



Dr. George M. Weir Elementary School

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MISSION STATEMENT

To create a safe, accepting and challenging learning environment that provides all students with opportunities to build self-confidence to reach their potential and to value learning.

February 20, 2017

Early Dismissal – 2:00 pm - February 22nd, 2017

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PRO. D. DAY – February 24th, 2017 – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

FEBRUARY/MARCH CALENDAR

Tues., Feb. 21 st	Volunteer Orientation	8:45 am
Wed., Feb. 22 nd	Term Two Conferences	*2:00 pm Dismissal
Thurs., Feb. 23 rd	Term Two Conferences	*2:00 pm Dismissal
Fri., Feb. 24 th	Pro. D. Day	No School for Students
Mon., Feb. 27 th	PAC Meeting	6:30 pm
Mar. 13-24	Spring Break	
Mon., Mar. 27	Gymnastics Starts	(during all regular P.E. Classes)

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION POLICY

The Vancouver School Board has a Volunteer Orientation policy. Anyone volunteering in the school must go through this procedure. Please make sure you attend an Orientation Session **before you volunteer for a field trip.** **Next Session: Tuesday, February 21st - 8:45 in the Library**

DISTRICT DATE CHANGES:

Given the ongoing discussion at the provincial level regarding the restored teacher collective agreement language and its implementation, the district has determined it is necessary to delay Kindergarten draws for all full schools. This includes Weir Elementary.

The revised date for parents to receive information regarding Kindergarten draws has been changed to **Wednesday, March 1st, 2017.**

This is just a reminder that today WAS the original date that **grade 7** families would hear about first offers to choice programs, but that date has been **postponed to March 1.**

PINK SHIRT DAY – KINDNESS LASTS A LIFETIME! – SAY NO TO BULLYING!

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017 – wear something pink to show support – we can make a difference!

"WEIR: EQUALITY, RESPECT, KINDNESS" wrist-bands (pink or school colours of red & black) will be for sale for \$2 this week in the main hallway before and after school, as well as Wednesday noon hour.

FEBRUARY PAC MEETING

Monday, Feb. 27th, 2017 - All parents welcome! Childcare will be provided.

DRIVER SAFETY ISSUE

Please do not block the parking lot by pulling up into the driveway to let students out of the car. This creates an unsafe situation with cars trying to enter the parking lot. As well, we do not want students to be walking up the driveway to get onto the school grounds. The driveway is not a safe area for pedestrians. Reminder: For safety reasons, all pedestrians (students, parents, etc.) are to use the sidewalks for entrance onto the school grounds. Do not walk up the driveway. Thank you.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION'S HEALTH AND CAREER EDUCATION CURRICULUM

As part of our regular Health and Career Education Curriculum, the following classroom programs will be taught during Terms Two and Three. "Let's Talk About Touching" (Kindergarten), "The C.A.R.E. Kit" (Grades One/Two/Three), and "Kids in the Know" (Grades Four to Seven). Classroom Teachers will be sending home a short information notice when they begin the program. The focus of these programs includes personal safety strategies and social responsibility, and meet the prescribed learning outcomes for child sexual abuse prevention. Each program is designed to be appropriate for that grade level.

UPDATE: 2017-2018 PROPOSED CALENDAR

These recommended dates will be officially voted on at the Board Meeting on February 27th. It is anticipated that the Board will approve the dates as proposed, so families and staff can plan accordingly.

The draft calendar for 2017-18 is attached here, and the link to the full report is below.

http://www.vsb.bc.ca/sites/default/files/17Feb01_op_commlil_item%201.pdf

For Winter Break, the proposed amended dates are:

Last day of school before the break: December 22

First day back to school after the break: January 8

Parents can provide feedback on the proposed non-instructional dates and the amendment to the Winter Break can be sent to calendar@vsb.bc.ca until February 24th

SPRING BREAK HOLIDAY – March 13 – 24, 2017

