. 18, 2017 (2pm Dismissal)	Goal Setting Conferences or Student-Led Conferences
Thursday Oct. 19, 2017 (2pm Dismissal)	Goal Setting Conferences or Student-Led Conferences
Wednesday Feb. 21, 2018 (2pm Dismissal)	Term 2 Conferences
Thursday Feb. 22, 2018 (2pm Dismissal)	Term 2 Conferences