

David Oppenheimer Elementary School

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October 2018 School Newsletter # 2

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PAC Co-Chairs: Esther Moreno and Suzanne Clarke **Trustee:** Janet Fraser

Dear Oppenheimer Community,

Thank you to all the families who braved the wind and rain to attend our **Meet the Teacher Night** on September 20th. Also, we want to thank you for all your support with our **Terry Fox Fundraiser**. Your generous donations are much appreciated.



It's exciting to see so many students participating in **Soccer and Cross Country** this term. It's not only great exercise but a great way to learn how to negotiate competition. A huge thank you to all the staff who have taken on coaching sports this term. Mr. Maher is our Head Coach of Soccer, with Ms. Gutkowski as Assistant Coach. For Cross Country Ms. Yu is our Head Coach with lots of help from Ms. Greenhalgh and several other generous staff.



After several conversations and emails we have revised our policy around food allergies. We are now **Allergy Aware for all nuts and shellfish**. In other words, please do not send your child to school with any nut products, such as Nutella, peanut butter or granola bars containing nuts or any type of shell fish, such as crab, lobster or clams. We have a number of students who have an airborne life-threatening allergy to nuts and shellfish. Even if they smell it, they can become anaphylactic. Thank you for your understanding and consideration in keeping our students safe. Foods such as tuna fish or boiled eggs are OK to bring to school.



Thank you to our PAC for organizing our **Fruit and Veggie Program** and our **Lunch Program**. You can place your order online through the MunchaLunch website.

Next time you are in the school, please check out our "wall of fame" just outside the office door. We have our **staff photos** posted so you can familiarize yourself with us.

We are looking forward to **Orange Shirt Day** on Tuesday, Oct 2nd. As our students learn the history of our Indigenous Residential Schools they will have a great opportunity to learn about respect and equality for all people. Thank you for supporting this district-wide event by sending your child in something orange that day.



Sincerely,

Ms. Hope Sterling, Principal

October Dates to Remember

Mon, Oct 1st	Individual Photo Day
Tues, Oct 2nd	Orange Shirt Day – Wear Orange!
Mon, Oct 8th	Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed
Wed, Oct 10th	PAC Meeting at 6:30 in the Library
Thurs, Oct 18th	Cross Country Final Meet at Trout Lake from 1 to 3 PM
Fri, Oct 19th	Pro D Day – School Not in Session for Students

School Hours & Bell Schedules

Ground Supervision Bell	8:40 am – Students may enter the building
Warning Bell	8:55 am – Primary students line up in undercover area and intermediates head to their classrooms.
Start Class	9:00 am – Students are ready to begin class
Recess start	10:40 am – Time to eat a snack, go to the washroom and play!
Recess End	11:00 am
Lunch Dismissal	12:10 pm – Primaries eat lunch and Intermediates play
Itinerant Bell	12:30 pm – Intermediates eat lunch and Primaries play
Lunch Warning Bell	12:57 pm
Resume Classes	1:00 pm – Students are ready to begin class
Dismiss Class	3:00 pm – All students should be picked up by 3:15 PM
End of Supervision Bell	3:20 pm – Students head home unless in a program



You may have heard stories in the news about the water quality in Vancouver schools. The reporters stated that all Vancouver schools were tested and fall within health guidelines. This made me curious as to our lead levels here at David Oppenheimer. I am happy to report that the lead levels in the Oppenheimer drinking fountains and sinks are far below the allowable levels. To lower levels even further, our Engineer runs our water fountains each morning for one minute.

“Safe Arrival Program”. Please call the school at 604 713-4570 before 9:00 a.m. if your child is going to be absent or late. If a student is away from school for unknown reasons, emergency contacts will be called.





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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	9:00 Individual Student Photos Fruit & Veggie Day	8:10 Cross Country ORANGE Shirt Day 3:30 Gr 6/7 Soccer	11:00 Assembly 3:30 Gr 6/7 Soccer GAME 3:30 Cross Country Mini Meet	8:10 Cross Country 9:30 Green Thumb Theatre 3:30 Gr 6/7 Soccer	9:30-2:30 Div 1 & 2 to Indoor Beach 12:10 Pizza Day	1
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9	10 Oct 15-17 PAC Clothing Drive	11 Oct 15-17 PAC Clothing Drive 8:10 Cross Country 3:30 Gr 6/7 Soccer	12 3:30 Gr 6/7 Soccer GAME	13 9:30 Earthquake Drill 10:00 Assembly 1:00 Cross Country Final Meet 3:30 Gr 6/7 Soccer	14 PROVINCIAL WIDE PRO D SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS	15
16	17 Oct 22-26 Dance in Schools Fruit & Veggie Day	18 Oct 22-26 Dance in Schools 9:00 K-7 Presentation in Library with Mr. Scrimshaw	19 Oct 22-26 Dance in Schools Popcorn Day	20 Oct 22-26 Dance in Schools	21 Oct 22-26 Dance in Schools 12:10 Sushi Day PAC Family Spooktacular Night	22
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Notes

The weather is getting colder and our lost and found is growing. Please check for any personal items you may be missing.

BULLETIN

TRAFFIC SAFETY AROUND VANCOUVER SCHOOLS

Park Smart: Stopping vs. Parking - What is the Difference?



NO STOPPING

“Stopping” - is the coming to rest or the state of being at rest of a vehicle. It is the stopping or standing of a vehicle whether occupied or not.

In a “No Stopping” zone, vehicles are not allowed to stop for any reason. This includes letting passengers out, picking a friend up from work, running to the bank machine, buying a cup of coffee or picking up dry cleaning.

By-law fine \$45 to \$90.



NO PARKING

“Parking” - is the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, other than up to five minutes for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading of merchandise or discharging or taking on passengers.

In a “No Parking” zone, vehicles are allowed to park to load or unload goods or to take on or discharge passengers for up to five minutes.

By-law fine \$45 to \$90.

Motorists can **PARK SMART** by not using any zone with the No Stopping symbol. For a quick stop taking less than five minutes, motorists should look for the No Parking symbol.



30 KM/HR

The speed limit is 30 km or less in the area of schools from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

You need to have time to slow down for children playing and walking around schools.

Motor Vehicle Act penalty for speeding in a school zone is \$196 to \$483.



U-TURNS & BACKING UP

Do not make “U”-Turns. Making U-Turns and backing up is dangerous in school zones where children may not be seen amongst cars.

“U”-Turns are illegal except in very specific circumstances. Penalty for violating this regulation is \$109 to \$167.



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PAC News

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Updates

New PAC Executives

On Sept. 12th, we held our AGM and first meeting. We voted in our new PAC Executive, heard an update from our principal, Hope Sterling, and assigned leads for various volunteer positions. We are still looking for someone to help with organizing our sushi lunches, as well as coordinate for our grade 7's fundraisers for camp and graduation. If you are able to help out with either of these roles, please contact us.

Our next meeting is Oct 10th where we'll also discuss new business such as new team jerseys, our Fall Social, and upcoming fundraisers like Direct Drive, Purdy's and School Spirit Wear. We'd love to see you there!

Up and Coming Events

Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is an event that started in 2013 by Phyllis Jack Webstad, a residential school survivor. This event encourages Canadians to learn about the history of residential school system. It is usually held on Sept 30, as this was the time of year when Indigenous children were historically taken from their homes to residential schools.

Fall Clothing & Houseware Drive Oct 15, 16, & 17



Time to clean out your closets and cupboards to make room for winter! Over these next few weeks, take some time to stuff the donation bags with items you no longer need at your home. Bags and notices have been sent home.

On the mornings of Oct 15 and 16, simply drop off your full bags along the walls in front of your child's class. On Wednesday Oct 17, Developmental Disabilities Association truck will take away our bags. For every full bag we bring, the Cash4Clothes program will give money to our school.

If you have an hour or so, on the drop off mornings, please meet us in front of the school office as we can use some help to move and sort the bags. Thanks and we look forward to another successful clothing drive!

Mark Your Calendars

Oct 1 (Mon)
Photo Day
Fruit & Veggie + Milk day
(Green apples)

Oct 2 (Tues)
Orange Shirt Day

Oct 5 (Fri)
Pizza Day

Oct 8 (Mon)
Thanksgiving – No School

Oct 10 (Wed) 6:30pm
PAC Meeting
School library – free child minding

Oct 12 (Fri)
Subway Day

Oct 15 – 17 (Mon - Wed)
Clothing Drive collection

Oct 19 (Fri)
No School – Pro-D Day

Oct 22 (Mon)
Fruit & Veggie + Milk Day
(Baby Carrots)

Oct 24 (Wed)
Popcorn Day

Oct 26 (Fri)
Sushi Day
Family Spooktacular Night!
(Evening)

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Lunch & Popcorn Sessions

We are excited to offer a new food lunch option on **Nov 2nd with Freshii**. Pizza, Subway, Sushi and Kernels Popcorn are also currently available for on-line ordering.

Pizza	Subway	Sushi	Popcorn
Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 26	Oct 24
Nov 30	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 14
Dec 21	Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 19

A reminder that order cutoff dates for Pizza, Subway, and Sushi are 7 days prior to the lunch date and Popcorn orders require 14 days advance. Where possible, please place all your orders in one transaction, as that reduces the transaction fees, which means more funds are saved for our students. Thanks! **Deadlines for the start of Oct are very tight so please order ASAP or miss out!**

Family Fun Spooktacular Night!

Plans are underway for a family fun social night on Friday, October 26 in the gym. There will be food, music, dancing and many other fun activities for the whole family. Costumes are encouraged, we'll have photo options for families and prizes will be awarded for best costumes! Event and ticket information will be sent home very soon. Join us for a spooktacular party!



Photos & Photographers Needed for Yearbook

Do you like taking pictures or have some great photos to share of a recent school event?

Throughout the year, the Yearbook committee looks for good photographs to use in creating our 200+ page annual yearbook. Class projects, field trips, theme days, special performances or sports events all make great memories in the yearbook. Selected photos will be featured in the annual yearbook and may also be featured in the year-end slideshow!



If you have some pictures, or would like to help on the yearbook committee, simply email or contact Melissa of the yearbook committee at opp.yrbook@gmail.com Thanks, we appreciate it!



Heads up! - Direct Drive starts this month

Our Direct Drive Campaign will begin in October. This campaign is one of our most important ones and we will need your support!

All the money raised goes directly to your children by providing programs such as skating, dance, gymnastics as well as updated technology in the school. And a bonus, your donations are tax deductible! Information regarding the Direct Drive will be sent home this month. We appreciate your support!

Get ready for a busy and exciting October!

For more info on PAC events, check out our website www.oppenheimerpac.ca