



# THE WOLFE REPORT

## GENERAL WOLFE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### Important Dates To Remember

Tuesday, December 11	Frozen Food pick up	3-3:30 in Gym or until 5:30 in Sparetime
Thursday, December 13	Winter Concert	1:15 and 6:30, please enter off 26 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
Thursday, December 13	VSB seismic community information presentation	4 pm-7 pm in the library
Friday, December 14	All library books due	By 3 pm in the library
Monday, December 17- Friday December 21	Caroling in the Main Hall	9-9:30 am, everyone welcome in Main Hall
Friday December 21	Last Day before Winter Break	
Monday, January 7	School reopens	
Tuesday January 15	PAC meeting	6:30 in the library
Monday, January 28	Professional Development Day	Students do not attend

Dear Wolfe Parents and Guardians:

We are looking forward to our Winter Concert on Thursday Dec. 13. All of the students in Grade 6 and 7 will be performing as part of our band. There will also be a performance by the choir. All the Kindergarten students (Divisions 16, 17 and 18), Grade 1 students (Divisions 14 and 15) and the Grade 1/2 classes (Divisions 11, 12 and 13) will also be performing. We look forward to seeing many of you there. As in the past, please enter the gym off 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue as the hall between the main building and gym is used as a staging area to organize students.



We are continuing with our seismic plans. Today the school team (Susan Nichols, Wendy Cameron, Shannon Soper and Michael Nedelec) met with the architect team to review the site specific plans. The school staff has also been working with Material Services to plan for the move-we are at the early stages of purging and packing. Operations is working on getting South Hill ready for some of the Wolfe materials to start moving. Over the Winter Break they hope to start to move our archives and other material that was used for school start up and is now not needed until next fall. This is a huge job and we appreciate everyone's support and understanding as we go through it.

On December 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 -7:00 pm there is a seismic open house for the community in the library, as the last meeting was specifically for Wolfe families. This will be a chance for our neighbours to hear about the plans. In the New Year, there will be more meetings for Wolfe families around bussing and the move to South Hill.



The rains seem to have finally arrived, and despite the dark days, there are many days when it is not raining before school or at recess and lunch. If it is not raining, we ask you wait outside until the bell goes, so teachers can finish preparing for their day. We expect all students to be outside at recess and lunch if it is not raining, so appreciate your help in reminding them to bring jackets to school each day. Many children like to go outside whatever the weather; having appropriate rain gear here-or a change of clothes helps keep them comfortable if they get wet at recess and lunch. If it is very rainy, students can stay inside if they are seated with a quiet activity.

Thank you to the Spirit Team and teacher sponsors for organizing our Pajama day. It was enjoyed by all (we especially liked Ms. Soper's curlers!)

Volleyball season is wrapping up shortly-thank you to the teachers and parents who have supported these teams. Basketball sign up is happening and the season will start in the New Year.



It has come to my attention that there is some confusion around student use of cell phones at school. The expectation is that phones are off and put away during the school day. Parents who need to contact their child are asked to call the office and we will ensure that the student gets the message. Occasionally students are allowed to use phones as calculators and cameras under the direction and supervision of their teacher in a classroom for a specific activity. There is absolutely no cell phone use allowed during recess and lunch. Please do not call or text your child during the day; call the office and we will either deliver a message or have them call you back.

Thank you

*Susan Nichols*

Principal



## Lost & Found

Our lost and found area is getting very full of children's items. If you could come by the school and have a look through to see if your child is missing anything that would be greatly appreciated. Items will be displayed on tables in the main hall the week of **Dec. 3 to 7<sup>th</sup>**. If items are not picked up after this time they will be donated to charity.

## Community Thank You

Division 1-4 would like to thank Freshslice and Flying Wedge Pizza for their donation of pizza boxes. The upper intermediates have been creating green screens in the boxes and filming videos for their applied design, skills and technology class. We really appreciate the support from local businesses. We would like to thank Elevate Academy for coming into Wolfe this week and providing three Ultimate (frisbee) workshops to divisions 1, 3, and 4. For many students this was an introduction to the game of Ultimate. The students had a lot of fun and the teachers learned some new activities and games to play.

## **A message from the Humanitarian Club**

Hello Parents or Guardians,

The Humanitarian Club is doing a toy drive. A toy drive is when you bring in gifts for children who don't have the money to buy presents for Christmas. These gifts will be donated to the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau. You or your child can drop off gifts in the box in front of the office. Only new or unopened gifts please.

Our goal is to get 250 items in three weeks. We will be starting Monday Dec. 3rd and collecting until Friday Dec. 21st. Remember 1 gift can make a child's Christmas so much better!

Thank you,

The Humanitarian Club

## **Kindergarten Registration**

### **Important Information Regarding Kindergarten Registration**

Currently General Wolfe Elementary is experiencing an increase in the number of students living within our catchment area who want to attend General Wolfe Elementary. The Vancouver School Board is aware of the enrollment pressures within our community and have designated General Wolfe Elementary as a 'full' school for 2019-20 registration. As a school designated as 'full' please note the following:

### **Kindergarten Registrations Received Between November 1<sup>st</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>:**

1. In-catchment Kindergarten registrants who have a sibling who is currently attending and who will continue to attend General Wolfe Elementary next year **will be enrolled first.**
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered in a **random draw** for the remaining Kindergarten spaces.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name is drawn.

**It is extremely important that you register your child for Kindergarten between November 1<sup>st</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>.**

### **New Registration Process**

With the opening of school registration for the 2019-20 school year on November 1<sup>st</sup>, the VSB has implemented a new online registration service for parents. The registration process will have two steps:

**Step 1:** Complete the online registration process at [vsbapplynow.vsb.bc.ca](https://vsbapplynow.vsb.bc.ca). Print out the completed registration form.

**Step 2:** Bring the completed registration form along with the required documents to your catchment school.

Note: the registration process is not complete until you have completed both steps in the process. Visit the [Student Registration Page](#) on the Vancouver School Board website for more information.

Please share this information with friends and neighbours in our area!

## December's Social Responsibility Topic is GENEROSITY

### To be generous:

“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.” ~John Wesley



### **Weather Alert!**

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, television stations or website:

CKNW (980)

CBC RADIO (690 AM, 105.7 FM)

FAIRCHILD Radio (CJVB AM 1470/CKHG FM 96.1)

Vancouver School Board – [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca)

CKWX (NEWS 1130 AM)

BCTV/Global (Cable Channel 11)

CITY TV (Cable Channel 13)

**Please DO NOT call the school to ask if it is in session-we have limited lines and calls block our access to important information regarding staff arrivals and other information.**

## WOLFE CODE OF CONDUCT

### Be PAWSitive

- Polite
- Accountable
- Welcoming
- Safe

