

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Elementary School

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 31	Halloween Assembly @ 9:15 a.m. in gym
Wednesday, November 1 - 24	Gymnastics for all classes
Thursday, November 2	PAC Family Photo Night – times need to be pre-booked through PAC
Monday, November 6	Photo re-takes starting @ 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 7	PAC meeting 6:30 p.m. the library
Thursday, November 9	Remembrance Day Service @ 11:00 a.m. in the gym
Thursday, November 9	PAC Movie Night starting @ 6:00 p.m. in the gym
Friday, November 10	Curriculum Implementation Day – <u>NO SCHOOL</u> for students
Monday, November 13	NO SCHOOL – HOLIDAY
Friday, November 17	Performance in gym: Uzume Taiko @ 9:00 a.m.
Monday, November 27	PAC Parent Presentation: Saleema Noon @ 6:30 p.m. in the library
Wednesday, November 29	Student Presentation: Saleema Noon – time TBA
Thursday, November 30	PAC Winter Craft Fair 3:00 – 6:30 p. m. in the gym
Friday, December 1	PROFESSIONAL DAY – <u>NO SCHOOL</u> for students

Please check our website regularly for updates: laurier.vsb.bc.ca

My name is Mrs. Joanne Dale and I am writing this newsletter on behalf of Ms. Golby who is currently on a short-term leave. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate students and staff on the wonderful learning that is taking place at Laurier. So much activity and so much enthusiasm! I have been particularly impressed by the kindness and friendliness of this school community, so thank you for your support as I learn about the Laurier school culture!

Joanne Dale

HALLOWEEN

We want Tuesday, October 31st to be an enjoyable day for our students, but we also want the day to be a **safe** one. Each teacher will set the guidelines and activities for the day for their students; however, we do have some general expectations:

1. Children may wear their costumes on Tuesday, October 31st. **However, they will not be allowed to wear masks during recess and lunch breaks.** Masks often block peripheral vision, thereby increasing the chance of injury during recess and lunch as students cannot see people and/or objects to either side of them.
2. No toy “weapons” are to be brought to school at any time.
3. Vancouver Fire By-Law, Section 5.8.2:
 - a. No person shall offer for sale, sell, give or furnish fireworks to a person under the age of 19 years
4. **Please do not use our school grounds for setting off fireworks at any time as per the Fireworks Permit (only certain sites are permissible; the school is not one of them!). Children pick up the empty cartridges so it is a health and safety concern.**
5. Due to media/social media attention, **no** “creepy” clown costumes, please!

CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

Congratulations to Laurier’s Cross-Country team who just finished up a successful season! Thank you to our coaches: Ms. Boucher, Ms. Wong, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Lee, and Ms. Virvilis for encouraging physical activity and providing this wonderful opportunity for our students.

CITY OF VANCOUVER MODULAR HOUSING PROJECT

The City of Vancouver has announced plans to locate temporary modular housing for homeless residents at 650 West 57th Avenue. The Vancouver School Board encourages members of the school communities in the area who are interested in learning more about the City of Vancouver’s plans, to visit the project website at vancouver.ca/temporarymodularhousing and provide feedback through the appropriate City channels.

Please note that the City of Vancouver is holding a **community information session at Langara College on**

November 2nd, 2017 about the temporary modular housing plan for 650 West 57th Avenue. Full details about the Open House are available on the project website.

GRADE 7 MINI SCHOOLS

Mini School information was sent home a few weeks ago. Also, please check the VSB website: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/programs/mini-school-registration> as it has all the updated information for parents and students about the School Information Nights, programs and deadlines.

In order to apply for these mini-schools, students must write the cognitive test. Students need to register for the cognitive test **online** before November 9th on the Vancouver School Board website. The teacher or office can supply students with their PEN number. The test will be written on November 21st; the exact location and time will be sent to those who have registered online. **No online registrations will be accepted after the November 9th deadline.**

WARM CLOTHING FOR OUTSIDE DAYS: Just a reminder to parents that students will be playing outside to get fresh air and exercise during recess and lunch on most days. The only time they will be staying inside is when it is raining or snowing heavily. As the days become colder, please make sure your child is wearing a warm coat and appropriate footwear as he/she will be sent outside to play.

FLU SEASON IS HERE!!

Influenza (the flu) is a very contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus. It is passed from person to person by sneezing and coughing. Most healthy people who get the flu recover within two weeks. The flu can be a serious illness for infants, older adults and people with chronic illnesses.

Handwashing Prevents the Spread of Germs! Germs are invisible and they are everywhere. When you touch a doorknob, pick up a book, or pet a dog, your hands pick up germs. Hand washing prevents the spread of germs. Take a few minutes and review these important hand washing steps with your family.

- Wet your hands under running water.
- Scrub with soap for twenty second (the time it takes to sing the alphabet song). Don't use antibacterial soap; it can lead to germs that are resistant to it.
- Be sure to wash between each finger and under the fingernails.
- Rinse your hands under running water until all the soap is washed off.
- Dry with a clean towel.

SICK STUDENTS BEING SENT TO SCHOOL

Over the past few weeks, we've had a number of students being sent to school when they were clearly very sick, i.e. coughing, sneezing, and with fevers. If your child comes to school sick, he/she may infect others and we do not want to make more people sick! Thank you for being courteous to the other students and staff members in our school.

Do you have a child born in 2013?

Kindergarten registration starts on November 1st

All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (French Immersion, Montessori, etc.) and/or a cross boundary placement.

The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **Wednesday, November 1st and closes at 4:00 p.m. on January 31st**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated **before** late applicants.

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than the school can accommodate, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1st and January 31st

1. In-catchment Kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a random draw for the remaining Kindergarten spaces.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
4. Between January 31st and the second Friday in June, students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

Kindergarten Registrations Received *AFTER* January 31st

In-catchment Kindergarten students who apply *AFTER* January 31st will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space, their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

NOTE: There will be NO PRIORITY given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31st.

When registering your child please bring:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records

If you wish to apply for a Choice program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for Choice programs and cross boundary placements will be accepted in early 2018, but only after you have registered at your catchment school.

For more information on Kindergarten registration please visit:

<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

*Available space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the district. (Policy Regulation JECC-R)

GYMNASTICS

We have been fortunate to add three additional days of gymnastics November 1st – 3rd, to make up times missed on November 9 (Remembrance Day service), November 10 (Curriculum Implementation Day), and November 13 (Holiday). Therefore, our gymnastics program will now run from November 1 – 24 inclusive.

PAC NEWS

PAC is seeking a Treasurer

1. Would you like to participate more in your child's education? If so, then there's no better way to do this than to be a part of the school community by being involved with the PAC (Parents Advisory Council). The PAC is looking to find a new Treasurer to take over the current Treasurer's role. Thank-you Clement, our current treasurer, for all your hard work and support!

If you are interested or know someone who would be a good fit for the job please let us know. We would like to decide on a replacement at the November 7th PAC meeting.

We cannot function as PAC without a Treasurer!

2. Thank you to everyone who supported the Fresh to You Fundraiser. We raised \$375.60. We will let you know when delivery is scheduled.
3. A big shout out and thank you also to all the staff who sponsored the Cross Country team. It was fun both for the kids and for the parents who saw our kids enjoying new challenges. The morning exercise was also a great bonus!

Events & Fundraisers

We have lots of events and fundraisers planned. We hope they will give you all a chance to connect to the school community. Please see the package of notices that were sent home.

1. Family Photo Fundraiser: Thursday November 2nd on the gym stage
2. PAC Family Movie Night - *Storks* - Thursday November 9th in the gym. Movie starts at 6 pm
3. Purdy's Chocolate Sales: 25% of sales go to PAC. Orders due November 22nd and can be picked up on November 30th
4. Direct Appeal campaign: submission due Nov 22nd
5. PAC Winter Craft Fair: Thursday November 30th, 3:30-6pm

Paper notices have gone home for most of these events and fundraisers. If you missed them, please let us know and we can send another one home with your child. There is also information on the Fundraising and Events page on our website.

If you are interested in helping with any of these events, please contact us.

If you are looking for a way to volunteer, or just want to know more about our school, please come to our next PAC meeting which is November 7th, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the library. This month there will be a presentation on Communicating Student Learning.

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