

HENRY HUDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Kindergarten registration opened on November 1 and closes on January 31. So far, our Kindergarten registration numbers are far ahead of last year's numbers. There will be a Kindergarten French Immersion entrance lottery and there will most likely be an English Kindergarten lottery, too. English registration closes January 31 and French closes February 6. We hope to send lottery results in late February once the VSB conducts the French lottery. The school conducts the English lottery.

Next week the school will be having our annual winter concert. All students were given ticket request forms. If you have not received your tickets please contact the office, there is seating for 350 audience members. Tickets are required for entrance. There will be two performances; one at 9:30 am and the other at 1:15 pm. The performances will begin promptly.

To assist with general school safety, we are now locking some of the exterior doors during the school day. As well, signage has been posted outside the student washrooms informing adults they may use the staff washroom on the north east corner on the upper floor. This washroom is a universal washroom. The after-hours loitering issue near the gym entrance and covered area has been resolved and will continue to be monitored.

As we move into January, parents of grade 7 students can expect to start receiving a variety of information from the secondary schools regarding grade 8 parent evenings, application requirements and specialized programs. Kitsilano Secondary School has a parent evening on January 17, 2017. Most of our grade 7 students will be attending Kitsilano.

A highlight of November was the Remembrance Day Assembly. Thanks to Mr. Lerch, Ms. Perrella and Ms. Dixon's classes for organizing and running the assembly. Many classes contributed art work. On November 11, Gabby Lee and James Ballack from division 10F represented the school and presented a wreath at a local Remembrance Day ceremony at Seaforth Peace Park. All classes spent time learning about Remembrance Day and some did independent research projects on their own time.

Going away for the winter break? If you plan on returning after January 3, 2017, please let the office know. The first week of January is a busy month as there are often new students trying to register for the current school year.

Sincerely,
Ian Cannon
Principal

Overview of Upcoming Activities & Events

- Mon, Dec 5 - Pro-D (no school in session)
- Tue, Dec 6 - Winter Concert
- Wed, Dec 7 - Div 12F Field Trip - 4 Cats
- Thu, Dec 8 - Staff vs Boys and Girls Volleyball Team
- Mon, Dec 12 - Vision Screening for Kindergarten students
- Tue, Dec 13 - Div 10F Field Trip - Vancouver Curling Club
- Fri, Dec 16 - last day of school before Winter break
- Tue, Jan 3 - first day back to school after Winter break



School Sports

The volleyball season concluded with the senior boy's and girl's teams participating in the city championships tournaments held at Prince of Wales and Magee Secondary Schools. The Sr. Boys' team placed second in their grouping, the Sr. Girls' team placed third in their grouping. In the New Year, basketball season will begin. Student sign up will happen the first week back at school. The basketball coaches are Ms. Perrella and Keion.

Gym Programs

All students recently participated in a week long Tae Kwon Do program during their gym classes offered through Third Eye Martial Arts. To begin January, the Hudson PAC has arranged for a 3 week long gymnastics program. The gym will be unavailable for other uses during that time as the mats and equipment will be left set up.

Red Cross Babysitting Course

We've just been contacted that the course has been cancelled. Please contact First Aid Hero for refund information at marla@firstaidhero.com.

Some Classroom Highlights

Division 2 is preparing to make their research project presentations to their classmates and have been practising their winter concert dance routine.

Division 4 was privileged to have UBC Faculty of Science students from the Lets Talk About Science Program lead them in many hands on science experiments.

Division 5 recently enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at the Museum of Anthropology visiting with master Haida carver Jim Hart. The class learned a lot about the Reconciliation Pole. The class is also working with division 2 creating beautiful cards to sell as fundraiser at the Winter Concert.

Division 9 has been working very hard on their printing skills, using sign language as an alternate form of communication and learning about responsibility by helping out with classroom jobs.

Division 11F students have written and rehearsed an original play for the Winter Concert. As well, the student teacher, Sam Couture, recently completed his final practicum and was very grateful for his placement at Hudson. We wish him success in his teaching career!

In Division 15F, the grade 1's are excitedly responding to the challenge of speaking only French in their classroom during the day. The grade 2's have been very supportive of their classmates in this endeavour.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found is very full with many items having been there for months. Please take a moment to look through the lost and found for your child's belongings. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity during the winter break.

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.
Dr. Seuss