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*We would like to acknowledge that we live, work and play on the
 unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples – s̓k̓w̓x̓w̓ú7mesh (Squamish),
 selilwitulh (Tseil-Waututh), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) nations*

Parin Morgan—Principal

Marianna Cianelli—Administrative Assistant
 Deborah Pollastretti-Extra Clerical

September 13, 2017

Teachers possess a capacity for connectedness
Parker J. Palmer

Mark Your Calendar!

September 14	PAC Meeting 6:30pm Library
September 18	PRO D Day – School not in session
September 21	Welcome Back PAC BBQ/Meet the Teacher Night (stay tuned)
September 29	Terry Fox Run 2:00pm All Welcome
October 2	Photo Day
October 2-5	Book Fair
October 4 & 5	Goal Setting Conferences 2:00pm
October 1	Hot Lunch Program Begins
October 12	Thanksgiving (No School)

Contact Us

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Please visit Van Horne Website at

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/vanhorne/Pages>

Email mcianelli@vsb.bc.ca

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

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 to report this absence as early as possible.

Student Sign Out Procedure

When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you sign them out at the school office. If you do not sign out your child, they will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a 'missing' student and will commence a search of school grounds. If the school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent promptly, the school will call the Vancouver Police Department. Therefore, clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

Students going home for Lunch

Students going home for lunch should sign out and sign back in at the office. A letter signed by the parent/guardian should be given to the school if they are going home for lunch.
(Forms will be sent home soon)

Dear Van Horne Families

On behalf of Van Horne Staff and myself we would like to “**Welcome**” all Van Horne families We pride ourselves in maintaining and building strong, positive and supportive relationship with our School Community. We look forward to this new year with energy and enthusiasm.

You may have heard through news media that Provincially the school system is adjusting to new legislation intended to improve educational supports for your children. With this new legislation the numbers of classrooms increased from 16 to 18 with decreasing the number of students per class. In addition, in June we had a significant number of staff who either retired or moved to different districts. Consequently we were not able to conduct student placements in June, as we wanted our new teachers to have some understanding of the students being placed in their classes.

Much of the first week was spent with students providing writing samples for grade groups of teaches to assess and obtain baseline data. The second week is being spent ensuring that our overall numbers are finalized and we are also having thoughtful discussions about placing students in class. We want to ensure that every student is placed with consideration for their social, emotional and intellectual needs. While we are all excited to get into a fixed routine and to be settled into a permanent class for the year, taking a few extra days to ensure students are placed for their greatest success is well worth the wait. Thank you for your patience. We hope to be moving classes this Friday. Help your child through the process by reassuring them that their teachers are working hard to make the best decision possible for them.

We are looking forward to a great year together.

Administrative Team:

Our administrative team consists of Ms. Cianelli (Administrative Assistant) and myself, Ms. Morgan (Principal). We look forward to meeting you as the year progresses. Talking to parents about education, our school and their children is one of the pleasures of being a school administrator. While I will usually be available for informal chats as soon as students are settled in their classes in the morning, scheduled appointments can also be made for lengthier, uninterrupted discussions.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

Kindergarten :	Cole Johnston
Kindergarten:	Noella Craig
Grade 1:	Rajwant Jassal
Grade 2/3:	Jany Lim
Grade 3:	Janet Ko & Greg Jovick
Grade 5/6:	Brian Sampson
Grade 6/7:	Shane Bilodeau
Resource:	Alexandra Edwards
Resource:	Bonnie Panych
Counsellor:	Sheldon Franken
SSA:	Jaskaran Sangha



SCHOOL FEES AND AGENDA FEE INFORMATION ALONG WITH OTHER IMPORTANT CONSENT FORMS:

The **School Supply Fee** will be \$25 per student in grade K-7. The fee is due by September 30th 2017. The Vancouver School Board offers this service to parents to purchase basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices to pass the cost-savings on to families. This fee covers the cost of supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, rulers, scissors, glue sticks, erasers and exercise books. Since teachers sometimes require additional items for the students to work with, you may be asked for a few specific supplies as the year progresses. Note that the Vancouver School Board will waive the fee if there is a need due to financial hardship. If you would like the fee waived, please contact Ms. Morgan either in writing or in person.

A package will be sent home soon once your child is placed in his/her new Division. Please return all necessary consent forms and school fees and agenda fees with your child to his or her Division Teacher. Please pay by cheque payable to Van Horne Elementary. **Please note, issue two separate cheques one for school fees and one for the agenda fee. Please do not combine the amount onto one cheque.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

School Fees are \$25.00 and School Agenda are \$5.00

LEADERSHIP ROLES - 2017-2018

Sir William Van Horne Elementary School has a variety of Clubs, Sports and Leadership Roles. We encourage you to contact our school office or your child's teacher to learn more about the activities, sports and clubs your child can participate in.

We are so excited for the 2017 – 2018 school year as many students have already signed up for Leadership Roles. We have many students in Grade 4-7 that will be actively involved in the many Leadership Roles at Van Horne: **Office Monitors, PA Announcers, Playground Leaders, Library Monitors, Primary Lunchroom Monitors, Gym Equipment Monitors, Safety Patrol, AV Crew, MC for our monthly assemblies and Student Council.** Monthly calendars will be posted in front of the main office and students are reminded to check the calendar. If your child has not yet signed up and would like to please see Ms. Cianelli in the main office.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR October 2nd – 5th, 2017



Students and parents will be able to shop from our Scholastic Book Fair fundraiser during the week of conferences. There will be a great selection of books for all!!

There is an entry form to fill out which will be sent home with your child in the next few weeks. Your child can enter to win \$25 worth of books for themselves PLUS your child's classroom will also receive \$25 worth of books.

You may also choose to purchase a book for your child's classroom – each classroom will have a wish list of books they would like for their classroom that will be displayed at the book fair.

Van Horne will receive a credit based on the amount sold at the book fair to buy new resources for the school library and literacy programs. Thank you for your support!!!
Ms. Judy Cottrell Librarian

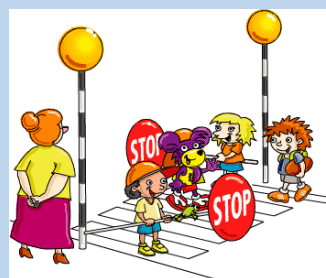
STUDENT'S SAFETY ENSURED

Supervision is provided by school staff on regular school days at 8:45am – 9:00 am and in the afternoon from 3:00pm-3:15pm. Our 3 supervision aides supervise students from 10:30am–10:50am at recess and 12:10pm–12:57pm at lunch in the lunchroom and on the playground. Please do not send your child to school before 8:30 a.m. unless their teacher has requested.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF TRAFFIC

All parents are encouraged to follow the stopping and parking regulations around the school particularly at 9:00am and 3:00pm. There should be absolutely **no** cars on the school side of Ontario Street (front of the school) at any time as this is a very important Vancouver bike route and cross walk entrance to school. Also the street signage on both 42nd and 43rd is very clear regarding parking areas. Please take the time to park a little farther from school and walk to drop-off or pick-up your child. This extra work will go a long way to ensure the safety of all.

Please note our Safety Patrollers will also be out there after they receive their formal training this Friday.



CROSS COUNTRY will begin soon, and permission forms will go home this week. The Van Horne Cross Country Team is open to students in grades 2-7. Cross Country practices will be held twice a week: **Tuesday at 3:05-3:45pm and Thursday at 3:05-3:45pm.** Practices will take place rain or shine. We will meet in the gym for a warm up and stretch and then run outside the school and at Columbia Park.

Please have your child wear appropriate athletic clothing and running shoes. It is also recommended that students bring a water bottle.

