



## 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.

November 28, 2017

### Calendar

Thursday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> – Movie Night @ 6:00 pm (doors open @ 5:15 pm)

**Friday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – Non-Instructional Day (No School For Students)**

Thursday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> – PAC Hot Lunch (for students that have already ordered)

Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – Winter Concert for Div. 1, 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 18, Weir Strings

Dec. 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22 – Christmas Caroling in the Hallways – 9:10 am

Monday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – PAC Meeting – 9:10 – 10:10 am in the Staffroom

Thursday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> – PAC Hot Lunch (for students that have already ordered)

Friday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Last day of school before the Winter Break

Monday, Dec. 25 – Jan. 7 – Winter Break

Monday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> – School Reopens after Winter Break

### Winter Concert

Once again we are planning to have a December Concert this year. (We hope to schedule another one in the Spring). As there are very specific restrictions (due to fire regulations) about the numbers we can accommodate in the audience, approximately half of the school can be involved for each concert. More information will be coming home soon with the students involved in the December Concert: Divisions 1, 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 18 and Weir Strings. This concert will be held on Wed., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> in the school gym, from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. A notice will be sent home later this week with students involved, with information about complimentary tickets.

## **VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION POLICY**

If you plan on volunteering to assist with a Field Trip or within the classroom or school between now and the end of June you must have attended one of these sessions. Please make sure you plan ahead. This is the last sessions before winter break - **Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** – **8:45 am** in the Library

## **CSL (COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING) UPDATE**

Many Vancouver Public Schools, along with schools throughout British Columbia, are moving from a model of ‘reporting to parents’ on a regular and pre-determined schedule to ‘communicating student learning with parents’ on an on-going basis throughout the school year. This year, our school will be participating in a district-initiated pilot project along with other Vancouver schools and their teachers. We will work with the school district to provide parents with timely and responsive communications of student learning throughout the school year. Parents will receive five communications from teachers within a school year:

- a written progress report at the end of January
- a written summative report at the end of June
- a minimum of three ongoing communications of student learning in various subject areas.

The written reports will include descriptive comments and a summary of student progress in relation to the learning standards from the BC Curriculum. More detailed information about these changes will be sent home to parents/guardians via a school letter.

## **Severe Winter Weather**

Every year schools face the possibility of closures due to severe winter conditions such as snow.

If such weather occurs, the Vancouver School Board, by 6am, will post information about snow closures on its website at [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) and will inform local media stations, including: • CKNW (980 AM) • CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM) • CJVB (1470 AM) • CFHG (96.1 FM) • CKWX (1130 AM) • BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11) • CITY TV (Cable channel 13).

### **You can get up to date information by:**

1. Watching television stations listed above.
2. Listening to radio stations listed above.
3. Following our school Twitter feed @WeirSchool
4. Following our school website <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/weir>.
5. Please do NOT phone the school directly if possible.

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