



NELSON NEWS

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SCHOOL SCHEDULE	
8:55	Warning Bell
9:00	Instruction Begins
10:30-10:50	Recess Break
12:10-12:55	Lunch Break
12:55	Warning Bell
12:57	Instruction Begins
3:00	Students Dismissed

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Principal's Message

Welcome back. We hope you had a great spring break and are ready for the final term of the school year. This is always a very busy time of year with activities and events like, Sports Day, Gym Sense, Dance workshop, Welcome to Kindergarten, Grade 7 Articulation/Graduation, Primary Spring Concert, Splash 'n Dash, PAC Parent Information Night and much more.

Our Term 2 report cards went home on Tuesday March 7. I hope parents had an opportunity to discuss the second term reports with your children. I always enjoy reading your child's report card at the end of each term, as it is a treat to read about the incredible achievements and opportunities that are part of your child's experience each and every day here at Nelson. Please ensure you sign the back of your child's report card envelope and return it to the classroom teacher. Also, thank you to the parents that were able to attend the parent conferences as this is an excellent opportunity for parents to be a partner in their child's educational program and we appreciate the opportunity to share in your child's progress.

Last Friday our students were treated to a visit from the Carisbrooke Elementary Choir from North Vancouver, organized by Ms. Bachert. Our Choir and the Carisbrooke both performed for the Nelson students and then sang "This is My Home" together. It was an incredible performance with the two groups, totaling almost one hundred students. Their voices filled the gym, what a great way to end the week.



Our construction project continues to make progress and every day more concrete is laid and we are starting to see the first pieces of structural steel protrude from the site. We have a long way to go but each and every day it continues to take shape. I certainly hope the weather is more cooperative as we move later into the Spring and summer!

We are in to our second week of Gym Sense instruction for all of our students. If you have managed to poke your head into the gym you will notice that it is full of gymnastic equipment and mats. The program is designed to augment and enhance the present physical education program and will allow students to be exposed to the fairness and equality of the sport of gymnastics through fun, fitness and fundamentals. Our students seem to really be enjoying the opportunity to participate in gymnastics. Gymnastics is a specialized sport and since not all physical education teachers feel confident enough to teach this very technical and precise activity the Gym Sense program is able to provide the skill sets necessary to conduct these classes safely.

We are looking forward to the PAC Parent Information night coming up this Wednesday. Renae Regehr, researcher and founder of Free to Be, will be speaking to parents on April 5th, from 6:30-8pm in the Nelson gym. She will be discussing information about recent research related to body image and self-perception, and will be offering some take home tips and ideas for how you can support a healthy view of self in your children at different stages of development. Renae will also be with our Intermediate children this Thursday, April 6th, speaking about the topic of Body Image. WE would like to thank our PAC for providing this informative and relevant opportunity to our Community and students. If you are available please do try and make time to join us.

Looking forward, we have our Spring Concert coming up on April 26th. As mentioned in an earlier email this concert is for Primary students (Div. 9 -18) as our Intermediate students performed earlier in the year. There will be 2 performances, one in the afternoon at 1:30 pm and then an evening showing beginning at 6:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased for \$2 each, with sales beginning April 10th. As we have mentioned with past performances we have to limit ticket numbers to ensure that we follow fire safety guidelines. Thank you for understanding. Friends and family who are able to attend the afternoon concert are encouraged to do so in order to allow the greatest number of tickets to remain available for our evening performance. We know that this will be a well-attended event and that anytime we have performances involving our Primary students the cuteness factor is always off the charts! I would like to thank Ms. Bachert for all her hard work in the preparation for this concert!

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize some staffing changes for the final term. Welcome Ms. Jessica Sy to the Nelson Staff. Ms. Sy will be team teaching in our enrolling classrooms until the end of the school year. Her role has been added to our organization as part of the Interim Measures funding related to the restored contract language. In addition I would like to welcome Miss Shirley Tong to the Nelson team. Miss Tong will be joining us in Division 15 until the end of the school year, replacing Ms. Sullivan who has begun her leave.

The Vancouver School Board has released the school calendar for the 2017-18 school year. It can be viewed on the Vancouver School Board website at: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/calendars-events> I will be sending home the usual summary of important dates later in the May Newsletter.

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The FSA –Foundation Skills Assessment was administered to all **Grades 4 and 7 students** in British Columbia during the months of January and February. The online and paper portions have been marked the results have been sent home to parents of those **Grade 4 and 7 students** who participated. Please feel free to contact us if you have not received your child's results. School and district summary reports will be compiled by the Ministry of Education in late spring and are made available at <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reporting/district.php>

The Vancouver School Board budget process is underway and there is once again a projected shortfall in Vancouver. Parents who are interested can follow along with the process on the VSB website at: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/2017-2018-budget-updates>

At Nelson, April and May are the months we look at projections for staffing and resource allocation for the 2017/18 school year. When the budget process is finalized, individual schools receive their staffing allocations.

We appreciate parents who have already let us know if they are returning to Lord Nelson next year, as we may once again be in a waitlist position for some grades for September 2017. Please let us know if you do plan to move as soon as possible, so that we can accommodate families from the waitlist.

The students at Lord Nelson are provided with a great deal of opportunities to be involved in extra-curricular school activities. This is due, in no small part, to the commitment of our staff and their dedication to our students. Whether it be the Arts or Athletics, both teachers and support staff can always be counted on to provide their time to create opportunities for our students to excel. Thank you for that dedication to our students!

Sincerely,
Dan Knibbs, Principal

Choral Festival and Primary Spring Concert



We are excited about our upcoming concert *for primary students only* (Divisions 9-18) on **Wednesday, April 26th, 2017**. There will be two performances: one at 1:30pm and an evening performance at 6:30pm. **Tickets will be available from the office beginning Monday, April 10, and are \$2 each** with funds raised going to support our music program.

Students should arrive by **6:10pm** on the evening of the concert and go directly to their classroom where a teacher or supervisor will be meeting them. Following the concert, students will return to their classrooms and we ask that they are picked up from their room by an adult.

We will be presenting two shows, *How Does Your Garden Grow?* and *Squirm*. Information about what students should wear will come from your classroom teacher.

If your child is unable to participate in this important function, please send a note to Ms. Bachert and your classroom teacher explaining the absence by April 21st, 2017. Performance opportunities help students gain confidence, discipline and pride and we are excited to share what we have been working on with you! Thank you for your ongoing support of the music program at Nelson. Please feel free to contact Ms. Bachert if you have any questions or concerns. Ms. Alison Bachert (abachert@vsb.bc.ca). Thank you to the Nelson community for being such strong supporters of the Music program!

Play Day



March 2nd was Lord Nelson's first Play Day. This day was devoted to students engaging in play, initiating games with their classmates, participating in crafts in other classrooms, or going outside. Whatever the activity, students were on their own (under the watch of the staff!) to find activities that interested them. Ping pong tables were set up, electric guitars were plugged in, towering structures were built, entire novels were read, blanket forts were constructed are some of the things happening inside.

Outside, many students braved the rainy day to play badminton and soccer, ride their scooters, play with their remote-control cars and even read inside a tent. The staff noticed many wonderful occasions where students were playing with others from different grade levels, or friend groups, as well as times when students needed to problem solve when it came to what activity they were going to do next, or sharing of items.



The unstructured day provided time for students to have these important conversations amongst themselves and reach positive conclusions. Comments throughout the day were positive from both staff and students. A comment paper was placed in the main hall the following day where parents and students could write their thoughts. The staff has had an opportunity to review the day and the comments. We are hoping to provide another Play Day this school year when the weather warms up!



Sun Run Training

Our students are enjoying their Tuesday and Friday morning training runs for the upcoming Vancouver Sun Run. With the support of Ms. Mould, Mr. Wightman, Ms. Klein, Ms. Bachert and Ms. Tanaka, our younger runners run from the school to Trout Lake and then do a nice stretch. Our 10K runners are able to run from the school, all the way around Trout Lake and then it's a race back to the school for all!



Important Dates...mark your calendars!

- Apr. 3 Pride Workshops for Gr.4-5
PAC Meeting
- Apr. 4 Div.3 to Rio Theatre
Div.6 Artist in Residence Program
- Apr. 5 PAC / Body Image and Our Children (see PAC news)
- Apr. 6 Body Image Presentations, Gr.4-7
Gr.7 Badminton Team plays at Elsie Roy
- Apr.10 Kindergarten Hearing Screening follow-up
Whitecaps presentation, 9-12pm
Primary Spring Concert Tickets available for purchase (\$2 each/school office)
StrongStart closed
- Apr.11 Div.6 Artist in Residence Program
- Apr.13 Gr.7 Badminton Team plays at Seymour
- Apr.14-17 Statutory Holiday - school closed
- Apr.18 "Clean Up Your Act" presentation, Gr.K-4
Grade 7 Grad Group Photo, 1:00pm
- Apr.20 Gr.7 Badminton Team plays at Britannia
- Apr.21 PAC Nelson Movie Night
- Apr.26 **Primary students' SPRING CONCERT, 1:30 pm & 6:30pm performances**



**Don't miss our Primary Student Spring Concert!
Tickets available from the school office beginning April 10th.**

PAC News



Date	Event
April 5 TH 6:30-8PM	FREE TO BE – BODY IMAGE AND OUR CHILDREN information Session
April 21 ST 6:30PM	LORD NELSON MOVIE NIGHT in honour of Earth Day! FernGully: The Last Rainforest
May 1st 6:30-8PM	PARENT BODY SCIENCE Information Session (to support workshops that our children are participating in on MAY 3 rd and 4 th)
May 14 TH ALL DAY	RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE – any students 11+ are eligible to sign up. Registration will be in May.
June 9 TH 3-7PM	LORD NELSON SPRING CARNIVAL

Spring is coming and we're starting to think about our well loved event - the **LORD NELSON SPRING CARNIVAL!**

Things are going to look a little different this year and we have some new FUN attractions for all kids to enjoy - are you crazy enough to enter into one of the Human Spheres?!? Or scale a rock wall? **Mark June 9th in your diary and come to join the fun!**

As always we need help!!

- **we need creativity!** This year we will need some parent/family/community built attractions. Can you build a carnival game? If you're interested, please contact ASAP!
- **we need volunteers!** We have started a basic sign up sheet and will contact you regarding shifts nearer the date
- **we need sponsors!** We are drawing up some sponsorship guidelines - if you or your company is interesting in sponsoring an event at the carnival, please contact lordnelsonpac@gmail.com
- **we need donations!** As always, we will be running our popular raffle! Are you able to donate a prize? Do you know a company who will? Let us know.

Please contact lordnelsonpac@gmail.com to sign up.

COMMUNITY

Happy April to you all! The Templeton CST is now in its last term of programs for the school year – with a couple of brand new programs being offered to our Lord Nelson students. Please see our [Spring 2017 Guide and Registration form](#). Note that our registration for programs will be this coming **Thurs, Apr 6 & Fri, Apr 7 from 2:45-4:00pm outside of the Lord Nelson main school office**. Hard copies of our program guides and forms will be made available **on Tues, Apr 4** at the Lord Nelson main school office. Program spaces fill up very quickly, so please be sure to line up early to register your child for our programs! If you have any questions, please contact Paula Parman, our CST Programmer, directly at 604.612.7251 or at pparman@vsb.bc.ca. Thank you again for all of your support for our lunch and after school time programs – we hope to see your children in our programs this term!

Paula Parman

Community Schools Team Programmer
Templeton Family of Schools - (Lord Nelson Elem / Templeton Sec.)
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