



# THE WOLFE REPORT

## GENERAL WOLFE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday, October 4	Student Photos	All day
Friday, October 6	Walkathon	9:00 am - Noon
Monday, October 9	Thanksgiving	School Not In Session
Monday, October 16	Performance by Tiller's Folly	
Tuesday, October 17	PAC meeting	6:30 pm in the library
Thursday, October 18 and Friday, October 19	Family Photo night	In the library
Thursday, October 19	BC great shake out earthquake drill	10:20 am until recess
Thursday, October 19	District Cross Country Meet	1:00 pm, Trout Lake
Friday, October 20	Provincial Professional Day	School not in session
Monday, Oct. 20 – Friday, Nov. 3	Tennis BC here	All students during their PE time
Friday, October 27	PAC Halloween Dance	Gym

Sept. 29, 2017

Dear Wolfe Parents and Guardians,

The first month of school has flown by. We are lucky to be fully staffed; we are happy to confirm that Ms. Kyla Bourgh will be here teaching drama and supporting students in a resource role until Mr. Mathewson returns in January.

As staff are working to implement the new BC curriculum, we are also looking at new ways of communicating student learning. The staff have voted to be a part of the VSB district pilot project on Communicating Student Learning (CSL). Several schools used this format for communicating student learning last year, and it is likely to be mandated by the district next year. We hoped that by becoming involved this year we could provide information and recommendations back to the district about the successes and challenges of the new reporting format. In brief, there will be 2 written report cards each year, and letter grades for grade 4-7 only on the request of the parent at the end of the year, and not part of the report template. There will also be a minimum of 3 other communications with parents around student achievement during the year, which could take place as conferences, electronic communication (such as Freshgrade), portfolios of work showing learning, interim reports, etc. We will be holding an information night for parents and sending home more information as we receive material from the district. As the pilot unfolds over the year, the District will also be seeking feedback from parents at the schools participating.

## Safe Arrival

Thank you to everyone for reporting your children's absences to the safe arrival system. WE appreciate that most people are remembering to email in absences to [wlfattendance@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:wlfattendance@vsb.bc.ca) or are calling **604-713-5159 extension 93**.



Soccer and Cross Country are both well underway. Our Senior Boys and girls teams have been working on building their skills and learning the rules during practices and exhibition games, in preparation for the league games which begin next week. Thank you to Ms. Walker for all her work with these teams. Interested athletes in grades 3-7 have completed one zone Cross Country mini meets with 2 more to come, and are looking forward to the final district meet on Thursday, October 19th at Trout Lake. Please keep your fingers crossed for good weather for us! Many thanks to Mr. Smathers, Ms. Beeman, Ms. Oades and Ms. Polley for their support of this popular event.



Every year we review and update our safety plans. We have an off-site assembly place organized in case of a gas or sewage leak, or other event that makes it necessary to leave the building before all parents/guardians can arrange for student pick up. **Our off site assembly area is General Brock School, 4860 Main Street**

Thank you to all the parents who have completed and returned the verification sheets that were sent home. We would appreciate the return of any outstanding forms as soon as possible.

Many thanks to Stephanie Willox and the hot lunch team for getting hot lunch up and running again. The students seem to be greatly enjoying the menu choices. If you are interested in having your child participate in hot lunch, the link is [cestmoncafe.com](http://cestmoncafe.com). Ordering and payment is all done on line.

Friday, October 20th is a Province-wide Professional Day. It is the day that many of the teacher specialist associations hold their conferences and workshops. The staff will be engaged in a variety of learning activities on this day; students do not attend.

Thank you

*Susan Nichols*

Principal

### From the PAC

Our next PAC meeting of the year is next Tuesday, October 17h at 6:30 pm in the library. There is child care available. All Wolfe parents and guardians are members of our PAC, and this is another important way that you can support the school.

### Thank You Wolfe Families!

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a smashing success and it is all thanks to you. Book Fair proceeds supplement our library budget and go directly towards purchasing new and popular titles for the library collection. The students are always excited to



see new books in the library and we all know that excitement for literature is what helps build a lifelong love of reading.

Thank you for all of your support!

Wendy Cameron

Teacher-Librarian

### **Family Photo Nite Fundraiser**

Our popular Family Photo Nite is back on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Families can sign up outside the office for a \$15 photo session with an experienced, professional photographer who will take 10 – 15 poses during your 15 minute session. Pets are welcome and you can bring props if you would like to make your session more unique.

Approximately 2 weeks after the session proofs will be sent directly to your home. You can choose your complimentary 8" x 10" portrait, and can order additional packages and prints at that time.

Sign up early to avoid disappointment. This is a popular fundraiser for the school that often sells out quickly. To hold your spot please bring the \$15 fee into the **library** when you sign up. (Exact cash or cheques payable to General Wolfe Elementary)

Note: We are using Life Touch Photo this year as the previous company we used no longer works out of Vancouver. Life Touch comes very highly recommended from other schools and we are very excited to get to know them.