



# Waverley Elementary School

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## November Highlights

- **Remembrance Day** – It is up to us to continue the peace that others fought hard to achieve. We remember the courage and sacrifice of those who served their country. Many thanks to Div. 4 for planning a very meaningful assembly of remembrance.
- **Lockdown Drill** – on November 16<sup>th</sup>, we held our first lockdown drill. Here is information to some common questions around this type of drill: **What is a “school lockdown”?** A lockdown is an emergency procedure designed to protect occupants from external harm or contain the movement of occupants when an intruder, or a restricted weapon, is present in the building. **Why do children have to practise a lockdown drill? Isn't that creating a stressful situation?** Particularly in emergency situations, we are all more confident, less anxious, and better able to cope when we know there is a plan in place. An essential part of the lockdown drill in our schools is for staff to lead conversations about the experience afterwards to reassure students and help them develop new coping and self-calming techniques for the future.
- **Mobile Dairy Classroom** – The mobile dairy classroom came to Waverley and shared information about the physiology and function of dairy cows, structure of the dairy industry in BC, and introduced our students to a live dairy cow, “Gypsy” as well as a few weeks old calf.
- **Girls Volleyball** – Congratulations to all of our students who represented Waverley on a volleyball team this fall. They played with sportsmanship and worked hard to play well as a team. Results from the season: Jr. Girls made it to the zone finals and our Sr. Girls team made it to the top 8 teams of the city! Well done, girls! Special “thank-you” to the coaches – Mr. Kishi, Ms. McKend, Mr. Dinh, Mrs. Mah – for all the time and effort put into coaching and making the experience fun for all of our student-athletes.

## Food Drive for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank

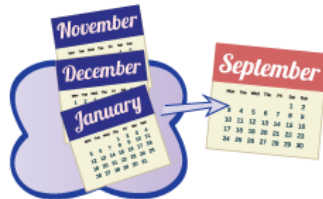
The Global Citizens and Division 2, Gr. 6/7 students are organizing a food drive for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. We would like to provide food for people in need. Last year, we donated over 650 items and over \$250 and our goal this year is to match that. Please send non-perishable food items or monetary donations with your child to place in the class donation box. A \$1 donation can purchase \$3 worth of food. The food drive begins on Thursday, Dec. 1 and continues until Thursday, Dec. 15.

## Staying active outdoors

In the winter months, our students will still be outside during recess and lunchtime (after eating). Please make sure your child is dressed properly and is prepared to be active when outdoors. It is a great idea to pack an extra set of dry clothes in case anything gets wet while playing outside. Studies have shown that staying active outdoors helps boost the immune system, engages students in vigorous exercise, and promotes their problem-solving and imagination skills.

## Kindergarten Registration

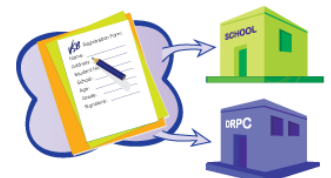
**Do you have a child born in 2012?**



**For more Kindergarten registration info go to:**  
<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. The priority registration period for Kindergarten opened on **Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016** and will close at **4 pm on Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**.

If you want to apply for a Choice program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school.



Applications for Choice programs will be accepted between Jan. 9 – Feb. 6 online: (<http://kchoice.vsb.bc.ca>). Applications for cross boundary will be accepted between Feb. 1 – Feb. 28, but only after you have registered at your catchment school.

# WAVERLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – DECEMBER 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	IMPORTANT DATES
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	December 5, 2016 - Pro-D Day (classes not in session) Dec. 19, 2016 – January 2, 2017 - Winter Break ( <b>back to school Jan. 3, 2017</b> ) January 30, 2017 - Pro-D Day (classes not in session)
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> PAC Hot Lunch	<b>8</b> K – Hearing Screening (AM)	<b>9</b>	February 13, 2017 - Family Day (school closed) February 24, 2017 - Pro-D Day (classes not in session) March 8-9, 2017 - Student-Led/Parent Conferences March 13, 2017 – March 24, 2017 - Spring Break (back to school March 27, 2017)
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Ice Skating @ Killarney (Div. 16)  Ice Skating @ Robson Square (Div. 15)	<b>14</b> Report Cards sent home	<b>15</b> Carolling @ Clarendon Court (Div. 5 & 10)	<b>16</b> Last Day before Winter Break	April 14, 2017 - Good Friday (school closed) April 17, 2017 - Easter Monday (school closed) May 5, 2017 - Pro-D Day (classes not in session)
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	May 19, 2017 - Sports Day (tentative) May 22, 2017 - Victoria Day (school closed) June 29, 2017 - Last day of classes June 30, 2017 - Administrative Day (classes not in session)
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	