

**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.

Dear Weir Families,

September 19, 2017

At this time, we'd like to say a special welcome to all of our new families – this year we enrolled over 28 new students. Welcome to Weir!

We appreciate that at the beginning of a new school year there are many forms going home to be filled out and returned. Thank you to everyone for getting these back to us as soon as possible. (Extras are always kept in the office if you need them).

Yours sincerely,  
Heather Gascoigne, Principal

Thursday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00 - 6:30pm Gr. 7 Family Info. Night  
6:30 – 7:30 pm Open House - "Meet  
The Teacher Night"  
Friday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Pro. D. Day – No School for Students

**UPCOMING DATES:**

Thursday, Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 – 6:30pm	Grade 7 Family Info. Night (Gym)
Thursday, Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 – 7:30pm	Open House – Please come and meet your child's teacher
Friday, Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Pro. D. Day – No School for Students
Thursday, Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup>		PAC Hot Lunch
<b>Friday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Weir Terry Fox Run – "Bring a Toonie for Terry"</b>
Monday, Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup>		Thanksgiving Day – No School
Thursday, Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup>		Individual Photo Day
Thursday, Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup>		PAC Hot Lunch
Monday, Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>		PAC Meeting – 9:10-10:10 am in the staffroom
Wed., Oct 18 & Thurs., Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 p.m. Dismissal	First Term Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, Oct. 20 <sup>st</sup>		Non-Instructional Day – No School for Students
Thursday, Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup>		BOOK FAIR
Friday, Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>		BOOK FAIR

## **ADDITIONAL STAFF LEAVING**

Ms. Murao accepted a position at another school last week. We are hoping to have this position filled by the end of September. We wish her the best in her new school.

## **NEW STAFF**

\* Kristine Faunt (Gr. 1/2 Teacher), Eva Perez (Gr. K Teacher),  
Nicole Brazeau (Aboriginal Education Enhancement Worker).

## **PAC INFORMATION**

A brand new Weir PAC website has been launched! Please visit [www.weirpac.weebly.com](http://www.weirpac.weebly.com) for information on hot lunch, fruit/vegetable/dairy program, fundraising and much more. Subscribe to the "Weir PAC Email" on the CONTACT page for regular email reminders about upcoming important dates and events.

The next PAC meeting will take place on Monday, October 16 from 9:10-10:10am in the staff room. All parents are invited to attend for updates financial and PAC events.

## **Killarney "Before and After" Daycare**

At this time there are still a few spaces open for this school year. Anyone interested should contact Killarney Community Centre for more information.

## **\*Div. 13**

Due to Ms. Murao just accepting another position at another school we will not have the teacher hired for another week, but please feel free to come to the Open House on Thursday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> to see your child's classroom.

## **VPL Fall Programs Champlain Library (7110 Kerr St., 604-665-3955) Collingwood Library (2985 Kingsway, 604-665-3953)**

Science Literacy week: Electric Bugs – Champlain Library  
Build your own battery-powered bug! Friday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 3:30 pm

Write Now! Creative Writing for Kids – Collingwood Library  
Our fun writing activities will have you writing stories and poetry in no time! For ages 8-12.

Early Readers Book Club – Collingwood and Champlain Libraries  
Children from Kindergarten to Grade 3 will discover the thrill of reading books and enjoying activities with new friends.

Reading Buddies – Collingwood and Champlain Libraries  
Children in Grades 2-4 get reading practice with teen volunteers.

TWAG – Tween Advisory Group – Champlain Library  
Have your say about VPL's tween programs, services and collections

Coding Buddies – Collingwood Library  
Kids age 7-9 learn how to code with a teen buddy, using some of the latest iPad apps  
Tuesday and Wednesday 14 and 15 November