

# Simon Fraser Elementary School

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### To all our Staff, Students and Families,

As we approach the end of the school year, it is important to realize that the next few weeks may be filled with year-end activities and emotional moments. Remember to pace yourself and enjoy the 'fruits' of all your hard work this year.

Please make sure you have received next year's School Calendar which contains important information about next year's holidays and Professional Development days.

### Class Placement

As this school year comes to an end, many parents are wondering about their child's class placement for next year. I would like to assure all of you that our staff members work together to thoughtfully place students in classes based on the number of teachers assigned to our school by the District office. When determining your child's placement, a variety of factors are considered. For example: the number of students in each class, a balance of boys and girls, academic and social strengths and needs, learning styles, friendships and special interests. We use our professional judgment, existing data, and discussion as we create classes, keeping in mind the considerations listed above. It is the responsibility of the school staff to arrange classes so that each student has a positive learning environment and teachers have a manageable teaching assignment. **As principal, I will consider written requests for class placement that describe the academic, social and/or physical needs of the child. These must be submitted by Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Please note that these letters are shared with the teaching staff when classes are created.** As always, classes will be finalized in September. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at [mchristie@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:mchristie@vsb.bc.ca).

### In the Spotlight

Divisions 6, 7 and 8 are raising Painted Lady Butterflies (the commonest and most widely found butterfly in the world) in their classroom. They are all enjoying the experience of seeing metamorphosis first hand. When the caterpillars arrived recently, they were only a few days old. They have been eating and have grown rapidly over the last week in a terrarium. Currently, the caterpillars are beginning the stage of chrysalis. The children have been witnessing the movement of caterpillar to chrysalis, and are now anticipating when the butterflies will emerge from each chrysalis. Students and staff in Divisions 6,7 and 8 will continue to create memories in their classroom



when they release their butterflies and watch them flutter off in the next week or so.

### Dance Recital

Fraser students make us proud in many different ways, and we wish to recognize their accomplishments even when they happen outside of school. Charlotte (Div 6), Naomi (Div 6) and Hillal (Div. 4) participated in a dance recital recently, and did an outstanding job. Way to go girls!



### Sports Update

It has been another busy track season. The Track & Field Zone Finals are at Eric Hamber on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and is an all day event. Good Luck Fraser!!!



As part of Physical Education we will be having Tennis BC here providing 6 lessons per class between June 6-17<sup>th</sup>. Permission forms will need to be completed and returned by to the classroom teacher by June 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Grade 7 Grad

The Grade 7 Graduation will be on Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2- 4pm. The theme this year is "Paris".



### Sports Day

This year we will be having Sports Day on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is "Nursery Rhymes/Fairy Tales". If your child is bringing a costume, please make sure that they can still participate in all of the events. Students will be participating in many fun activities and races, and will probably get grass or dirt stains on the costumes.



If the weather is sunny, we encourage our students to be Sun Smart and wear sunscreen and a hat. We will meet as a whole school for the opening ceremonies and for the taking of the Sports Day athletic oath. Students are to go to their classrooms when the morning bell rings. Students will return to their classrooms for lunch and will be dismissed after lunch.

### Summer School

**For course details and registration:** look for the flyer, talk to your teacher, find us at [www.continuinged.ca](http://www.continuinged.ca) or call 604-713-4550. To register online you will need your child's PEN number (available from the school office).



### Photography Club

The Fraser Elementary Photography Club has been running for the last six weeks and it's members have been expanding their photography knowledge ever since. They have tackled topics such as macro perspectives and controlling light. The members include: Davida, Joanne, Zoe, Jeanette, James, and Manjur. In the upcoming weeks be sure to check out the Fraser Elementary school website for a sample of the amazing photos they have been taking.



### Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser results

Congratulations to our Fraser students and staff who participated in the annual Jump Rope for Heart event on April 14<sup>th</sup>. We are proud to say that you raised **\$2,227.91!!!**. Way to go! Our thanks go out to the Student Council members who were part of the warm up team, and who led the stretching and opening of our Jump Day.

### General Gordon Celebrates it's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

General Gordon invites everyone to celebrate General Gordon's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00pm. There will be decade rooms, food and drink, entertainment (the Kitsilano Boys Band), silent auction of a Jeff Wall print, and of course a celebratory cake. The cost is \$20.00. Please go to <http://generalgordon100.wordpress.com> or phone the school at 604-713-5403.

### Love Vancouver, Love Your Planet

Come out and enjoy a green arts, music and lifestyle festival at the Olympic Village on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 11 am - 6 pm.

### **Notice of Late Return in September 2011**

If your child/children expects to return to school LATER THAN noon on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the Vancouver School Board requires parents to fill out a NOTICE OF LATE RETURN FORM (available at the Office). This Notice will reserve a space for your child/children in our school.

### Important Dates to Remember

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| June 7 <sup>th</sup>  | District Zone Track Meet @ Eric Hamber                             |
| June 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Spring Fling - 3:30  |
| June 15 <sup>th</sup> | PAC Meeting 6:30-8   |
| June 20 <sup>th</sup> | Talent Show @ 10:45  |
| June 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Grade 7 Graduation 2:00-4:00 pm                                    |
| June 29 <sup>th</sup> | Last Day of School for Students<br>Students dismissed at 3:00 p.m. |



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