

**HENRY HUDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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May 2018 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

May has been a busy month. The school is well into planning for next year. Our increased student numbers have resulted in one additional English class and the addition of a Vice-Principal for next year. The additional class will be housed in a portable classroom that will be located next to the gym building. It has also been confirmed that the long awaited field drainage project will begin in early July. The grass field and staff parking lot will be closed in July and August to accommodate the equipment and staff needs of those repairing the field and setting up the portable.

Last week the Hudson PAC sponsored a career for the intermediate students. It was great to have 14 Hudson parents share information about their jobs, some inspirational messages and provide time at the end of the session answering student questions.

The school also started taking fee payment through the School Cash Online system provided on our school website. All schools are moving to this system next year. Hudson was one of the pilot schools for the project. We are hoping to have all our families using this system by the end of next year. In terms of school fees for the upcoming school year, the proposed fee schedule was submitted to the VSB and once approved will be shared with you. The new school calendar has also been submitted was approved. It is attached to this newsletter.

Sports Day is this Thursday, with the forecast indicating sunny weather, students will need to dress for the sunny conditions and are encouraged to bring a water bottle. The structure of the day has changed; all events will be finished by noon and students will be back in their classes for the afternoon. Please do not bring dogs to the event.

There is one safety issue that concerns our students and needs to be addressed by everyone. Each morning at drop off and each afternoon at pick up time, there are numerous vehicles parked or idling on York Street, a recent survey showed an average of 70 vehicles in 20 minutes before and after school. Students are crossing the street between parked cars, are dodging bikes in the bike lanes and are often not aware of drivers backing up or pulling forward to park or enter back into traffic. I am fearful it is only a matter of time before an accident occurs.

To alleviate this issue, please consider leaving for school a few minutes earlier in the morning, letting your children off and picking them up at a different location, letting the children walk to school and using transit when possible. There is some limited parking on Maple Street. Please help be a part of the solution.

Thank you for your support

Ian Cannon
Principal

**Overview of Upcoming
Activities & Events**

- Wed, May 16
 - Div 3 FT to Vancouver Art Gallery
 - DreamRider – "Clean up your act" – Kindergarten to Gr 3/4
- Thu, May 17 – Sports Day
- Fri, May 18 – No school in session (District closure day)
- Mon, May 21 – Victoria Day – No school in session
- Fri, May 25
 - VCH Vision Screening (Kindergarten)
 - Div F13 – Field trip to Pacific Spirit Park
 - Welcome to K event
- Wed, May 30
 - Div 1 & F12 FT to Kitsilano Pool
 - Div F18K FT to Lumberman's Arch
- Fri, Jun 1 – Div F15 & F18K FT to Vancouver International Children's Festival
- Mon, Jun 4 – Div 3, 4, F13 & F14 FT to Britannia Mines
- Tue, Jun 5
 - Div 10K & 11K FT to Museum of Vancouver
 - Div F12 Overnight trip to Galiano Island
- Wed, Jun 13
 - VCH Audiology Screening Follow-Up (Kindergarten)
 - Div 1 & F12 FT to Kitsilano Pool
- Thu, Jun 14 – Div 4 & F18K FT to Stanley Park
- Fri, Jun 15 FT to Bard on the Beach



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.

Badminton Team

The Hudson Hawks badminton team did very well at the Inter School Final Tournament at Tupper High School on May 3. The team did very well overall as a whole and one Hudson student placed first and another 3rd. Here's a picture of the team. Congratulations to the team and thanks to Coach Dawson for her dedication and hard work.:-)



Careers in the Community Day Guest Speakers Event- May 9, 2018

Q. What does a scientist have in common with a flight attendant? What does a doctor have in common with a dog salon owner? What does a lawyer have in common with a special effects computer engineer? What does a professor have in common with a systems analyst? What does a neuroscientist have in common with a dance therapist? What does an architect have to do with an international seafood broker? Answer: They are all Hudson parents.

Hudson Guest Speakers Program presented the 1st ever **Careers in The Community Day** on Wednesday May 9. Every speaker today was a parent or grandparent of a Hudson student. We had 14 parent volunteers who generously shared their time to speak to the children about their educational paths and their careers. The event was an inspirational job fair for students to get thinking about potential careers. We heard from an architect, marketing co. executive, Federal fisheries contamination specialist, a physician, an artisan, a dancer- therapist, dog groomer shop owner, a teacher naturopath, a flight attendant, an IT specialist, a software architect, a lawyer-professor, a behavioral neuroscientist and a seafood broker. Students were invited to ask questions of our parent panelists following the presentations. If students have further questions, they may contact Victoria and she will forward questions to our guest speakers.

Thank you to Victoria Shroff, the Hudson parent volunteer who organized the event for the school!





Classroom Highlights

Div. 4 (Tso) has been privileged to be a part of the Scientist in Residence Program. Students are enthusiastically engaged in lessons about Energy from oceanographer Dr. Jonathan Kellogg. We have 2 beach outings, along with several classroom lessons, and are looking forward to our culminating activity at Stanley Park at the end of May.

Div. F18K and Div. 4 Mme Friess and Mrs. Tso are working with a Scientist in Residence this term. His name is Dr. Jonathan Kellogg, an oceanographer from U Vic. Students are exploring the properties of the seashore with visits to Kitsilano Beach

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are available for purchase. Please see the attachment on how to order by phone or online. **The purchase deadline is May 20, 2018!**

“Never give up on what you really want to do. The person with big dreams is more powerful than one with all the facts.”
– Albert Einstein