

## GRENFELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Grenfell Art Gallery

### COVID NEWS/UPDATES

- Some Covid restrictions have been eased at school including the follow:
  - No specific capacity limit for school gatherings and events that bring together multiple classes or other groupings of students
  - Indoor capacity should not exceed 50 people or 50% of operating capacity (whichever is greater) for school performance and sports events
  - Spectators (e.g., parents, caregivers, peers), may be present for gatherings and events within capacity limits. *{a maximum of 50 people or 50% the capacity of the designated spectators' area, whichever is greater}*
  - NO CHANGE: Daily Health Check, hand hygiene and mask wearing at school
- Visitors are no longer limited to those supporting activities of direct benefit to student learning and wellbeing. Parents can visit school but appointments are required. Parents and visitors must sign in at the school office.
- The BC Government has supplied COVID-19 Rapid Test Kits for students and their families. Each student will receive one (1) box containing five test kits. The test kits could arrive at school sites anytime over the next couple of weeks. I will inform parents once the test kits are ready to be sent home.
- Please continue to dress students warmly so they will be comfortable when they go out for recess and lunch. Rain boots and waterproof coats are highly recommended on rainy days to keep students comfortable outside.
- And please remember to keep social distance from other students when dropping off and picking up your child at school. Parents are not members of their child's learning groups.
- The latest update of the *District Communicable Disease Prevention Plan* is available online the VSB website. <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/COVID-19/updates/Pages/default.aspx>
- School Ventilation Improvements (school by school information) [https://www.vsb.bc.ca/COVID-19/Ventilation/Documents/VSB\\_Ventilation\\_System\\_Overview\\_Feb2022.pdf](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/COVID-19/Ventilation/Documents/VSB_Ventilation_System_Overview_Feb2022.pdf)

## PINK SHIRT DAY



Thank you to everyone for wearing Pink to school on PINK SHIRT DAY last Wednesday, February 23 to say "no" to bullying and "yes" to acceptance and inclusion. We had a Pink Shirt Day virtual assembly to talk about types of bullying, how bullying makes people feel, and what we can do to prevent it. We want everyone to feel welcome and respected for who they are. Thank you to Grade 7 students, Aaron, Navpreet, Ryzell and Tito for hosting the Pink Shirt Day assembly.



## WALL OF KINDNESS



Thank you to Ms. McCague, Ms. Finden and our Student Council for organizing a Wall of Kindness to celebrate Valentine's Day. They handed out paper hearts for every student in the school to write something about kindness, and the results were heart-warming to read. Grenfell students have many wonderful ideas about how to show caring for others.



## GRENFELL HAS A NEW SCHOOL LOGO/MASCOT



At the beginning of the school year, the school's Logo Committee recommended three animals as potential logo characters for Grenfell: the gray wolf, the grizzly bear and the gray owl. All three animals are native to British Columbia and play significant roles in indigenous culture. During the week of February 7, students from K to 7 voted on the new school logo. Here is the result: Grenfell Gray Owls received 62 votes, Grenfell Gray Wolves received 106 votes and Grenfell Grizzlies received 156 votes. The student art contest is underway to choose a Grizzly design to become the new Grenfell school logo. The art contest will close before March break. Thank you to all students who participated in selecting a new school logo. Thank you Mr. Hum, Ms. Macdonald and Ms. Cho for taking the lead on the process of selecting a new school logo.



## PICK UP AND DROP OFF AT SCHOOL

A reminder to parents/caregivers to use Wellington Street, Rupert Street and Price Street for pick up and drop off students. The city is in the process of creating 3-minute and 15-minute parking signs to make it easier for parents to park their cars during drop off and pick up times. To keep our students and pedestrians safe, please DO NOT use the lane for drop off and pick up. We would like to reserve the lane for parents and students on foot. Thank you for your cooperation.

## STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. Students in Grade 4 and 7 will be participating in the Student Learning Survey in February and March. In addition, Grade 4 & 7 parents/guardians and staff are invited to fill out a Student Learning survey. An email has gone out to parents who have a child or children in Grade 4 and 7. Thank you for your participation by filling out the Provincial Student Learning Survey. The survey will close on **April 29**. The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at [http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey)



## A MESSAGE FROM MS. LACROIX

The excitement is already beginning to grow for the students! I'm starting to hand out flyers today for the final Scholastic Book Fair which will be next week in the Grenfell library. Students will have various times to shop during the school day either during their regular book exchange, at recess and lunch or on the Friday. As well, parents and students are welcome to come in on the Parent-Teacher conference days March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Payment can be made with cash, credit or debit. Please keep in mind that this is a fantastic fundraiser for the school library. The more product that is sold means more free books for the library. Thank you for your support😊

## UPCOMING HOT LUNCH DAYS

The next hot lunch dates are Friday, March 11 and April 1. Parents can still order the hot lunch for March 11 by March 4 and order for the April 1 hot lunch (Subway sandwiches) by March 25. Link to order: <https://sites.google.com/view/grenfellpac/fundraising/munchalunch>

## GRENFELL PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting is tonight, Monday, February 28 at 7:00 pm. For the meeting Zoom link, please check the Grenfell PAC website: <https://sites.google.com/view/grenfellpac/home?authuser=0>  
We are looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!

## PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

We are in the process of organizing the next school year. To help us project next year's numbers accurately, we would appreciate an update from you if you are planning to move or leave Grenfell School (all current Grade 7 students will be pre-transitioned to their respective high schools). Please fill out the form below if you have not had a chance to update us. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WC6KCzB7CEq6t9dVWeDjpVXLCaPEhfZFmHf-g9O33A1URDhaMjc0UU9CSU9FT09ITzBVSk9FQ0szWC4u>

## POLICE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER

When school is not in session, please report any suspicious activities to the non-emergency line (604)717-3321. During spring break, our custodial staff will be at work from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm daily. If you need to connect with them, please phone the number posted on the front door of the school.

## SNOW CLOSURES DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS



When the school is closed due to bad weather, the Board will post information about snow closures by 6:00 am on the website at [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) and will inform local media stations, including:

- CKNW (980 AM)
- CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
- BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11)
- CITY TV (Cable channel 13)
- CIVB (1470 AM)
- CFHG (96.1 FM)
- CKWX (1130 AM)

Parents are encouraged to check the VSB website or listen to the radio/TV stations listed above to learn about school closures.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, February 28.	PAC meeting @700 pm on Zoom, all parents welcome
Wednesday, March 9	Student-led conferences (students will be dismissed at 2:00pm)
Thursday, March 10	Student-led conferences (students will be dismissed at 2:00pm)
March 9 and 10	Scholastic Book Fair in the school library
Friday, March 11	PAC Hot Lunch Day
Friday, March 11	Last day of instruction before spring vacation
Monday, March 28	School re-opens after spring vacation
Friday, April 1	PAC Hot Lunch Day
Monday, April 11	PAC Meeting at 7:00 pm
Friday, April 15	Good Friday
Monday, April 18	Easter Monday
Monday, April 25	Pro-d Day (students do not attend)



## DAILY HEALTH CHECK

KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C)	<b>If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms:</b> Stay home. Contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
Chills	
Cough	
Difficulty breathing	
Loss of sense of smell or taste	
OTHER SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
Sore throat	<b>If yes to 1 symptom:</b> Stay home until you feel better.
Loss of appetite	
Headache	<b>If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms:</b> Stay home for 24 hours. If symptoms don't get better or get worse, contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
Body aches	
Extreme fatigue or tiredness	
Nausea or vomiting	
Diarrhea	
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:	WHAT TO DO
Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	<b>If yes:</b> Fully vaccinated students, staff and other adults who have travelled outside of Canada may qualify for the <a href="#">fully vaccinated traveller exemption</a> .  Students, staff and other adults who are not <a href="#">fully vaccinated</a> and have travelled outside of Canada <b>CANNOT attend school for 14 days after arrival</b> , as part of <a href="#">federal requirements</a> .
CLOSE CONTACT	WHAT TO DO
Have you been notified by public health that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	<b>If yes:</b> Follow the instructions provided by Public Health.

You can also check your symptoms with the [K-12 Health Check](#) or the [BC Self-Assessment Tool](#).

Call 8-1-1 with any questions about symptoms of illness. If you have severe symptoms, like difficulty breathing (struggling to breathe or you can only speak single words) or chest pain, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Emergency Department.

Visit the [BC Centre for Disease Control website](#) for more information on COVID-19.