



Killarney Cougar News

November 2022

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November 1, 2022

Dear Killarney school community,

I hope you and your family are doing well as we come to the end of the first two months of the school year. We are well into semester one coursework. An interim report containing a work habit and a comment was published October 14th. This month we look forward to more detailed information about student progress in a mid-semester report and parent-teacher conferences.

Regards,

K. Gill

Kal Gill

Principal

2022-2023

Principal: Mr. K. Gill

Vice Principal: Mr. N. Despotakis (gr. 8)

Vice Principal: Mr. B. Soong (gr. 9/11)

Vice Principal: Ms. S. Underwood (gr. 10/12)

Counsellors

Grade 8: Ms. T. Romano

Grade 9: Ms. S. Glynianyi

Grade 10: Mr. O. Goncalves

Grade 11: Mr. H. Clark



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Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10/12 Assessments 2022-23

The first round of Numeracy/Literacy assessments will be happening in the week of October 31st to November 4th. Grade 10 students with Science in the first semester will do the Numeracy assessment on November 2nd and the Literacy assessment on November 4th. Students with Science in semester 2 will do their assessments in April. Grade 12 students also have to do the Literacy 12 assessment. Those students with English Studies 12 in the first semester will write the literacy assessment on October 31st. Students with English Studies 12 in semester 2 will write the Literacy assessment in April.

Student and Family Affordability Fund

In late August the provincial government announced that new, one-time funding would be provided to BC school districts to help address some of the rising costs families currently face. The Vancouver School District was allocated \$4,712,638. The District plan will see \$4.2 million of these one-time funds distributed directly to schools to support students and families. It aligns with the Ministry's mandate that funds we used to improve student access to nutritional food and directly offset costs to families.

In addition to the funding distributed directly to schools, the District will allocate \$512,638 to offset families' costs for things like fine arts opportunities, Indigenous cultural experiences, and nutritional learning opportunities. Some funding will also be used to increase access to food through existing community partnerships and to expand vegetarian options as part of existing meal programs.

Information about Killarney's plans for the use of these one-time funds will be shared in the coming weeks.

Remembrance Day Holiday

School will be closed on Friday, November 11th for the national Remembrance Day holiday. Remembrance Day assemblies will be held on November 10th.

Grad Photos

Grade 12's can book an appointment for grad photos at Artona Studios. The photo sessions for Killarney grads will be taking place from November 13 to 18, 2022.

<https://artona.com/schools/KILL/programs/graduation>

Grade 9 Immunization Clinic

Consent forms from Vancouver Coastal Health were given to students/parents. These individual forms detail the vaccination history for your child and list recommended vaccinations for 2022-2023. The vaccination clinic for our school will be on November 23rd. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call your Public Health Nurse, Asifa Kassam or Magen Caverly at 604-321-6151 ext. 3332.

Mid Semester Reports

Students with grade 8 and 9 courses will receive a standing on a proficiency scale (Beginning, Developing, Applying, Extending), a work habit, and comment(s). Students with grades 10-12 courses will receive a percent, a letter grade, a work habit, and comment(s). This report will be published on the MyEducation family portal on November 18th.

Semester One

- November 18th – Mid-semester Report
- November 24th – Parent-Teacher Conferences
- February 10th – Final Semester Report



Parent Teacher Conferences

School will be dismissed early on November 24th at 2:06 pm to allow staff to prepare for Parent-Teacher conferences. Parents will use an appointment scheduling program to schedule online meetings with teachers regarding the progress of their child. More details on how to schedule meetings and how to get into the online meetings will be forthcoming.

BC Agriculture in the Classroom Fruit and Vegetable Program

Killarney participates in the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Fruit and Vegetable school program. BC growers provide nutritious fruits and vegetables, free of charge, for our students to enjoy. Students learn about the variety of foods grown in this province and healthy options for snacking. We have already sampled blueberries and baby carrots this year! The school receives a delivery approximately every month. A special thanks to Mr. McKenzie and Ms. Matsuzaki and their students for organizing the deliveries and facilitating distribution to our students.

Goodbye to Weir

Five divisions (grades 5-7) from Weir Elementary have called Killarney home for two plus years while seismic upgrading is being completed at Weir. The work is nearing completion and the time has come for Weir classes to move back to their school. Boxes, furniture, and other materials will be moved November 3rd, 9th, and 10th. It has been a pleasure to have Weir staff and students join our school community. We wish them well in the return to their updated school. The collaboration with Killarney will continue as upper intermediate students will continue to receive music instruction from our staff for the rest of this year. This is not really goodbye as most of graduating Weir students come to Killarney in grade 8 to start their high school career.

Killarney Night of Talent (KNOT)

Student Council is once again planning for the Killarney Night of Talent. This is a great opportunity for students to showcase their talent. The process began with auditions in October, the show will take place on Thursday, December 8th. More details to come.

School Fees

If you have not done so already, please pay any outstanding school fees. Student fees are listed online on the School Cash Online site at <http://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/>. Reminder notices have been emailed to the parents of students with outstanding fees. Parents and guardians unable to pay some or all of school fee are invited to speak to their child's teacher, school counsellor, and/or the school Principal.

VSB Podcast: After the Bell

This year the VSB has started a podcast. New episodes are released the last Thursday of the month. This month Claire and Joe, two counsellors talk about student mental health, why it's important, what type of supports are available at school and mental health tips for caregivers. Also, other topics include the matter of the month: the municipal election, when school trustees are elected and Carolyn Broady, president of BCSTA chats about how elections impact schools and students. Link: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/news/layouts/15/ci/post.aspx?oaid=04e0f85a-f688-438a-acb2-62f897b9424e&oact=20001> is also on the VSB website.

Daily Health Check

Parents are reminded that they need to conduct a [daily health check](#) of their children before sending them to school. If your child is sick, then they need to stay home.



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Student Attendance

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to report their child's absence by emailing klrnabsences@vsb.bc.ca. Absences will only be recorded as excused if the email is received from the parent email. Please include the following information:

Name:

Student Number:

Grade:

Date of Absence:

Reason for Absence:

Killarney Athletics- Fall Season

Cross Country

Congratulations goes out to Killarney's Cross-Country team for their performance at the Sea to Sky Zone Championships at Jericho Beach on Wednesday, October 26. Dixon Klassen was 2nd in the Junior Boys race. While the Senior Girls team lead by Maya Eibensteiner, Livia Fatovic-Spurr, Chantelle Dass and Grace Wong finished 2nd. Finally, the Senior Boys team finished 1st at Zone Championships lead by Mitchell Klassen (2nd overall), Brandon Landa-Ahn (3rd overall), Lowell Solmes and Theo Depford. The team next competes at Provincial Championships in Victoria on November 5th. The team would like to thank their managers Mal Dela Cruz and River Karaca and their coaches Pat, Chris, and Ms. Godwin.

Senior Boys Volleyball

The Senior Boys Volleyball Team have improved since the beginning of the season.

The growth in the last 6 weeks has been amazing to watch. The amount of time and effort these players have dedicated to the game of volleyball makes this a very special team. Best of luck the reason of the season!





Bantam Girls Volleyball



Through them many ups and downs throughout the season, I would say that the Killarney Bantam Girls Volleyball Team has had such an excellent time playing with one another. Mr. Jones and Ms. Veness-Kehler help us train and develop our skills as players! We had some of the most passionate, energetic, and cheerful teammates who uplifted our team throughout the challenges that we have faced. With every pass, set, hit, and serve we have begun to improve. Of course, most importantly we all have had so much fun playing together! This season was definitely one to remember.

By Kaitlyn Chan Volleyball Team Member

Junior Girls Volleyball

The Junior Girls volleyball team has had an excellent start to the regular season games. They are currently in first place in the East Division with 5 wins and 0 losses. They have one more regular season game to go and then move on to playoffs during the week of Nov.14th at Lord Byng.

Juvenile Girls Volleyball

The team has really improved since the beginning of the season with the expert coaching of Mr. Westereng. They are looking forward to the City Championships in early November. Good luck to the team!

Junior Boys Volleyball

The Junior Boys Volleyball team coached by Bang Nguyen currently stands tied for 2nd place in the VSSAA League. The boys are excited about the upcoming City Championships. Good luck!

Senior Girls Volleyball

This team is still looking for their first victory of the season, but are working hard at improving skills and having lots fun. Good luck girls!



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Senior Boys Soccer

Starting off a bit rough the boys went 0-1 to start the season. After this start the boys rallied together to win 4 straight games, securing 2nd in their division and a playoff berth. Led by captain Evan Alden and many more on field leaders, the team looks to keep their hot streak going heading into the playoffs!



Killarney Parents Advisory Council (KPAC)

All parents with children attending Killarney are invited to participate in meetings of the Killarney Parents Advisory Council. Meetings are held monthly via ZOOM. The next meeting is on November 30th at 7:00 pm.

November Non-Instructional Days & Early Dismissals

Friday, November 11th – Remembrance Day

Thursday, November 17th – Early dismissal for Collaborative time (1:45pm)

Thursday, November 24th – Early dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences (2:06pm)

Friday, November 25th – Non-Instructional Day

Contact the School

Please contact the teacher, the counsellor, or the grade administrator if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress with learning. This letter and my previous bi-weekly letters are posted under the Student Bulletin section of the Killarney website.