

LORD STRATHCONA ELEMENTARY

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JUNE NEWSLETTER

Dear Strathcona Families,

It is safe to say that everyone is officially in countdown mode to summer. Spring has always been a highlight of the school year for me at any school I have worked at. In addition to the teaching and learning that continues to happen at a high level in all Strathcona classrooms, there is a great deal of excitement buzzing around the school as our Grade 7 students think about their final days at Strath, as well as the transition to High School for next year. I look forward to the celebration of their time at Strathcona on June 22nd.

The grade 6/7 cohort recently returned from a three day outdoor education experience, and seem much more mature and wiser from it! With the stretch of beautiful weather we have been experiencing in recent weeks, classes have been participating in a variety of engaging field studies opportunities throughout the city. The excitement of the Spring Fair, as well as Sports Day, have set the tone for a wonderful final few weeks of the school year.

My favorite thing to do as a school principal is to find my way into classrooms each and every day at Strathcona. I am so interested in seeing what is happening in each of your children's classrooms, as well as connecting with them about their learning, feelings, and thoughts. It is the absolute best way for me to get a pulse of the Strathcona School Community. This is a wonderful place to learn, work, and play!

All the best to families for a successful school wrap up this June!

Sincerely,

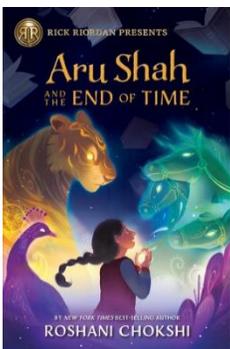
Jason Eng
Principal Strathcona



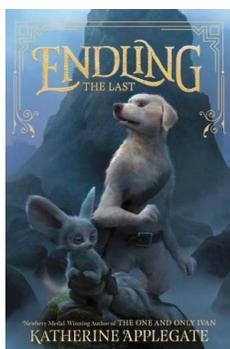
MS. HONG'S LIBRARY CORNER

The final due date for library books is June 6, 2018. Please search high and low for all library books and return as soon as possible. Thank you!

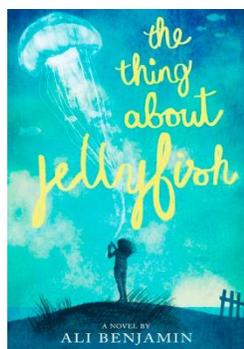
Students in Divisions 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 are participating in Strathcona's Battle of the Books! Students voted on 17 different books, selecting 6 as the finalists. Here are the novels that made it to the final round:



Aru Shah and the End of Time by Roshani Chokshi



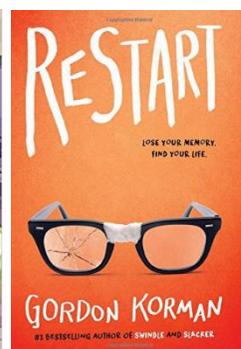
Endling: The Last by Katherine Applegate



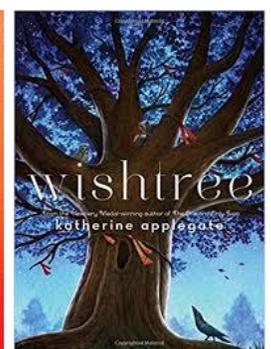
The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin



Moonstruck by Grace Ellis



Restart by Gordon Korman



Wishtree by Katherine Applegate

TERM 3 PROGRESS REPORT CARDS

Progress Reports Term 3 Report Cards will be handed out to students on Thursday, June 28th. Staff are at the school until Friday, June 29th; if you have any questions or concerns, please call the school at 604-713-4630.





GRADE 7 GRADUATION CEREMONY

To all parents or guardians of Grade 7 students, there will be a graduation ceremony on June 22, 2018 in the gym at 11 AM. Following the ceremony, there will be time for families to take pictures, and afterwards the students will be going for a graduation lunch.

CONTEMPORARY ART PROJECT

Division 2 has been working on a year long project called A New Path to the Waterfall. This project situated a satellite gallery of the Contemporary Art Gallery within our classroom. Developed through collaboration with Portland artist Harrell Fletcher and the CAG, the project places local artists in Division 2's grade 6/7 classroom throughout the 2017-18 school year, re-shaping the ways in which we consider contemporary art, gallery spaces and public schools.



In a series of participatory projects reflecting Fletcher's interest in bringing art and life together, local artists Justine A. Chambers, Elisa Ferrari, Hannah Jickling, Carmen Papalia, Helen Reed and T'uy'tanat-Cease Wyss have been collaborating with the students to create projects and interventions exploring different issues and investigating a variety of topics connected to the grade 6/7 curriculum. Each artist's tenure has been presented to the public through exhibitions, interventions, performances and public programming at six week intervals throughout the school year. Our final performance will take place June 14 at 5:30 pm in room C203. All are welcome.

A New Path to the Waterfall is generously supported by the Vancouver Park Board, the City of Vancouver, The Vancouver Foundation, TELUS Community Board, the Hamber Foundation and Artstarts/Artists in the Classroom.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Remember that Thursday, June 28th is the last day of school for students. Students will be dismissed at 3pm. There is NO SCHOOL on Friday, June 29th for students. On behalf of all the staff of Strathcona Elementary, we wish everyone a fun filled, safe and happy summer!



CLASS PLACEMENT 2018-2019

Strathcona staff will soon be working to organize classes for September 2018. The teachers at our school take considerable care in determining the placement of students in classes for the new year. There are many factors that are important considerations in this process. It is hoped that the following notes will help parents/guardians understand how student placement is determined.

In deciding the placement of students in classes, staff members consider student groupings which balance academic and social needs. Student learning styles and relationships are also part of the process. Parent/guardian input can also be very helpful to our process. Our objective is to create classes which best meet the needs of our students.

Please note that if parents wish to write an email to Mr. Jason Eng, Principal, at jeng@vsb.bc.ca to share information about your child's class placement, it should be to share information about your child's ideal learning environment in regard to social, emotional, or academic needs. Should you wish to provide the school with extra information, please send an email by June 8, 2018.

SOLUTION ROOM

Solution Room is a lunch-hour service available to students through self-referral or teacher referral. Its aim is to help students solve playground issues/conflicts as they happen. It is located at the Safe Arrival Room across from the office and is open every lunch hour. The staff member on duty will be available to guide students through the process of appropriate expression of feelings, identifying problems, examining their role in the conflict, formulating safe and respectful solutions. Through this guided process, it is hoped that students will gain skills to handle conflicts in a more empathetic and compassion manner. For more information, please see Greg Goodall, Youth & Family Worker.



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY

June 21 is National Indigenous Day! This day celebrates the unique heritage, diverse cultures, and contributions of Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Inuit, and Metis) in Canada. During the second and third week of June several classrooms will showcase what they learned about Indigenous people on their classroom bulletin boards and hallway walls. Feel free to check them out while you are dropping off or picking up your child/children at school. In addition, the Red Fox Strathcona drum group and the Nisga'a dancers will be participating in the Strathcona National Indigenous Day assembly on June 20th in the afternoon. On June 15th an event called the Reconciliation In Action (RIA) will be happening at the Strathcona Community Centre from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Please feel free to join in the activities during RIA with friends and family.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar is included in this newsletter. As well, reminders of our Professional Development Days, holidays, and District Closures will appear in the newsletter and in our website throughout the year.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION FOR 2018-2019

If you know that your child will not be returning to Strathcona in September 2018, please call our office at 604-713-4630 to notify us.

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN

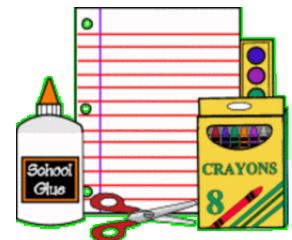
Please notify the school in writing if your child(ren) will be returning LATER THAN noon on Tuesday, September 4th, but prior to September 28th. Please note: If the school cannot verify your child’s attendance at school by noon on Wednesday, September 5th, your child’s space may be given to another student on the school’s waitlist.

2018-19 GENERAL SCHOOL FEES

The 2017-18 School Fees notice sent home in May of last year stated that this school year would be the final year that school supplies would be purchased for a set fee by the school district and that starting in September 2018, parents would need to purchase items on their own.

Please note that the general school supplies fee will still be charged for the upcoming 2018-19 school year.

The Vancouver School Board will continue its service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2018-2019 will remain at \$25.00 per student. This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students’ personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Our office will be open in the summer for the following dates only:

- June 29 - 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM
- July 3 and 4 - 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM
- August 28 - August 31 - 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 2018 START-UP INFORMATION AND OPENING DAY PLAN

School starts on Tuesday, September 4th, 9AM – 10AM.

For Gr. 1 – 7: Students who attended Strathcona last year will report to last year’s teacher and room until we put students into their new classes.



Registered students who are new to Strathcona will report to the library at 9am. Staff will be there to welcome you. All other students not previously registered will report to the office.

Please note: Students entering K in September 2018, please check your email for progressive K entry schedule.

SUMMER STRONGSTART: PRESENTED BY VSB STRONGSTART AND RAYCAM COOPERATIVE CENTRE

The Strong Start Early Learning Program offers play-based early learning programs for children aged zero to five. This program is offered free to parents and caregivers and it provides quality early learning experiences. There is **no cost to families**, but the parent/caregiver is required to remain with their child and participate in the program.



Where:

Seymour School
Rm 0123 – 1130 Keefer Street
Tel: (604) 713-4641

When:

July 3 to August 30, 2018
Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:30am – 12:30pm



Please bring the following documentation to register on your first day:

- Proof of child’s birthdate (i.e. Canadian birth certificate)
- Proof of residency (i.e. BC driver’s license or utility bill)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WHAT’S GOING ON AT STRATHCONA

Friday, June 7 th	Immunization Clinic for Kindergarten and Grade 7 students
Wednesday, June 20 th	Indigenous Day Assembly at 1PM
Thursday, June 21 st	National Indigenous Day
Thursday, June 28 th	Last day of school for students
Tuesday, September 4 th	First day of school for students, 9 AM – 10 AM

STUDENT SHOWCASE



Story Studio At Strathcona Elementary



Some Thoughts by Division 20:

- "When I looked at it, I liked it."
- "It had the same boat puzzle as us."
- "I liked it when I worked together with Atticus."
- "There were lots of books."
- "I like the story."
- "I liked all of the colourful water bottles on the shelves."
- "I liked working with Grayson."

We are very fortunate to be the first School in Vancouver to have a Story Studio learning space. We have been working with Gina Wong, our District Literacy Teacher, in organizing a space in our school to support children in finding, creating, building, drawing and writing stories. The Pop-Up Story Studio concept was inspired by Opal School in Portland, Grauer Elementary in Richmond and Annieville Elementary in Delta. The Story Studio is full of art materials, Indigenous materials, loose parts, natural materials, story mats and picture books. The students are invited to use a variety of materials to provoke their sense of wonder, imagination, thinking and respond by creating stories. It has been an amazing and inspiring experience for all of the students who have used the space. Stories have been created in English and French from students in Kindergarten to Grade 7. We are happy to have the opportunity to continue with the Studio in September 2018!



Community Centre News

Reconciliation in Action

RIA - to increase community awareness and education on our reconciliation commitment in Vancouver! Held at the Strathcona Community Centre and outdoor areas on Friday, June 15th, from 3 PM to 6 PM. There will be a variety of activities by youth for youth and for the whole family. The event will take up all indoor spaces and outdoor spaces and our community partners will also be hosting tables, displays, interactive activities and food!

Project Young and Classy

The Strathcona Youth Council presents... the 4th annual Project Young & Classy for all the intermediate students!! The event will include a "pop-up store" with casual clothing, shoes, and accessories where students can shop for FREE, with **FREE ADMISSION**. Come pick out something that suits your style! Music, fun, and snacks provided!

Friday, June 15th, 2018

Doors open 3-6pm (or until items last)

Gymnasium

Pub Night Fundraiser

Strathcona Pub Night Fund Raiser on Friday June 1st, at Pat's Pub on Hastings Street.

Strathcona Community Centre Food Program Updates

Breakfast Program will continue through the summer

- Summer hours: weekdays, July 3 – August 24, 8am – 9am
- All students from Strathcona school or summer day camps and their families are welcome

Backpack Program will be closed for the summer

- Last day for this school year: Friday June 29th 2018
- First day in September: Friday September 14th 2018
- The food programs office can help provide information on other summertime food supports if needed. Come visit us at the Strathcona Community Centre or call 604-713-1839.

Join the Strathcona Canning Club to make fig jam!

- Wednesday June 13th 10am-2pm
- Free workshop and new members are welcome
- Email lauren.brown@vancouver.ca if you'd like to join

Other upcoming opportunities:

- Container and Windowsill Herb Gardening Workshop, Friday June 8th 9:30 – 11am
- \$15 per person, but 25% - 100% discounts are available for LAP and Strathcona Subsidy
- Pre-register by June 6 at the Community Centre 604-713-1838 (activity #167899)
- Strawberry U-Pick Trip, Tuesday June 12th 9am-3pm
- Free! Pre-register by June 10th at the Community Centre 604-713-1838 (activity #166395)
- Community Kitchen, June 6 & 20 1:30 – 4:30pm
- Free! Pre-register at the Community Centre 604-713-1838 (activity #162349)
- Summer programs coming soon...



PAC CORNER

By the time you read this, the spring fair will have happened and that marks the last major event that the PAC will be hosting for the 2017-2018 school year. The fair was made free for the school students this year as an experiment to see if we could have more inclusion and a higher participation of all the students. This was made possible by generous help from:

- Vancouver Foundation & The Strathcona Community Centre's joint Small Neighbourhood Grants
- Nester's with the help of manager, Mike Pare, who arranged for the concession food to be donated
- Catherine Bowers of CABO Enterprises who donated the slushes and use of her slush machines
- DC Complete Financial Services Inc. donated popcorn and the use of its popcorn machine
- private donations of money to help offset costs to hire the games
- Telus for their volunteer crew
- April Griffin and Kennedy Goodkey for coordinating the volunteer help from Telus and the Strathcona PAC
- Anya Ellis for handling the face painting logistics
- The school staff and PAC volunteers
- The grade 7's who volunteered to run the games
- Markus Schinkel for storing the fair equipment and remaining PAC property

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the last PAC meeting was delayed until June 13. This meeting will have the PAC elections for the 2018-2019 year on the agenda, a petition for signing for the community centre due to the loss of Federal Government funding for their Summer Day Camp Programs and a projection for the following school year PAC budget needs.

The Strathcona Community Centre Association (SCCA) is writing a letter and launching a petition to appeal government funding cuts to the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program that supports summer children and youth programming. This year, for the first time in 45 years, the government is not providing an approximately \$50,000 grant. If you would like to support this petition, or would like further information, please contact the Strathcona Community Centre Association.

Lastly, June 28th at 5:30 pm, the PAC will host a wrap party to thank all of the volunteers. Please RSVP to April or myself if you are able to attend.

David Chen
PAC Chair

CALENDAR 2018 – 2019
Strathcona Elementary School

School Operation Overview

Number of Days in Session	187
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Hours of Instruction in a School year	949
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	7 Non Instructional Days 1 Administrative Day (June 28)

Important Dates

School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 8, 2018
Remembrance Day Holiday	Monday, November 12, 2018 (in lieu of Sunday, Nov. 11)
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 21, 2018
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 24, 2018 – Friday, January 4, 2019
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 7, 2019
Family Day	Monday, February 18, 2019
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 15, 2019
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 18 – Friday, March 29, 2019
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, April 1, 2019
Good Friday	Friday, April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	Monday, April 22, 2019
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2019
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 27, 2019
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 28, 2019

**Professional Development and Curriculum Implementation Days
(school not in session)**

Friday, September 21, 2018	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 19, 2018	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 9, 2018	Curriculum Implementation Day (District Wide)
Friday, January 25, 2019	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 15, 2019	Curriculum Implementation Day (District Wide)
Monday, April 29, 2019	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Friday, May 17, 2019	Professional Development Day (District Wide)

Parent Conference Dates

Early dismissal times

Wednesday, October 10, 2018	2:00 pm
Thursday, October 11, 2018	2:00 pm
Wednesday, January 23, 2019	2:00 pm
Thursday, January 24, 2019	2:00 pm