



THE WOLFE REPORT

GENERAL WOLFE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Tuesday, February 5th	PAC meeting	6:30 pm in the library
Friday, February 15th	Professional Development Day	No school for students
Monday, February 18th	BC Family Day Holiday	School Closed
Thursday, February 21	Foothills Brass performance	9:15 am in the gym
Thursday, February 21	Early Dismissal	2:00 pm dismissal for all students
Tuesday, February 26th	Axis Theatre 'Troll Grandfather'	9:15 am in the gym
Tuesday, March 5th	PAC meeting	6:30 pm in the library
Wednesday, March 6th	Ready Set Learn Event for 3 to 5 year olds the Neighbourhood.	1:30-2:15 pm in the library
Friday, March 15th	Last day of school before Spring Break	
Monday, March 18 to Friday, March 29	Spring Break	School Closed
Monday, April 1	First day back from Spring Break	

Dear Families;

Happy Lunar New Year!

Planning for next year is underway. I sent an information brochure about our move to South Hill out yesterday, and we will be gathering information about bussing from families later in the Spring. Right now we would like to know about families' plans for next year, and the information you share with us now helps ensure a smooth start in September. Next week we will be sending home forms and asking you to indicate your plans for next year. Please check your child's backpack for the forms, which are due back at the school by Thursday February 14th. If your plans change after the 14th we would appreciate knowing as soon as possible.

Wolfe is one of the sixty-one schools participating in the Communicating Student Learning pilot. Teachers have communicated their plans for conferences directly to the parents in their classes. We have 2 early dismissal days this term: February 21st and April 17th. Teachers may be meeting with parents on either date, or other dates, but **all students are dismissed at 2:00 pm those days even if their conferences are on a different day.**

Our annual skating program is starting, thank you to the PAC for their generous support of this event. All

classes have 3 sessions booked before Spring Break. Thank you to all the parent volunteers for their support in tying skates and skating with the students.

As well, thanks to PAC support, we have 2 performances this month: Foothills Brass and Axis theatre. We are grateful for the ability to have these professional productions brought into the school.

The next two PAC meetings have been moved-the PAC is now meeting on Tuesday February 5th and Tuesday March 5th at 6:30 pm in the library. Christopher Wong, the District Principal of Educational Planning and Natasha Saksman, the Wolfe Project Manager, will join us at the February meeting.

Basketball season is well underway-we just completed the second week of league play. Thank you very much to the teachers and parent coaches who make this possible.

And finally, please do not block the staff parking lot driveway at drop off and pick up time. Staff who have been at meetings in the morning or are on their way to afterschool programs have been unable to access the lot at times. Thanks in advance for finding other places to stop.

Thank you

Susan Nichols

Principal



Family Holidays During the School Year

Regular attendance at school is important for the progression through the educational program. The students' regular attendance ensures they receive the proper mix of instruction, practice and review to master the skills and material at each grade level. Absences such as family emergencies and illnesses are unavoidable, and teachers will work with the students and their families to catch up on missed instruction.

Family holidays scheduled during instructional time are another issue. These holidays are often important times to connect with each other, distant family members, and friends. They can also expose students to new experiences and cultures, which can be very valuable. When considering a trip during instructional time, families must weigh the value of the trip against the missed instructional time. Teachers cannot be responsible for providing exercises and work to complete the curriculum when a family is on holiday. For students in younger grades, keeping a journal, doing daily reading and working on real life math skills will generally support the child's learning during an absence. In older grades, students may wish to email a buddy to find the math concepts that are being taught and work on these areas. As well, reading and keeping a daily journal will also help support their learning.

We appreciate being informed of when you are going on holiday. If there are themes or concepts that are going to be worked on, the teacher may be able to share them in advance, but please do not ask the teacher to provide assigned work during these absences.



Winter Weather – School Closure Information

Parents should be aware that when snow is expected overnight the VSB monitors the weather and road conditions carefully and has a thorough system in place to do an evaluation of transportation routes well before schools open in the morning. There is also a well-established communications system in the district and between surrounding school districts.

In the unlikely event that schools are impacted or closed by snow, the district website and local radio stations are the best sources of information. Should there be a heavy snowfall, your best sources of information are the following radio and TV stations:

CKNW (980 AM)

CKWX (NEWS 1130 AM)

CBC RADIO (690 AM, 105.7 FM)

BCTV/Global (Cable Channel 11)

FAIRCHILD Radio (CJVB AM 1470/CKHG FM 96.1) CITY TV (cable channel 13)

WOLFE CODE OF CONDUCT

Be PAWSitive

- **Polite**
- **Accountable**
- **Welcoming**
- **Safe**



SAFETY REMINDERS

- Supervision of students ends at 3:20 pm each day. If you have given your children permission to remain on the grounds after 3:20 pm, please send a written note to the office.
- Please remind and encourage your children to use crosswalks when coming to school. Our safety patrol monitors have been trained by the Vancouver Police Department and are patrolling on Ontario Street before and after school.

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