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Newsletter #4

Date: December 22nd, 2017

Dear Mackenzie Parents:

It is a pleasure to acknowledge some of the many activities and events that have happened recently here at Mackenzie and to give thanks to all students, parents, and staff who help make this such a fun, interesting, and vibrant place to learn and grow.

Our Christmas concerts "Marimba's & Merriment" on Thursday the 14th were huge hits with the students, staff, and parents. Many thanks to Ms. DaSilva and all of the team for decorating, organizing, practicing, & facilitating such wonderful events.

All of our classroom teachers have been equipped with new laptop computers to assist with classroom instruction, streamline attendance taking, and to integrate and expand on-line resources into teaching.

Kudos and thanks to all the parents, PAC, and generous sponsors for helping to make the Potluck and Silent Auction such a huge yummy success, see below for more.

Our students had the opportunity to play volleyball against some members of the VPD and again with the staff yesterday. All of our athletes had a great time and impressed all of us with how much they have improved their skills and team work.

This past Wednesday Ms. Bakken and our senior students hosted the multi-cultural lunch which was amazing! Not only was the variety of food impressive but the children were delightful hosts, explaining the names of dishes, ingredients, and their origin. Special thanks to parents for preparing and sharing such integral pieces of your many cultures with us, most appreciated!

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair hosted by Ms. Boardman was a resounding success both for students and families having the opportunity to purchase a variety of print material at a reduced cost but also through their purchases providing more than \$2000 to our library to supplement our resources.

Best wishes to all of you for health, happiness, and some much needed time with your family and friends. Many thanks for all your cards and presents, I am overwhelmed by your generosity!

Looking forward to a busy and fulfilling 2018 New Year.

Yours,

Bruce

Regards,

Bruce Murton

Principal

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Kindergarten registration for children born in 2013 began 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 closes at 4 pmn Wednesday, 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 (rental/lease agreement or property tax notice PLUS utility bill)
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immunization records

If your child was not BORN in Canada (regardless of present immigration status), please check out this link, <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/drpc/Registration/Pages/How-to-Apply.aspx> for information on registration.

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.

For more information on kindergarten registration 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)

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

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www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten

Visit the school office for information

POTLUCK & SILENT AUCTION:

Many thanks go out to everyone who made our 2nd annual Silent Auction a huge success! We'd like to extend our gratitude to the generous parents who bid on items and to those parents (and students!) who were generous with their time leading up to the event. Special thanks to Theresa Evans for designing the advertising poster.

Very special thanks go out to parents and families who donated items - Kris Hunter (and her sister-in-law Erynn Hunter), Ashley Johnson, Kai Low, Amy Tsze, Emily Wight, Frank Bassett, Darnelle Moore, Nadia Mann, Mindan Gunther-Moore, Mark Kennedy, Krystal Hauser, Brian Hamatake, Olympia Dowd, Alex Friedland and Shannon Mendes!!!!

And thank you to the community for their wonderful donations to our Silent Auction:

Apex Adventure Plex
 Dharma Dogs
 Oakridge Centre
 Kidsbooks
 Cartem's Donuterie
 Hive Bouldering Gym
 Savio Volpe
 Pedalheads
 Neighbours Restaurant and Pizza House
 Eastside Fitness
 Moksha Yoga East Van
 Abbie's Sports Shop
 Starbucks
 Oddball Workshop
 Rain or Shine Ice Cream
 Granville Island Toy Company (Main Street)
 Prado Cafe on Fraser Street
 Splitz Grill
 Vancouver Canucks with thanks to Telus
 Whistler Blackcomb with thanks to Telus
 Capilano Suspension Bridge

Liberty Wine Merchants
 Seafood City
 Famous Foods
 Electronic Arts
 West Coast Liquor (Fraser Street)
 Solly's Bagels
 Get Organized Now!
 Stella & Dot
 Maple Organics
 Bobo and Pinky
 Matchstick Coffee
 Portland Craft
 Main Street Brewery
 Mindan's Designs
 Even More Plants
 White Spot

We look forward to our third annual silent auction next year! Thank you again everyone. Happy Holidays and all the best for 2018.

Mackenzie PAC and the Silent Auction
 Committee



Congratulations to our Junior Girls' Volleyball team for coming in 4th in the City!

Div. 12 Stories about our field trip Dec. 7, 2017

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by Jan Div. 12

This morning all of the grade 2 classes went to see a play on Granville Island. My favourite characters are Peter and the Lion. I don't like the witch because she is mean and I didn't like her dress! They were going to meet the Lion but Santa, or Father Christmas was in the way, so Santa gave them weapons, and a bow and arrow. He also gave them a sword, a horn and a potion that could heal the hurt. At the end, Lucy healed Edmund and this magic place is called Narnia.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by Dimitrios Div. 12

This morning we went to the Carousel Theatre. My favourite character is the witch because the witch is evil. I like the lion because it roars. I like the play because they use real swords. I like Edmund because he broke the witch's wand. I like the mice because they nibbled the ropes and they untied the lion from the ropes. The stone table broke in half and then they went to the witch's castle. They had a war in the witch's castle and when the war was finished the witch dies in the war.

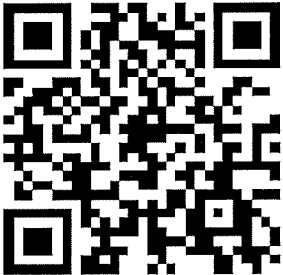
Our Field Trip to Granville Island by Maya Div. 12

Today we went to see a play at Carousel Theatre. The theatre was at Granville Island and we watched The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. My favourite characters were Peter, Susan, Lucy and Edmund. They were really funny and they even had weapons. My favourite part was when they became kings and queens and when they went into the wardrobe into Narnia!!!! They met Aslan and the white witch but the witch was really mean. She turned everyone into stone but when they had a battle Edmund used his dagger and broke the witch's wand. Then instead of it always being winter it was always summer!!!! Then Peter, Susan, Lucy and Edmund became kings and queens. Then they had to go home.

Many thanks to parents for driving to support our students' athletic endeavours and for generously funding field trip opportunities!

Upcoming Events

DATE			Participants	EVENT
Monday	8 th	January	Whole school	School reopens
Friday	12 th	January		Munch-a-Lunch - Pizza
Monday	15 th	January	Primary Assembly	Lunchroom @ 9:15 am
Wednesday	17 th	January	K-7	School Performance @ 9 am - Robinson Crusoe
Wednesday	17 th	January	K-7	Bollywood Lesson Fees are Due - \$7.00 (4-lessons)
Friday	19 th	January		Munch-a-Lunch - Subway
Monday	22 nd	January	K-7	Bollywood Style Dance Class
Tuesday	23 rd	January	K-7	Bollywood Style Dance Class
Wednesday	24 th	January	K-7	Bollywood Style Dance Class
Wednesday	24 nd	January	K-6	Immunization Clinic #2
Thursday	25 th	January	K-7	Bollywood Style Dance Class
Friday	26 th	January	K-7	Bollywood Style Performance
Friday	26 th	January		Munch-a-Lunch - Calhouns
Monday	29 th	January	Teachers	Curriculum Implantation Day - NO classes
Wednesday	31 st	January	Grade 3s	Fire Safety House - 9 am & 1 pm



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