

MacCorkindale News

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Important Dates to Remember

January 17: Sign-up for KCST Winter Programs
January 17: PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm
January 15 - 19: Hip Hop Dancing – All Divisions
January 19: Hip Hop Performance @ 2:00 pm
January 26: Be Your Best Assembly @ 11:00 am
January 29: Curriculum Implementation Day -
No school for students
February 9: Reports go home
February 12: Family Day - School not in session



Safe Arrival

To Report Your Child's Absence:

Please leave a message for the school at 604-713-4775. You can call and leave a message 24 hours a day. If you know ahead of time that your child will be away from school, Parents and Guardians are encouraged to inform the School Office and not just the teacher. Notifying us in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine. The Office will be follow up on student absences if we do not hear from you.



Dress for the Weather

With the weather this time of year wet, cold, or unpredictable, please ensure that your child is dressed warmly. Keeping a toque, mittens, and extra pair of socks in your child's backpack is a good idea as well.



Communicating Student Learning

Many Vancouver Public Schools, along with schools throughout British Columbia, are moving from a model of 'reporting to parents' on a regular and pre-determined schedule to 'communicating student learning with parents' on an on-going basis throughout the school year. This year, our school are participating in a district-initiated pilot project along with other Vancouver schools and their teachers. These teacher teams will work with the school district to provide parents with timely and responsive communications of student learning throughout the school year. Parents with children in these classes will receive five communications from teachers within a school year:

- a written progress report in early February
- a written summative report at the end of June
- a minimum of three ongoing communications of student learning in various subject areas.

The written reports will include descriptive comments and a summary of student progress in relation to the learning standards from the BC Curriculum.

After School Programs: Killarney Community Schools Team



The Killarney Community Schools team is excited to be bringing programs back to MacCorkindale in January. This season they will be offering five programs at the school:

Lego Club, Mini-Scientists, Mini-Chefs, and Mini-Sports will be

offered for Grade 1 -3 students and **Homework & Board games** for Grade 4 – 7 students. Registration will be in the school Library at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, January 17th. Phone registration for any remaining spots will be available on Monday, January 22nd. Call 604-713-5887.

Basketball

The season starts with practices this week for our Senior Boys and Girls teams. Permission forms outlining the details of the activity have been handed out to the Grade 7 students. If your child is interested in playing, signed forms are due to Mr. Yuen as soon as possible. Practice and game times are listed below. Exact game locations are yet to be determined.



Senior Girls: **Practices** - Tuesdays @ 3:00 pm and Thursdays @ 8:00 pm
Games - Thursdays @ 3:00 pm

Senior Boys: **Practices** - Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 8:00 am
Games - Wednesdays @ 3:00 pm

How can I prevent the spread of colds and the flu?

Wash your hands: Frequent hand washing can reduce the risk of all respiratory infections. Use soap and warm water for 20 seconds.

Cover your cough: You can also reduce the spread of germs by practicing safe coughing and sneezing techniques. By coughing and sneezing into the crook of the elbow or the sleeve, those with colds can minimize the spread of germs.



Stay at home: Anybody who thinks they have an influenza-like illness (i.e. fever and cough) should remain at home and limit exposure to others.

Our school's Code of Conduct:

Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Positive, Be Safe, and Be Involved

A detailed copy of the Code of Conduct can be obtained from the Office

VSB **K** **Kindergarten**
Registration

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www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten

Visit the school office for information

Kindergarten registration for children born in 2013 is now open

All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. The priority registration period for Kindergarten opened on **Wednesday November 1st** and closes at **4 pm on Wednesday January 31st**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

If you want to apply for a Choice program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for Choice programs will be accepted starting January 15th and cross boundary placements on February 1st.



Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1st and January 31st

1. Students who cannot be accommodated at their preferred location will be accommodated at the location that has space and placed on a waitlist for their preferred location in the order in which their name is drawn.
2. Between January 31st and the second Friday in June (when school organizations are finalized), students on the ordered waitlist will be offered spaces at their preferred location as space becomes available. This waitlist will remain active until September 14.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

All in-catchment Kindergarten applications received **after** January 31st, will be registered at their preferred location, if there is space, or added to the bottom of the existing waitlist for their preferred location and registered at the location that has space to accommodate them.

Please Note: There will be no priority given to registrants with siblings already attending MacCorkindale if they register after January 31st.

* 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)

Hip Hop at MacCorkindale

This week all our students are participating in a Hip Hop Dance Unit. As part of the B. C. curriculum, students will learn to appreciate various movement skills in through this activity. Parents and Guardians are welcome to join our dance celebration on Friday, January 19 at 2:00 pm in the Gymnasium.



MacCorkindale Website

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As we move forward, we want to reduce the amount of paper we use at the school. Therefore, we will continue to use the school's website and emails home as our primary way to communicate to parents. However, those families who still want a paper copy of newsletters and communication will be accommodated.