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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Reminder: F.I. Registrations

Since registrations opened on January 09th, we have collected many applications for our Kindergarten spaces in September.

School parents wishing to register a younger sibling for September will benefit from sibling priority (i.e. guaranteed space) provided they register on line before February 06, 2017. Please remember to register at your English catchment school. Do not delay!

The draw will be held in early February, and emails confirming guaranteed space or waitlist priority should reach families by mid-February. We wish all families the best of luck in securing a placement for their K or Grade one children. Bonne Chance!

Battery Recycling program

Vancouver Battery continues to provide us with The "Battery Recycling Program" free of charge. You will find two brown containers in the office where you can dispose of your old batteries from home. When these become full, the office will contact Vancouver Battery for pick up. The benefit of participating in this recycling program is that anyone such as staff,

students and parents who are in schools taking part in the recycling program, can purchase batteries through Vancouver Battery at 15% discount off of the retail price.

School Internet Safety Agreement

Classes should have received a one-page VSB-standard sheet that requires signatures of both a parent or guardian and the student. Please discuss these issues with your child, sign the form, and return it to the classroom teacher. If you do not see this form, either your child's class does not access the internet at school, or you have already signed our school internet permission form.

Re: Foundation Skills Assessment 4 & 7 students

For your information, FSA testing will be conducted in late Jan. and Feb. Approximately half of the 4.5 hours required for the three tests (Numeracy, Reading, Writing) will be multiple choice and our IPADS will be used to complete these tests. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher should you have any questions or concerns.

A few reminders to take note of:

After one month here at our new school:

- 1. Please note the existing parking regulations and no stopping signage along 14th and 15th. Please be advised that cyclists should not be using the staff parking lot. This is for automobiles only. We ask that you refrain from using the staff parking lot for drop off or pick up. We thank you for respecting these safety rules!
- 2. We have busses for field trips and the JCC that need access in front of the school to load and unload children, thus we ask you to follow the signage closely.

3. The Playgrounds and gravel field:

Students in Grades One to Three should remain on the south side of the school and field at both recess and lunch and are also allowed to play on the playground equipment outside the north side of the building. Kindergarten students are also on the south side, but do not have access to the gravel field for safety reasons. All students must remain on the school site during recess and lunch. Gr. 4 to 7 students are to use the north side of the building and field for physical activities and sports and are also allowed to run around the building: however, they must remain in the boundaries which they are well aware of.

4. **Lunch Routines**: Students in Grade One and Two eat their lunches in the Kindercare space of the multipurpose room. All other classes eat in their classrooms and are supervised by our Supervision Aides, Student Support worker and our

Grade 6 lunch monitors. We are pleased to inform you that your children are behaving extremely well and we are proud of their assistance in keeping their classes clean and tidy.

- 5. **Rainy Days:** Unless the weather is extremely stormy, all students will be asked to go outside on rainy days. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather knowing that on rainy days they will be going outdoors for fresh air and physical activity. This promotes improved learning, particularly in the afternoons.
- 6. We would like to **commend our children** for their excellent behaviour while playing on the school grounds.

Reminder Staff Parking Lot

For parents new to the school, please note that **VBE policy prohibits the use of the staff parking lot for drop-off or pick-up of students**. Our Code of Conduct sets 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. as the times during which that space is reserved for VSB staff only.

Basketball News

We are currently in full swing with six teams registered in the District league. We would like to congratulate all our players for their excellent sportsmanship, skills development and keen enthusiasm. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the parent and teacher coaches, referees, drivers and VSB parent chaperones. We could not register our teams without the generous support of these individuals. Merci beaucoup!

Flu Season Continues

Please be aware that the flu season is well under way and once again we ask you to remind your children to wash their hands frequently and cough into their elbows.

If your child is experiencing any flu like symptoms please keep them at home until these symptoms pass.

We have sent many children home over the last few weeks, which clearly demonstrates the need for all of us to be proactive and vigilant. Merci beaucoup!

Canadian Parents for French
New location for CPF in
Vancouver: The office is now open
for business, and welcomes questions or
visits from members or interested
parties. Location is #227 1555 7th
Avenue in Vancouver. The contact
person is Kirsty Peterson:
outreach@cpf.bc.ca

Applications for Summer: 2017 Family French Camps are now being accepted.

Highly popular, these camps are available to families who want an outdoor experience where the children can use their French skills, but not a requirement for parents. Families do need to be members of Canadian Parents for French, so don't delay in signing up or renewing - available online www.cpf.bc.ca.

Sustainability News

Come find out about all the exciting projects that our classes are preparing to plant. Dates will be announced in the near future. Thank you to **Denise Cousineau** for organizing and planting Tulip and Daffodil bulbs with the K and Gr. 1 classes.

Hands on experience can take many forms when you volunteer for the Sustainability Committee; Curriculum development, policy making and grant writing as well as Web communications, planning for the new school garden and a heritage Harvest table. (Not to mention stirring the compost and preparing our gorgeous raised beds in March and April!)

Many of the committee members have children who will graduate, so there is plenty of room for new growth.

Join us for fun and a chance to roll up your sleeves. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact bakervicky@shaw.ca Stay tuned for more garden news as the weather improves!

PAC News

PAC meeting: Monday, February 20th, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in our Multipurpose room. Please come and join us for this Speaker series.

New School Update:

We did it! We were back and pretty much fully operational on Jan. 03, 2017 to welcome your children into our beautiful new school! Thank you to our teachers who had their classes ready and who worked extremely hard over the holiday to ensure a smooth transition! Bravo et merci mille fois, les professeurs!

Thank you also to all parents who volunteered their time assisting with packing, setting up classes and unpacking, cutting tennis balls for chairs and helping teachers as requested. We could not have done this massive move without your help! Merci tout le monde!

Important Dates

	Registration – on line registration closes
Feb 13	Family Day – School closed
Feb. 15	Camp Sasamat: Parent meeting 7:00 p m: Multipurpose room
Feb. 20	PAC Meeting: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Feb 22	QE2017 parent meeting 7:00pm Multipurpose room
Feb 24	Pro-D Day – Students do not attend
Mar o8	Early Dismissal – 2:00 p.m. Student-Led Conferences (Book Fair)
Mar 09	Early Dismissal – 2:00 p.m. Student-Led Conferences (Book Fair)
Mar 10	Reports issued
Mar 13	Spring Break begins
Mar 27	School reopens
Mar. 30	Gr. 7 Quebec students arrive
Apr 10	Gr. 7 Quebec students leave
April 13	Whole class photos
Apr 14	Good Friday: Holiday
April 17	Easter Monday : Holiday
April 20	Choir concerts 1:30 & 7:00 pm Multipurpose room
April 27	Gr. 7s leave for Quebec
Apr 26-28	Grade 4 students to Camp Sasamat