

GRENFELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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COVID RELATED UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- Please refer to the latest updates (dated January 20) regarding Covid symptoms, isolation and return to school: [https://www.vsb.bc.ca/COVID-19/Documents/COVID-19/2022.01.20%20Flow%20Chart %20Symptoms%20Testing%20RTS%20Contacts_6pm.pdf](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/COVID-19/Documents/COVID-19/2022.01.20%20Flow%20Chart%20Symptoms%20Testing%20RTS%20Contacts_6pm.pdf)
- Assess your child's health daily using the Health Assessment checklist prior to sending your child to school. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/covid/daily-health-check-english.pdf>
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/covid/daily-health-check-chinese-simplified.pdf>
- Potential Functional School Closures: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/news/layouts/15/ci/post.aspx?oid=97f9eb41-c2c3-4d21-b1d8-f11d63e81c27&oact=20001>
- Please 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.

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

Students in Grade 4 and 7 will be participating in the Student Learning Survey in February. In addition, Grade 4 & 7 parents/ guardians and staff will be invited to fill out a Student Learning survey. More information regarding Student Learning Survey will be shared with parents prior to the survey.

GRENFELL IS GETTING A NEW SCHOOL LOGO



Planning is underway involving all students from K to 7 and staff to choose a new school logo to represent our school spirit and culture. The Griffin, a mythical creature, has been the main symbol on our school logo until this year. The school's Logo Committee has nominated three animals as potential logo characters for Grenfell: a gray wolf, a grizzly bear, and a gray owl. All three animals are native to British Columbia and play significant roles in indigenous culture.



Students are learning about the three animals and will vote on their favourite animal as Grenfell's new school logo character during the week of February 7. An art contest will be held afterwards to create a new school logo.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF AT SCHOOL



We have a new sign in the lane to remind drivers not to use the lane to drop off and pick up students. We would like to reserve the lane for parents and students on foot.

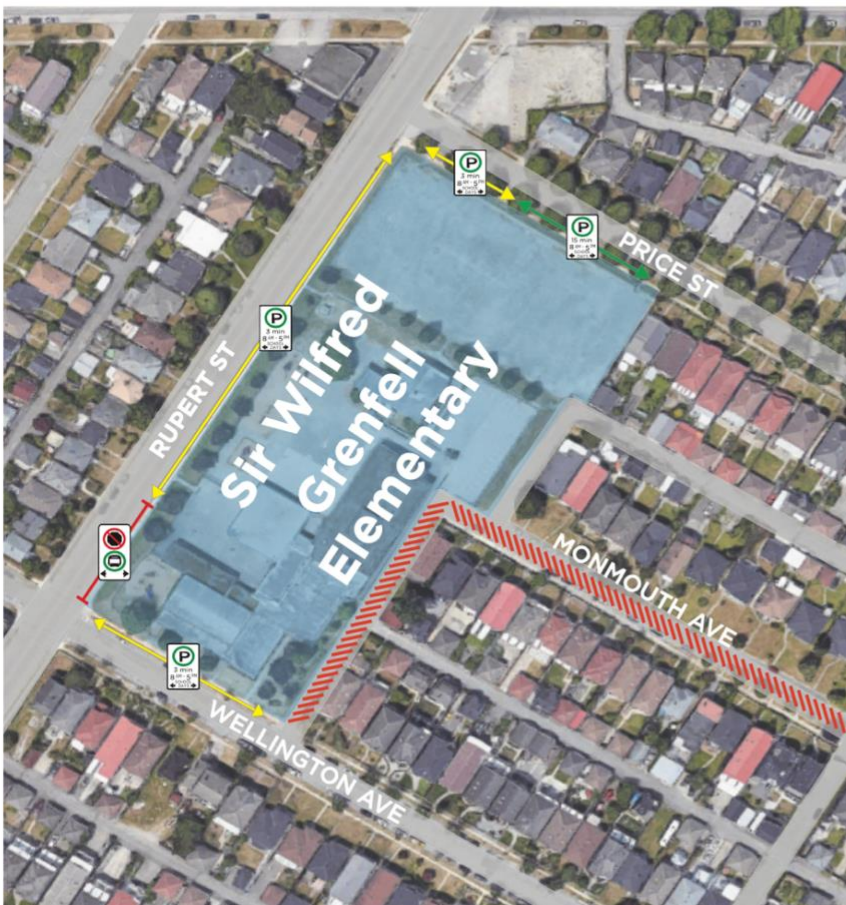
I have also arranged for the city to pave the lane and install new signage. The city will be installing 3-minute (Wellington and Rupert Street) and 15-minute (Price Street) parking signs. Parents can park their cars to walk their child(ren) to school.

Thanks everybody for helping to keep the school safe.

Please see the parking map below:



Sir Wilfred Grenfell Elementary - Parking Map



Disclaimer: This map is produced as a public resource for general information purposes only. The City, its employees, officers, directors and representatives do not guarantee the accuracy of the information contained therein nor warrant the safety of any route, highway, road, street, designated cycling route or other shown in the map information.

LEGEND



3 mins Parking (School Days)

These spots are for quick pick-ups and drop-offs. Park your vehicle in this zone for no more than 3 minutes.



15 mins Parking (School Days)

For longer school visits please park your vehicle in this zone for no more than 15 minutes.



Transit Bus Zone

Vehicles cannot park or stop in a bus zone and must yield to buses. Only buses may park here with the exception of emergency vehicles.



School Drop Off/Pick Up Zone



No Drop-Off or Pick-Up

Use Wellington Av, Rupert St, or Price St for drop-off and pick-up instead.

Support Active Transportation

Keep the area around your school a safe place to walk, cycle and roll by following the posted signs. If you are driving, consider the "Drive to Five" initiative. Park five minutes away and walk to school. It is an active way to start and end the day.

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OUTDOOR LEARNING GRANTS

Grenfell school is the proud recipient of two outdoor learning grants. We have been awarded \$1000 from WWF Go Wild School Grants and \$500 from the VSB Sustainability Grants. The money received will go directly to support our school garden and the outdoor classroom. Thank you to our Outdoor Education Committee members: Ms. Lee, Ms. Cho, Ms. Tome, Ms. Finden and Ms. Seversen for applying for the grants.



Grenfell PAC- PURDY'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who supported the PAC's Purdy's chocolate fundraising. The PAC raised \$760.00. Thank you to parents Janelle O'Donnell, Elicia Hrubizna, Sarika Gupta and Cindy Tam for their work organizing and sorting the orders. We hope you enjoyed your chocolate.

Our next PAC meeting is **Monday, February 28 at 7:00 pm**. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Grenfell PAC website: <https://sites.google.com/view/grenfellpac/events-meetings>

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

We have raised \$401.75 for the Food Bank. Thank you for the support of the Grenfell families who donated online. A big thank-you to the Student Council, Ms. McCague and Ms. Finden for their work on this fundraising campaign for the Food Bank. A cheque in the amount of \$401.75 has been sent to the Food Bank. Thanks everyone!

BODY SCIENCE WORKSHOPS FOR STUDNETS AND PARENTS-RESCHEDULED

Due to the new restrictions to manage Covid at school, we have rescheduled both the Saleema Noon Body Science workshops for parents and students to October 2022. More information will be shared at a later date.

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 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

Friday, January 28	Report cards go home with students
Tuesday, February 1	First day of Lunar New Year (Year of the tiger)
Wednesday, February 2	Kindergarten hearing test
Thursday, February 3	Do Bugs Need Drug workshop (Grade 2 students)
Monday, February 14	Valentine's Day
Friday, February 18	Pro-d Day (students do not attend)
Monday, February 21	Family Day holiday
Wednesday, February 23	Pink Shirt Day (wear a pink shirt to school to stand up to bullying)
Monday, February 28.	PAC meeting @700 pm in 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)
Friday, March 11	Last day of instruction before spring vacation
Monday, March 28	School re-opens after spring vacation



DAILY HEALTH CHECK

KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C)	If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms: 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	If yes to 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better.
Loss of appetite	
Headache	If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms: 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?	If yes: Fully vaccinated students, staff and other adults who have travelled outside of Canada may qualify for the fully vaccinated traveller exemption . Students, staff and other adults who are not fully vaccinated and have travelled outside of Canada CANNOT attend school for 14 days after arrival , as part of federal requirements .
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?	If yes: 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.