

HENRY HUDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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October 2016 Newsletter

Principal's Message

With the end of October upon us, students are excitedly waiting for Halloween and our first ever PAC organized Diwali Festival. The Diwali festival is scheduled for this evening beginning after school starting at 5:00 pm and ending at 8:00 pm. There are cultural activities, food and an evening fireworks display scheduled. The Diwali Festival will take place inside the gym and on the field. It should prove to be a very fun evening for all.

On Monday, students are allowed to wear their costumes in school and will be visiting the annual grade 7 Halloween Fair in the gym. Students who wear costumes to school are reminded that the costumes need to be safe, do not restrict their vision, are easy to get in and out of without adult assistance and to not bring any toy or replica weaponry of any kind. The day after Halloween can be challenging for students after a late night full of treats. Unfortunately, Halloween is also a time when schools can be targets of vandalism. If you witness any unsafe or damaging activities on the school grounds, please alert the police.

The school recently received 30 new laptops provided by the Hudson PAC. Once they are formatted by the VSB technicians they will be ready for students use. The computers will be used by students on the second floor and in the library. This is the third class set of computers recently provided by the PAC. As well, the school recently received a set of ¾ size guitars for both classroom use and for extra- curricular activities. We are very fortunate to have such a supportive group of parents.

November marks the beginning of Kindergarten registration. Students applying for French Immersion Kindergarten must also register for English Kindergarten. Last year it was necessary to hold a Kindergarten entry lottery for both the French and English programs and I expect that it will again be necessary this year. The English Kindergarten registration period is from November 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017. Choice program registration is from January 9, 2017 to February 6, 2017.

Detailed registration information including registration forms may be found at www.vsb.bc.ca under the Programs and Services section.

Sincerely,
Ian Cannon
Principal

Overview of Upcoming Activities & Events

- Mon, Oct 31 - Halloween Fair 9:00am to 12:00pm
- Tue, Nov 1 - Div 3 - Field Trip - Cliffhangers
- Wed, Nov 2 - Div 14F, 15F & 16F - High Touch High Tech Science
- Thurs, Nov 3 Div 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10F, 11F, 13F- Field Trip - Ballet BC
- Fri, Nov 4 - Div 2 - Field Trip to VSO
- Mon, Nov 7 - Photo retakes
- Wed, Nov 9
 - Div 12F & 13F VFD Fire Safety House
 - Remembrance Day Assembly 11:00 am
- Thurs, Nov 10 - Professional day - no school in session
- Fri, Nov 11 - Remembrance Day - no school in session
- Mon, Nov 14 to 18 - Tae Kwon Do classes during PE
- Wed, Nov 16
 - Div 4 & 5 - VFD Fire Safety House
 - Div 6 & 7 - Field Trip to Stanley Park



Youth and Family Worker

This year the school has a new Youth and Family Worker, Katie Percival. She is at Hudson every Monday and Tuesday. As part of the Community Schools Team, Ms. Percival provides programs and services aimed at improving educational performance: pro-social skills, social responsibility and teaching students self-regulation skills. She delivers lessons to classes, small groups and is able to work with individual students and families. Please feel free to contact her with any questions regarding her services.

School Sports

The cross country season came a successful conclusion with the District Meet at Trout Lake. Many thanks to Marina Percy and Erin Carrasco for organizing and coaching our school team, and to all our volunteer parent drivers for making this sport possible at Hudson. The District Meet had 3184 students participating in 14 races!

Volleyball teams are now preparing for their upcoming season. The school is still waiting for the game schedules to be released. Hudson has entered 3 teams. Practices are on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:55am to 8:45 am. Game days are: Jr. Girls on Tuesdays, Sr. Boys on Wednesdays and Sr. Girls on Thursdays. If you are available to assist with driving, please see Ms. Dawson. Thanks to Ms. Tso and Ms. Dawson for coaching.

Red Cross Babysitting Course

This course is open for students in grades 6 and 7. It will be at Hudson on December 5 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Registration link is <http://firstaidhero.com/babysitting.html> . Paper registration forms are available in the office. For more information please contact marla@firstaidhero.com .

Free Kick Soccer Program

The Free Kick Indoor Soccer program is offering a free session for Hudson students on November 8 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm in our gym. The session is open for boys and girls ages 6 to 10. The instructor is former women's national team member Carrie Serwetnyk. For more information, contact info@FreeKickFC.com .

Some Reminders

Please check the Lost and Found for your child's belongings.

Please ensure your children are dressed for weather, especially if they enjoy playing in the puddles and on the grass field.

Please continue to sign students in and out at the office during regular classroom school hours if arriving late or leaving early.

Some Classroom Highlights

Division 2 – Have just completed a novel study on Hatchet in which created alternative endings, they continue work on their salmon and Japan research projects. The class is looking forward to their VSO field trip on November 4th.

Division 3 – Have completed a colour theory project that is now on display in the hallway. The students are eagerly awaiting their field trip to Cliffhanger climbing gym.

Division 4 - Mrs. Tso's class is very thankful for the school's laptops. The students are eagerly learning keyboarding skills and cursive writing. The students are looking forward to using their new skills to type paragraphs on word documents.

Division 5 - As part of a social studies unit, the class is learning how they can have a positive impact within the school. The students are learning new outdoor games they can then share with other students.

Division 6 are collecting leaves and doing leaf rubbing art. The class is also looking forward to attending the upcoming ballet performance.

Division 7 has just started their buddy class program with division 1. The students are very excited to begin working the older students on the iPads and math activities.

Division 10F – the students enjoyed their Galiano Island field trip where they studied marine life and they have been presenting self-designed science experiments to their peers.

Division 11F – the class is in the midst of several large projects including a math exposition, recording a podcast, and filming a short movie based on a current novel study.

Division 12F – has been participating in the mask carving project which compliments the social studies unit on the Coast Salish peoples of BC.

Division 13F – is working on a global perspective communities social studies unit. Connected is an art focus that reflects countries that have been explored.

Division 14F – Have had 2 gardening lessons with SPEC and students have learned about plant life cycles, distribution of seeds and have done some planting in the school garden beds.

Division 15F – is looking forward to their light and sound workshop on November 2 with *High Touch High Tech Science*. The workshop is directly related to the new curriculum.

Division 16F – Enjoyed their trip to the pumpkin patch, sloshing around in the mud, petting the farm animals and choosing a pumpkin they could carry to bring back home.

“Keep your thoughts positive, they become your words. Keep your words positive, they become your behaviours. Keep your behaviours positive, they become your habits. Keep your habits positive, they become your values. Keep your values positive, they become your destiny”. Mahatma Gandhi