

**HENRY HUDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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June 2018 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

As we move quickly to the end of June and the school year, our grade 7's are counting their remaining days at Hudson while eagerly looking forward to their start of secondary school. The grade 7 Leaving Ceremony is on the afternoon of June 26. Grade 7 families have received their invitations. As the grade 7's close out the elementary school portion of their education journey, next year's Kindergarten class began their journey with last week's successful Welcome to Kindergarten afternoon. Almost 90% of next year's Kindergarten class attended.

During the past few days there have been various individuals from Planning and Facilities, surveyors and project planners on site preparing for both the placement of a portable and seismic upgrade planning projects. As well, VSB trades have been onsite repairing broken windows, re-tiling in student bathrooms and repairing toilets. With a school as old as Hudson, there is never a shortage of upgrades that need attention. Other work orders have also been submitted for work to be completed over the summer break.

In the last newsletter, I had mentioned the ongoing safety concern of the parking and student drop off situation on York Street. I am pleased to report that although it is still problematic there has been a reduction in the number of vehicles at key drop off and pick up times. With continued efforts I am hopeful that a further reduction of vehicles will occur.

June is typically a month that has an increased number of field trips. Teachers plan the trips in accordance with the Vancouver School Board's field trip guidelines. The field trips are then approved by the Principal and District approval is sought when the field trips involve over- night stays. The district guidelines include supervision ratios and classify field trips into various categories related to the nature of the activities. Once a field trip has been approved, it is added to the calendar section of the school website. Parents now have the option of paying for field trips on-line through a link on the school's website

In terms of staffing, the school has one position currently posted and should hopefully be filled prior to the end of June. The school is pleased to welcome Ms. Victoria Lorieau as the new Vice-Principal beginning in September. Ms. Lorieau most recently worked at Lord Tennyson Elementary School.

On May 29, the Hudson PAC provided a staff appreciation luncheon – on behalf of all the staff, I would like thank the PAC for the wonderful luncheon.

In terms of some minor reminders, all library books need to be returned, the comfort kits stored in the earthquake bin will be returned to the students during the last week of June and please take a moment to look through the lost and found – all unclaimed items will be donated to charity. Thank you for your support.

Ian Cannon
Principal

**Overview of Upcoming
Activities & Events**

- Mon, Jun 11 – VCH Immunization Clinic (Kindergarten)
- Tue, Jun 12 – Div 10K & 11K FT to Museum of Vancouver
- Wed, Jun 13
 - VCH Audiology Screening Follow-Up (Kindergarten)
 - Div F16 FT to Museum of Vancouver
 - Div 1 & F12 FT to Kitsilano Pool
- Thu, Jun 14 – Div 6 FT to Kits Pool
- Fri, Jun 15
 - Div F12 FT to Bard on the Beach
 - Div 3 FT to Second Beach
 - Div 2 FT to Raincity Athletics
- Mon, Jun 18 – VPL Summer Reading
- Tue, Jun 19 – Div 3 FT to Carousel Theatre
- Wed, Jun 20 – Volunteer Tea
- Thu, Jun 21
 - Div 6 FT to Trout Lake
 - Sr Choir Performance at Terraces on 7th
 - Evening choir performance at Hudson
- Fri, Jun 22
 - Aboriginal Day
 - PAC Summer Fair
- Mon, Jun 25 – Water Safety Presentation
- Tue, Jun 26 – Div 3 FT to Kits Pool
- Wed, Jun 27 – Gr 7 Leaving Ceremony
- Thu, Jun 28 Year end assembly and last day of school



Attendance

If your child will be late or absent, please contact us with this information:

- Your child's name
- Grade and Homeroom (if possible)
- When and how long your child will be absent

By email: hudattendance@vsb.bc.ca, or

By leaving a voice message: Call [604-713-5159](tel:604-713-5159), extension 37

Student Sign-In/Out Procedure

If your child arrives after 9:00am, please ensure that your child signs in at the office. Similarly, if you pick up your child during the school day, please sign them out at the school office.

Volunteer Appreciation Tea

The school has organized a volunteer appreciation tea for all parents who volunteered their time to the school. The volunteer tea is on June 20 in the library from 8:30 to 9:30 am.

School Sports

This year we had a very enthusiastic group of approximately 30 students from grades 3-7 join track and field. Students were very keen and came out to weekly 8:00 am practices, as well as two after school practices over the course of eight weeks.

Congratulations to all Track Members. We hope to see you again next season. Please remember to return your clean jerseys as soon as possible.

Thanks to sponsor teachers and coaches who volunteered their time and to the parent volunteer drivers.





Summer Office Hours

The office will be open on July 3 and 4 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, closed from July 5 to August 26, and open August 27 onwards from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Once the office is closed for the summer, and emails will not be responded to until the office reopens.

Registrations over the summer months will be handled at our District Reception Placement Centre (DRPC).

Address:	1000 East 59th Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V5X 1Y7 <i>Located at the East-Wing of Moberly Elementary School.</i>
Telephone:	(604) 713-5999
Email:	drpc@vsb.bc.ca
Registration Hours:	8:30 am to 11:00 am, Monday to Friday, closed on Statutory Holidays

September Opening

The first day for students is on Tuesday, September 4 the students will be in session for one hour and will be dismissed at 10:00 am. The students will return to their current classrooms and will remain with their teachers until we are able to move students into their next year's classes. New grade 1 to 7 students will report to the library. Signs will be posted throughout the school with first week information. The new Kindergarten students will be on a gradual entry schedule and will meet in the gym on the first day of school. The new Kindergarten students will be receiving an email with the gradual entry schedule before the end of the current school year.

Students receive a package of important notices during the second week that require parents to update information and various consent forms for signing.

Jump Rope for Heart

The recent Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser for was very successful, the students raised \$ 4,127.25 for the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada - well done! Thanks to Mme Shomura for organizing this yearly event.

National Aboriginal Day

Hudson will be celebrating National Aboriginal Day on Friday, June 22. The event will last for the entire day and will include all classes. Students will be involved in a number of cultural and educational activities led by school staff, district staff and special guests.

Yearbooks

There are a very limited number of yearbooks available for purchase for \$15.00 at the office. First come, first served.

"A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions."
– A. Bronson Alcott