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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 x̓m̓əθk̓w̓əy̓əm (Musqueam) nations

Stephen Leung—Principal
Marianna Cianelli—Administrative Assistant
Cathy Yoshida-Extra Clerical

September 13, 2018

WELCOME BACK!!!

Mark Your Calendar!

September 13	Meet the Teacher Night 4:30pm
September 25	Div. 1 F/T to Sailing
September 26	Div. 3 F/T to Sailing
September 28	Orange Shirt Day!
Oct 1st	Photo Day! Individual Photos
Oct. 3rd	Div. 12 F/T to MOA 9-3pm
Oct 5th	Walk-A-Thon 1:00pm Columbia Park
Oct. 9th	Div. 12 F/T to Planatarium 9:00-2:45pm
Oct. 9-12th	Scholastic Book Fair
Oct. 10 & 11	Goal Setting Conferences Early Dismissal 2:00pm
Oct. 19th	District PRO D - School Not in Session

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:

Effective immediately, please note, like all schools in the Vancouver School Board, Van Horne Elementary has a new Safe Arrival Program when reporting your child's 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. Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling **604-713-5159 Ext. 90**. Messages will be received before the office is open. 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.

Dear Van Horne Families

First off, please let me say thank you to everyone I have had a chance to meet so far. In my first few days here, I have received a very warm welcome and I appreciate it immensely. For those who would like to know a little more about me, I have been in education since 1999. I started out in the Surrey School District but eventually moved to Vancouver as life progressed. I have been a school-based administrator at Weir, Mackenzie and Grandview Elementary before arriving at Van Horne.

On the behalf of the Van Horne staff, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new and returning families to our school. I hope that you had a wonderful summer spent with family and friends. The staff and I are looking forward to a new school year. I am sure this is the same for all of you and your children!

Please find time to come by and introduce yourself to me should you be in the school.

As we live, work, play, and learn on the traditional and unceded territories of the Squamish, Tseil-Waututh and Musqueam Coast Salish peoples, to all of you I say "Huy ch q'u" (thank you).

Stephen Leung
Principal

A warm welcome to our new staff

Kindergarten : Emily Hill (covering Ms. Craig's Maternity Leave til April 2019)

Resource: Andrea Shrive

Resource: Nisha Parhar

Reading Recovery: Elvi Carbone

Dear Parents,

Please have a short discussion with your child(ren). If they should ever be waiting to be picked up and whomever is picking them up is late, please come to the office. We, at the office, will phone home and we will keep them safe until they are picked up.

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.

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. This is very important during an emergency situation when someone, who may not be your child's classroom teacher, must take attendance and account for all students. 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 as per the Vancouver School Board procedures.

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. **(Parent Packages with all forms have been sent home on Thursday)**

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 29th 2018. 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 Mr. Leung either in writing or in person.

A package has been sent home with your child. Please return all necessary consent forms and school fees and agenda fees with your child to his or her Classroom 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. Please do not combine payment with other siblings class.** **Additional fees for separate programs/books such as Music, Jump Math, Wordly Wise and Field Trips will be sent home from individual teachers. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

**School Fees are \$25.00 and
School Agenda are \$6.00**

LEADERSHIP ROLES - 2018-2019

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 2018 - 2019 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.

VAN HORNE TECHNOLOGY POLICY:

Technology can be an important part of the student learning experience. Van Horne is able to provide students with access to technology when required by the teacher.

Our policy:

In general, we ask that students do NOT bring technology, such as tablets and smartphones etc. to school.

The reasoning:

The school is not able to safeguard these devices and is not able to replace them should they be lost, damaged, or stolen. There have been many incidences of students using these devices out on the playground during recess or lunch, unsupervised, to access internet sites etc. The school takes seriously student safety and access to websites in this manner cannot be supervised and thus poses a risk. While the school district has firewalls, the firewall is not able to guarantee 100% safety.

However:

Some teachers MAY, on occasion, ask their students to bring technology for projects etc. Also, some parent(s)/guardian(s) may want their students to have access to a phone for safety reasons.

With this in mind:

Bringing technology to school is a decision parents must make. If brought to school, technology should stay in backpacks and not be accessed during school hours, unless directed to by teachers at school. For our purposes, we will count the minute students step on school property until 3pm as "School Hours". Teachers will teach responsible use of technology to students.

Action:

If a student is seen accessing these devices without permission from school adults, students will be given one request to put them away. Non-compliance or repeated offences will result in the device being secured by the classroom teacher or Principal and parents will need to arrange to pick up the devices personally. Parents, please discuss this with your child. This will also be reviewed with all students by school staff at our next assembly.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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.



