



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.

2017 January 27

Happy New Year to all our Weir Families and all the best in 2017!

Monday, Jan. 30th – Non-Instructional Day – No School for students.

NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION POLICY

If you plan on volunteering to assist with a Field Trip between now and the end of June you must have attended one of these sessions. Please make sure you plan ahead. Term Two Session: **Friday, Feb. 3rd - 8:45 in the Library**

Note: if you attended a session last year you do not have to attend again – all names are on file in the office.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Mon., Jan. 30th - Non-Instructional Day – No students attend school
Friday, Feb. 3rd - Volunteer Orientation - 8:45 in the Library
Thurs, Feb. 9th – PAC Hot Lunch (Pizza) – for those who've preordered
Mon., Feb. 13th - B.C. Family Day Holiday – No School
Thurs., Feb. 16th – PAC Hot Lunch (Pizza) – for those who've preordered
Fri., Feb. 17th – PAC Mtg. 9:10 am
Wed., Feb. 22nd – 2:00 pm Dismissal for Term Two Conferences
Thur., Feb. 23rd – 2:00 pm Dismissal for Term Two Conferences
Fri., Feb. 24th – Non-Instructional Day – No students attend school
Mar. 13-24 – Spring Break – Schools Closed

WEIR SENIOR BOYS' BASKETBALL

Our Weir Senior Boys' Basketball Team has been hard at work preparing, practicing and playing this term. Our first two games were intense, but lots of fun. The boys have not only learned new skills, but also begun to gel together as a team. Special thanks to our Head Coach Mr. Petkovic, and Assistant Coaches Ms. Hsu, Mr. Dodds, and Mr. Prasad. Games are Wednesdays and so far we are 1-1, with three games remaining against Cook, Kingsford Smith, and Waverley. Keep up the great work boys!

Grade 7 Camp Fundraising

Wednesday lunch hours have been busy and fun at Weir Elementary! Our Grade 7 students have been fundraising every Wednesday since the beginning of the year selling freezies, popcorn, and Candy Cane Grams! For the first two weeks of February, we will be selling Friendship Grams in anticipation of Valentine's Day and for the entire month, new this year, we will be selling red and black (school colours) Weir Wristbands and pink wristbands for Acceptance Day! All items are \$2 each. Thank you to our wonderful community for your support!

Hello and Goodbye

Dear Weir Community,

This is a note to thank Weir parents, staff and students for welcoming me for what turned out to be a very short, but enjoyable stay. In just one term I was able to see what a wonderful school Weir is. I was particularly impressed by how polite, well-behaved and friendly the students were. It takes a special group of students to be able to eat lunch so responsibly in their classrooms. A huge thanks to the Primary Lunch, Equipment and all the other monitors at the school. I also had fun getting to know the Cross Country participants and really enjoyed teaching my Resource groups. I was always impressed by the lovely, happy and helpful students at Weir.

It was a pleasure getting to know the staff. Weir teachers are professional, supportive and collaborative. There are great things going on in classrooms, from deep, sustained, well established writing programs and excellent resource support, to cutting edge district leadership in Technology. Teachers model life-long learning through their regular participation in professional development and inquiry groups. They also take great care in maintaining beautifully organized classrooms which are thoughtfully set up for learning. Thanks too to all the staff – from the secretary and extra clerical, engineer, night engineer, SSAs and Supervision Aides, I felt welcomed by everyone.

Weir parents are a quietly dedicated group of power-house fundraisers and it is thanks to their efforts that Weir is on the map as a BYOT lead school. What a beautiful thing to see the cooperation between staff tech experts, parent fundraisers and responsible student users of technology. Weir is a school where all stakeholder groups work together as a team under the direction of Principal Heather Gascoigne. In just four months I learned so much from Heather's quiet, calm, people-first leadership. Indeed, my time at Weir was valuable training for my new role as principal at Tyee Elementary. So thank you and goodbye to everyone at Weir.

Julie Weatherall, Outgoing Vice-Principal

SNOW CLOSURES

If it is necessary to close the school due to poor weather conditions, an announcement will be made by the Vancouver School Board by 6:00 am on the follow radio and television stations and its website at www.vsb.bc.ca:

***** PLEASE CHECK OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE @ <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/weir> OR Twitter @ WeirSchool *****

******* PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL AS WE HAVE ONLY TWO PHONE LINES *******

CKNW (980 AM)	CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM)	CFHG (96.1 FM)	CJVB (1470 AM)
BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11)	CKWX (1130 AM)	CITY TV (Cable channel 13)	

TRAFFIC REMINDERS

- Please do not drop your children off across the street and let them walk through traffic.
- Please drop your children off on the school side.
- Please do not drop off in the school driveway or use the parking lot as a walkway.
- Please read and follow traffic signs around the school carefully.
- Please do not u-turn in the middle of the street or at the corner of 44th & Killarney.