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November 1st Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The month of November is already here and winter is once again upon us. As the days grow colder and darker, our school begins to fill with the excited joy of big winter coats, mittens, scarves and hats. November is an amazing transition month to winter and we look forward to learning, joy and laughter.

As cold and flu season has already hit with a roar, thank you to all the parents and guardians that keep their sick children at home. Germs spread very fast within a school setting and in order to avoid widespread illness, please keep your child at home if they are sick.

This month at Oppenheimer will be our month of remembrance as we take the time to remember the loved ones in our lives, those that are far away, those that are missed, and those lost long ago. We invite families to join us for our Remembrance Day assembly on Thursday November 9th at 1pm.

As always, please do not hesitate to be in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

Rosie Finch
Principal

Poppy Donations



Thank you to the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans Branch #26 for your kind donations of poppies for students and staff. To help support our veterans, we encourage all children to bring in a loonie to place in the Canada Remembers donation bucket located in the school office.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Reporting Student Absences:

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school at:

604-713-4570 to report a late arrival or absence as early as possible. Parents may either leave a message or speak with office staff. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

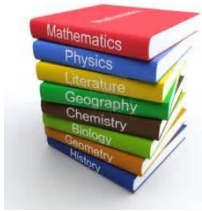
Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

Student Individual Photo Re-takes—Friday November 3rd



If your child was absent for the original portrait photos, or if you have chosen not to order from the first previews and would like a retake, there will be a second opportunity to have your child's photo taken this Friday November 3rd at 9am. Please let your child know that you would like them to have a photo retake this Friday morning.

Communication Student Learning Pilot/Report Cards



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, a team of teachers in our school will be participating in a district-initiated pilot project along with 58 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 at the end of January
- 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.

Detailed information about these changes will be sent home to parents/guardians if your child's teacher is involved in this pilot project.

Grade 7 Mini-School Information

For any Grade 7 parents interested in information on upcoming mini-school programs, information sessions and mini-school assessment test dates and registration details, please visit

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/programs/mini-school-registration>

Project Chef



We are very lucky and excited to welcome back Project Chef to work with our Grade 5's later on this month! Project Chef is an on-site school program that focuses on teaching children about healthy foods, healthy eating and healthy ways to prepare and cook healthy food choices!

PAC meeting

The next PAC meeting is Tuesday November 7th at 7pm in the library. All are welcome to join!

Amazing things happening at Oppenheimer!

October was an amazing month at Oppenheimer and I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff that have helped to make October such an amazing month for our students!

Cross Country

Congratulations to the 2017 Oppenheimer Cross Country team for an exciting season! Thank you to the participating students for demonstrating amazing sportsmanship, to the parents for driving to the mini-meets and to our school staff for helping to make our early morning practices, mini-meets and large district meet a success! Thank you to **Ms. Greenhalgh** to taking on the large role of organizing the entire cross-country season!

Intermediate Crochet Club

Since the beginning of October, the Intermediate Crochet Club has been busy at work early every Monday and Thursday morning. The students have learned how to do the chain stitch and single crochet. They are making crochet squares that will form part of a large blanket! Thank you to **Ms. Zylstra** for leading this amazing group!

Milton Randall Drumming



Milton Randall, drummer extraordinaire, visited our school at the beginning of October to teach a day long workshop to our entire school. What an amazing opportunity for each student to have an opportunity to drum, learn new beats and rhythms, and be part of a whole school assembly! Thank you **Milton** for a super fun-filled day!

New Primary Playground

Our new addition to the Primary Playground is here!!! A huge thank you to our PAC for their enormous work in fundraising for this amazing new addition to our school. In particular I would like to extend a huge thank you to **Ms. Oberson** for all of her work to make our playground a reality! A special thank you to **Mr. Rossal** and **Mr. Thwaites** for their hard work volunteering to install the playground during extremely rainy and windy conditions!



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Kindergarten Registration



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www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten



Visit the school office for information

Kindergarten registration for children born in 2013 begins 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 opens 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.

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.
5. Waitlisted students who cannot be accommodated will be offered placement at an alternate Vancouver school until 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.