



THE WOLFE REPORT

GENERAL WOLFE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Important Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Information
Monday December 5 th	Professional Development Day	Students do not attend
Tuesday Dec. 6 th	Frozen Food pick up	Gym
Wednesday, December 7 th	Winter Concert. Performances by Divisions 1,2,3,10,11,13,14,15,16,17, the band and choirs.	1:15pm & 6:30pm - Gym
Friday, December 9 th	Report Cards Go Home	
December 12-16	Holiday sing along	Main hall, 9-9:30 each day
Friday, December 16 th	Last Day Before Winter Break	School in Session
December 19 – January 2nd	Winter Break	School Closed
January 3rd	First Day Back After Winter Break	
Tuesday January 10th	PAC meeting	6:30 in the library

Dear Wolfe Parents and Guardians:

Despite this being an unusually wet fall, there have been many days when it was not raining before school or at recess and lunch. If it is not raining, we ask you to 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; we try to open the gym for games on very wet days.

This month we were expecting to get news of the plans to move the seismic renewal of the school forward. This has now been delayed, in part due to the cancellation of the School Closure process by the Board of Trustees in October. Janson Ho, the Director of the Project Office, will be at the next PAC meeting to explain the next steps. Please plan on attending this meeting on Jan. 10th and we are collecting questions in advance and for people who cannot attend. Please forward questions to Donna Rayner, donnarayner@shaw.ca.

On November 10th we had a lovely Remembrance Day Assembly. Thank you to Mr. Mathewson for organizing this event, and to the choirs and to all the students who performed and led the Assembly. We also had the privilege of having Nina Louis play 'Taps' on the trumpet at the assembly. As well, we would like to say thank you to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 177, Mount Pleasant, for their ongoing support of the school.



We are pleased to announce that our very own alumni, Eve Farion has been awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. The medal is awarded to Canadian citizens who make significant, sustained, and unpaid contributions to their community in Canada, or abroad. Eve was the President and Vice President of General Wolfe's Humanitarian Club from 2014 - 2016. She researched, planned, and led the club in a toy drive, a bake sale for the SPCA, a fundraiser for Ecuador, as well as a sock and winter clothing drive benefiting the downtown east side. Eve inspired others in the school to look outside themselves and become more active members of our community. Congratulations Eve!



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.

We are looking forward to our Winter Concert on December 7th-as well as our bands, choir and pop choir there will be performances by Divisions 1,2,3,10,11,13,14, 15, 16, and 17. The concert will be by donation as we are trying to complete our set of Orff instruments and buy new music for our band and choir. As well, we will also be doing our annual sing along in the main hall from 9-9:30 December 12th to 16th.



Thank you

Susan Nichols

Principal



Message from the Humanitarian Club

The Humanitarian Club is currently collecting gifts for underprivileged kids. The presents will be donated to the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau. We are only accepting new, unwrapped gifts. The Wolfe Gift Drive ends December 16th. Please send your child to school with a present for the gift drive. There is a box for presents in front of the office.

We hope you can contribute to this fundraiser and make a child's holiday 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 2017-18 registration. As a school designated as 'full' please note the following:

Kindergarten Registrations Received Between November 1st and January 31st:

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 1st and January 31st.

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

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.

December's Social Responsibility Topic is COMPASSION

Compassion is...

- ✓ **Understanding how another person feels**
- ✓ **Caring about others**
- ✓ **Showing concern through kind words and actions**
- ✓ **Helping and giving**
- ✓ **Listening and being patient**

WOLFE CODE OF CONDUCT

Be PAWSitive

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

