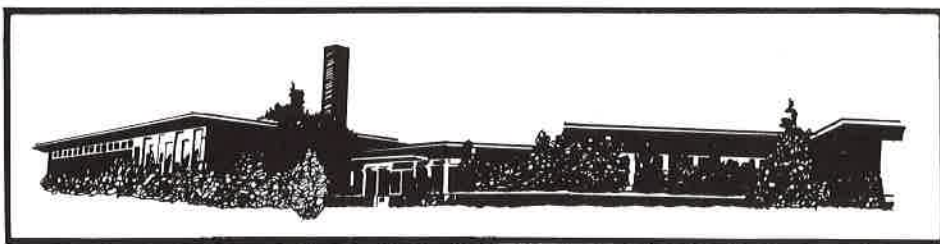


ONGOINGS



OPPENHEIMER

**PRINCIPAL:
DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION
LIASON TRUSTEE:
PAC CO-ORDINATOR:**

**Mrs. R. Finch
Ms. E. Roberts
Ms. D. Turner
Mrs. L. Chen**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Oppenheimer Parents and Guardians,

The short month of February is once again here and it is jam packed with lots of fun-filled activities. This month we have a number of exciting performances, a Valentine's day dance for the students and Pink Day.

These past few weeks, you may have noticed that your children have spoken of the new lunch eating times--after much feedback from students, staff and parents, we have been trialing new lunch times for the students at Oppenheimer. All Intermediate students have been eating in the Activity Room at 12:10 and the Primary students have been eating at 12:30. In just a few short weeks, we have already seen a positive impact throughout our school. The primary students are excited that they can play throughout the whole playground while the Intermediates are eating and vice versa, the Intermediate students are loving the freedom of having the playground to themselves when the Primaries eat. Feedback from the students has been very positive with the Intermediate students enjoying the time to "chat with friends" and the Primary students having had a good play and run around that "now I really am hungry and want to eat all my lunch". Thank you to the PAC for being very supportive in our new eating times and for all the PAC volunteers that are able to stay on hot lunch Fridays until 12:30 to help distribute the food to the primaries.

Wishing you a fabulous February,

Rosie Finch

WINTER BREAK 2017/2018

As we have had many parents inquiring regarding the possible changes to the 2017/2018 school winter break, I wanted to update you all on the status of the proposed changes. To date no decision has been made by the school board. It is my understanding that the change proposal will be reviewed at a Committee meeting this Wednesday, February 1st, and if passed will be forwarded to the board meeting on Monday, February 27th for final decision. As soon as I hear any information, I will update all families.

REGISTRATION FOR 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR

The first deadline for kindergarten registration to be eligible for catchment schools was January 31st, 2017. All in-catchment Kindergarten registrations received **after** January 31st will be added to the existing waitlist by date and time of application. There will be no priority given to registrants with siblings already attending David Oppenheimer Elementary School after January 31st. Families will be contacted by the end of February regarding the status of their child's Kindergarten application.

FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT 2017

Annually, B.C. Schools conduct a Grade 4 and 7 Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA). This year, the two grade group of students will be writing it between January 16th and February 17th. Their marked booklets will be returned in March.

Thinking of Others



Love is in the air ♥ ☐. This February, for the Me to We Campaign, we are asking for donations of health & hygiene items to help the less fortunate. Items will be donated to First United Church: Community Ministry Society.

Please show some love by donating **new & unused** items like toothbrushes, towels, toothpaste, hairbrushes, hair ties & clips, laundry soap, band-aids, soap bars, shampoo, hair bands, containers, and other daily objects your family regularly uses. We are hoping to have you donate enough so that the shelter can provide for everybody.

'Show the Kindness' by lending us a hand! Please bring your donations to your child's class by the end of month, so if you forget it is never too late to give to the less fortunate. This is the time to help others in need during this cold winter. Think about the smiles on people's faces when they receive the items we donated to the shelter.

Thank you for your support!

By Jessie Wong and Shelly Tiet from Me to WE Campaign
(Ms. Lee – Staff Rep for Me to We Committee)

DAY of PINK



PINK DAY

"The Day of Pink" is also known as the International Day designated against bullying, discrimination, homophobia and transphobia across the world. At the district level, we have Board Policies pertaining to "Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities" as well as "Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism" which guide our daily practice in order to ensure that respectable and inclusive diversity be achieved to protect our students, parents, staff and school communities.

On Wednesday, February 22nd our school will be celebrating diversity and anti-bullying by wearing a pink shirt. At 1:15 a.m., under the leadership of Ms. Lee along with our student council members, parents are invited to participate in a school-wide assembly on the topic. We look forward to your active participation.

TERM TWO REPORTS

Term Two Reports will be sent home Friday, March 3rd, 2017

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

Conferences will be Wednesday March 8th and Thursday March 9th. School will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. on these days to accommodate this educational event.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Wednesday February 01 | Cross Boundary Forms Accepted |
| Thursday February 02 | 7:00 p.m. Grad Committee Meeting |
| Friday February 03 | 12:10 Pizza Day |
| | Subway Orders Due Online |
| Monday February 06 | 9:00 TapCo Performance |
| Tuesday February 07 | 9:00 Hamelin: A New Fable Performance |
| Friday February 10 | 12:10 Subway |
| Monday February 13 | Family Day – School CLOSED |
| Wednesday February 15 | 11:15 BC Lions Energy Presentation |
| | Popcorn Day |
| Thursday February 16 | 7:00 p.m. PAC Meeting |
| Wednesday February 22 | Pizza Orders Due Online |
| Thursday February 23 | Pink Shirt Day |
| | Pizza Day |
| | Subway Orders Due Online |
| Friday February 24 | District Wide Pro D Day |
| Monday February 27 | 9:00 Zero Heroes K-7 Assembly |
| Tuesday February 28 | Deadline for Cross Boundary Applications |



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developing an awareness of the art
form.

February

2017

David Oppenheimer Elementary

February Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 8:20 Sing A Long Cross Boundary Forms Accepted 3:30 Grade 7 Boy's BBall GAME at Oppenheimer | 2 3:00 Grade 6/7 Boy's BBall Practice 7:00 Grad Committee Meeting in the Library | 3 9:00-3:00 Division 6 to Arts Umbrella 12:10 Pizza Day 1:30 Grade 3's Swim at Killarney Subway Orders Due Online | 4 |
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| 12 | 13 FAMILY DAY SCHOOL CLOSED | 14 3:00 Grade 6/7 Boy's BBall Practice <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i> | 15 8:20 Sing a Long Popcorn Day 11:15 BC Lions Energy Presentation 7:00 PAC Meeting | 16 8:30-2:30 Division 10 Britannia Mines Pizza Orders Due Online | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 8:20 Sing A Long PINK SHIRT DAY 1:15 Assembly | 23 12:10 Pizza Day Subway Orders Due Online | 24 DISTRICT WIDE PRO D DAY SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS | 25 |
| 26 | 27 9:00 Zero Heroes Performance | 28 Fire Drill Cross Boundary Forms Deadline | | | | |



IS YOUR FAMILY PREPARED FOR AN EARTHQUAKE ?

FREE EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP
FACILITATED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER



South Vancouver Family Place

Free Childcare Provided



South Vancouver Family Place

February 7, 2017

1:00-2:30 P.M.

SOUTH VANCOUVER FAMILY PLACE
7710 NANAIMO STREET (AT 61ST)

To register : Contact 604-325-5213 or svfpinfo@telus.net

Parents of Grade 7 Students
who wish to attend Killarney
Secondary School are invited to an

Information Evening

Wednesday, February 08, 2017

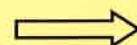
7:00 pm - Auditorium

Parents who would like to have an (optional) tour of the
school please arrive at 6:30 pm.

Students are encouraged to attend
with their parents!

There will be a panel of Killarney Staff and
Students available to answer your questions.

Please turn page to find a
School Location Map
and a Map to our Auditorium



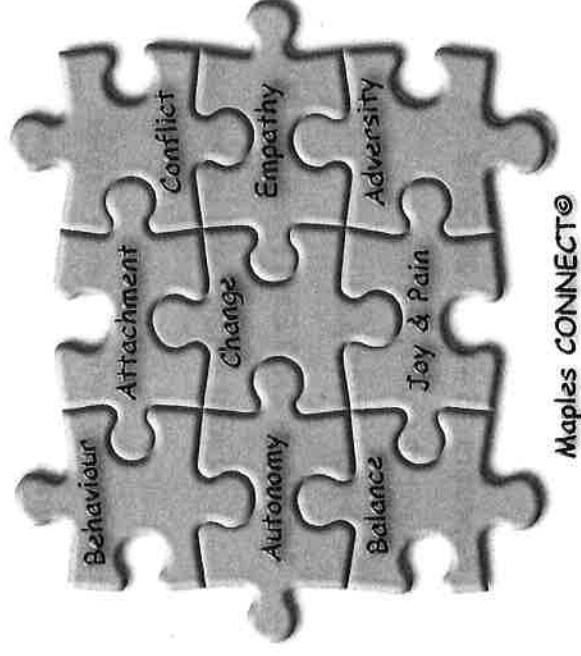
The goal of 'Connect' is to help parents...

The Connect Parent Group is a 9- week program that introduces parents to attachment issues in a structured format. Attachment is part of every person's life – it is our bond with others, particularly those we turn to when we are afraid or we need comfort. Attachment is something that is shared between children and parents – it is a 'shared partnership.' You build the relationship together, you change it together, and you are both changed by it.

The goal of 'Connect' is to help parents to recognize signs of distress and anxiety in children; to respond with empathy; and to use noncoercive ways of interacting with youth in their care. Trained group leaders demonstrate through role plays and case examples how attachment issues can be the cause of aggressive and provocative behaviour. Parents' understanding and behaviour in the relationship has a powerful impact on their child's behaviour and development. Connect is designed to give parents more tools and choices in this important relationship.

Connect Parent Group

Are you the parent or caregiver of an adolescent whose behaviour is pushing you to your limits?



Maybe it is time to Connect...

The Connect “Pre-Teen” Parent

Group

Children need a secure base; need to stay connected to their parents and/or other caregivers as they move from childhood to adulthood. Yet many adolescents seem to push their caregivers away and appear not to care about this important relationship. Parents and caregivers feel confused and may struggle to balance providing protection, clear limits and expectations with being supportive of their teen’s growing autonomy. Strategies that once worked no longer meet parents’ or teens’ needs. It can be difficult to be responsive and fair when someone else is not acting that way. However, research shows that using force to get children to act a certain way can increase child defiance, problem behaviors and also damages the relationship between parents and children or youth.

Upcoming Group:

For parents with children ages 8-12

Wednesday Evenings for 9 weeks:

Date: February 15 – April 26, 2017

***no group March 15 & 22 - spring break**

Time: 6:15 pm – 7:45 p.m.

Place: 3rd Floor- 2750 East Hastings, Vancouver

Light snack will be served

For more information contact:

Alexandra Wilson ajwilson@vsb.bc.ca

Cell: 604 961-4142

Group facilitators:

Anne Fraser and Ellen Gilfix

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