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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 May 31

Dear Parents & Guardians;

It was great to see so many of you at our Sports Day. We were lucky with the weather and everyone enjoyed the fun and games. Thank you to Mr. Eves and his Committee for once again organizing a wonderful event. Also, a big thank you to our PAC for organizing all the food and treats – we appreciate all the parents who volunteered their help and hope the day was enjoyable for everyone!

CALENDAR

Thursday, June 1st – Swangard Track & Field Meet

Monday, June 5th & 6th - Gr. 7 Camp

Tuesday, June 6th – PAC Hot Lunch (for those who ordered)

Wednesday, June 7th – Athletics Open House (see below for times)

Thursday, June 8th – Scholastic Book Fair in the GYM

Tuesday, June 13th – PAC Hot Lunch (for those who ordered)

Wednesday, June 14th – 6:30 pm - June Concert

Tuesday, June 20th – PAC Hot Lunch (for those who ordered)

Wednesday, June 21st – Digital Bootcamp (see below for times)

Thursday, June 22nd – Grad Ceremony – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 28th – Report Cards go home

Thursday, June 29th – Last Day of School for Students

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.** **LAST Session: Friday, June 9th - 8:45 in the Library**

COMMUNITY CLEANUP

Our 5th annual Community Cleanup event was on Friday, May 26 in the afternoon. Students walked through the community picking up garbage with tongs in order to "Take care of the Environment". We picked up 20 bags of garbage from 49th to 41st and Tyne to Elliott. It was a warm sunny afternoon and we received a lot of positive feedback from the community.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS!

On June 7th, Weir School will be hosting an Open House to showcase some of the new ways we've been engaging with the Redesigned Curriculum. Students will be demonstrating how they use an application called Mathletics to solve problems and build computational fluency. This application provides content specifically designed and centered around the new BC curriculum. In addition, students will be demonstrating how they tackle challenging open questions as well as showcasing some of the many new hands on games centered around this shift. **Times: 1-2pm Open House for parents of Primaries (K-3), 2-3pm Open House for parents of Intermediate Students (Grades 4-7)**

On June 21st, Weir will be hosting its annual Digital Bootcamp and BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Information Session. This fun-filled conference will begin with a digital fair where intermediate students will showcase many of the applications they used as well as the innovated projects they created thanks to BYOD. After strolling through the digital fair, students and parents will make their way from the gym to the library where the Grade 4 teachers will present the Digital Responsibility Contract. This information session will explain how all devices are kept safe and secure and most importantly how intermediate students can become responsible digital citizens and 21st Century Learners. **All Grade 3 students and their Parents should attend either the afternoon session 1:30-2:30pm or the evening session from 6-7pm. This session is also open to any intermediate students/parents who did not bring a device this year but would like to next school year 2017/2018.**

SPRING CONCERT: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 6:30 – 7:15 pm Gym

Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, and 16 will be performing at a short school concert on June 14th. Doors will open at 6:10 pm. You are welcome to join us – no tickets are required for admission. See you there!

GR. 7 CAMP

Grade 7's are preparing for their exciting camp trip on June 5 and 6. Students will be heading up to Sasamat Outdoor Centre in Port Moody for 2 days and 1 night of outdoor adventures. Thank you to the PAC for providing funding to cover the cost of transportation. Thank you to the Grade 7 teachers for all their fundraising efforts to help lower the cost of camp.

AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION REMINDER:

Just a reminder that school supervision ends when the bell rings at 3:20 pm. Hopefully all students will be picked up by then (unless parents have arrived and are supervising their child while they continue to play outside). Students have been reminded through classroom and intercom announcements that when they are dismissed from their classroom at 3:00 pm and are outside playing while they wait to be picked up, they need to listen for the 3:20 pm bell. When they hear that bell, they come back into the school and meet with our support staff in Room 162 who will supervise them and phone parents to ascertain who will be picking them up and when. Please make sure we always have current contact phone numbers. Thank you.

Sun & Fieldtrips

Be prepared for the sun with sunscreen, hat, water bottles and sensible shoes.