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# VAN HORNE NEWS

*We acknowledge that we live, work and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples – xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwataʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations*

## T.E.A.M

**TREAT** ourselves, others & environment with respect

**ENCOURAGE** and support each other

**ACT** in a safe and responsible way

**MAKE** every effort to achieve

## SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER

Mr. Stephen Leung - Principal

Ms. Marianna Cianelli - Administrative Assistant

Ms. Jessica Thorburn - Extra Clerical

School Board Trustee: Janet Fraser

Director of Instruction: Julie Pearce

## - PRINCIPALS MESSAGE -

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

I originally created a newsletter that I was going to send out on the last day before the spring break. I had decided to hold off a few days to see if any news would be changing in regards to the challenges we are facing with COVID-19. And of course, news changes daily.

I am sure most of you have read the news and the letters from Minister Fleming that as of yesterday (March 17) school districts have been ordered to suspend in class sessions immediately. Our school district leaders are working diligently in determining what that looks like and how we can move forward. I hope you understand that there is some uncertainty at this moment but I will forward you relevant information as soon as I am provided with it. In the meantime, I wish you and your family and loved ones my sincerest wishes for health in the upcoming times.

In the meantime, here is the original newsletter:

The past month or so has been full of wonderful things happening at our school. We had a full slate of basketball teams this year thanks to our staff that took on coaching roles. Mr. Finucane coached the senior girls and boys teams. Mr. Miller coached the junior boys team and I coached the junior girls team. Everyone had a wonderful season learning the game, learning to play as a team, and improving their skills. A special congratulations to the senior girls team that advanced to the Final 4!

Looking forward I want to bring to your attention an opportunity for you to be involved in your child's education. As part of our School's Growth Plan, we have been looking at improving learning for our students by offering them a chance to have a choice in what they learn at school. To that end, students will have an opportunity to sign up for our second round of **Wednesday Workshops**. We offer students a choice of different workshops they can sign up to attend. This time they will run on 5 consecutive Wednesdays starting April 22 from 1:00pm – 2:15pm. The first round that ran in the fall was very exciting as students had opportunities to take workshops on anything from video/movie-making to learning about Arctic Animals to building structures out of cardboard to learning more about Leadership. The workshops were wildly popular amongst the students. So this is how you can be involved: if you have a desire to teach kids in this workshop format, you are invited to make a proposal to me that includes the title of your workshop, a short description of what your workshop will teach students and what grades you think your workshop is suitable for. I think this is an great opportunity to share your knowledge whether that be your occupation or simply a hobby you have. If this is

something you are interested in, I invite you to phone the school and speak to me where I can help you craft the answers to these questions. Please note that you must contact me by Wednesday April 1 at the latest as we will be organizing then. **(Please note that this is temporarily suspended until further notice)**

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Stephen Leung, Principal

## 2020 ELEMENTARY CHORAL FESTIVAL

The 2020 Elementary Choral Festival was held at John Oliver Secondary on March 9<sup>th</sup>. This year's group was the largest group from one school I had ever witnessed! Congratulations to all the kids as they performed very well. Thank you to Ms. Willms for leading the group and for the countless hours of practice she arranged and thank you to Ms. Chow and Ms. Lim for coming out to help at the festival. By the way, my personal favourite song was the library song – it's very catchy. - Stephen Leung



## CHANGES TO LUNCH HOUR



I wanted to bring to your attention an important new change to how we handle our lunch hour at school. **Starting right after spring break (When school starts up we will implement this change then).** students will eat lunch from 12:25 to 12:47. This is a change from the previous eating time of 12:00 to 12:20. We are making this change after discussion amongst the staff after several recommendations by parents. This is by no means revolutionary as it is common practice in other schools. A quick search on the internet finds many articles supporting this change. Here is but one: [https://www.ctf-fce.ca/Research-Library/Issue7\\_Article2\\_EN.pdf](https://www.ctf-fce.ca/Research-Library/Issue7_Article2_EN.pdf)

Anyways, we will try this out on a trial basis from the end of Spring Break and reassess at a future date. We also value your feedback on this and would like for you to please monitor how much food your child brings home once we start this new schedule. We are hopeful you will find less lunch being returned home everyday as kids are spending more time eating rather than thinking only of running off to play. We will send a survey at a later date. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. – Stephen Leung


# LUNAR NEW YEAR @ VAN HORNE

## LUNAR NEW YEAR

Van Horne students and staff celebrated the Lunar New Year with a Lions Dance organized by our excellent parents! A wonderful time was had by all! Thank you!



## SPRING SOCCER + BASKETBALL REGISTRATION



# YMCA SOCCER

## SCORE NOW!

### YMCA Soccer FUNdamentals

Develop Skills, Make Friends, Have Fun!!

Boys and Girls **Grades 1 - 4**

The YMCA Soccer program teaches kids the game of Soccer with an emphasis on YMCA Core Values & Long Term Athlete Development.

YMCA Soccer helps children to reach their full potential as well as learning & improving in passing, shooting, dribbling & motor skills.

**Program participants will:**

- Create new friendships
- Develop coordination & fundamental movement skills
- Develop confidence, sportsmanship & character

**Program information!**

- May 23 – June 27
- Saturdays 12:15 – 2:00pm
- Grades 1 – 4
- YMCA Langara
- Price: **\$105.00**

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**Want to be a volunteer coach?**  
We need your help! If you're 15+, passionate about sport and working with children, let us know!

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## Jr. YMCA Basketball

Develop Skills, Make Friends, Have Fun!

Boys and Girls Kindergarten – Grade 3

The Jr. YMCA Basketball Program aims to develop a lifelong passion for the game of basketball in boys and girls in Kindergarten – Grade 3 by teaching them the fundamentals of the sport while instilling core values including teamwork, respect and sportsmanship. Using lower nets, lighter balls, and a specific curriculum involving fun and engaging games and drills, this is fun for this age group!

### Program participants will:

- Create new friendships
- Be active in a non-competitive environment
- Receive JR. YMCA Basketball Swag (Basketball and T-Shirt)

### Register Your Child Today!

- April 17 – June 19
- Friday Practices
- K – Gr. 3
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm
- Langara Family YMCA
- Price: \$105.00

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## YMCA Basketball

Come Shoot Hoops with us!

Boys and Girls Grades 4 - 7

The YMCA Basketball program teaches kids the game of basketball with an emphasis on fun and teamwork. Y Basketball helps littles learn & improve on the Fundamentals of passing, shooting, dribbling & motor skills.

### Program participants will:

- Create new friendships
- Be active in a non-competitive environment
- Develop fundamental movement skills
- Receive YMCA Basketball Swag!

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- Grades 4 – 7
- 7:00 – 8:15pm
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# DROP-IN PLAY PROGRAM @ VAN HORNE (AGES 0 – 6)

## DROP IN PLAYROOM

For children 0-6 and their parents/caregiver



**\$1 only**

per visit per family  
subsidy is available



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