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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The winter weather is with us once again. The students are expected to go outside most days. Please make sure your child is dressed



appropriately for the wet or cold weather. Remind your child to wear a warm jacket, raincoat, hat, boots, and mittens/ gloves. An umbrella is needed on rainy days as most children enjoy walking in the rain and puddles. If the weather is extremely bad, the students will have an indoor recess or lunch hour. On these days, students are welcome to bring an activity from home to share with their friends ...magazine, card/board games, construction toy....Please do not send electronic toys, trading cards or valuable items.

School Closure

Should a school closure occur, due to weather conditions (e.g. snow), natural disaster, or other conditions that might endanger the health of students and staff.



A CLEAR ANNOUNCEMENT stating that schools are closed will be provided by 6:00 a.m. to local radio stations. The Vancouver School Board will contact the following radio and television stations to make an announcement regarding any closures:

CKNW (980 AM), CKWX (1130 AM), CBC Radio (690 AM, 105.7 FM), BCTV/Global (cable channel 11), Fairchild Radio (CJVB AM, 1470/CKHG FM 96.1, CITY TV (cable channel 13)

In addition, information on snow closures will be available on line at www.vsb.bc.ca.

Please do not call the school or media outlets to determine whether your school is closed.

Emergency Preparedness

Thank you all for sending in an Earthquake Comfort Kit for your child. We have stored all of our kits in the emergency shed which also contains our earthquake emergency supplies. We will be holding a District wide Earthquake Drill on May 3rd, at which time we will be dismissing the kids as if it were a real earthquake. Stay tuned for more information about this as we get closer to spring.

Lost & Found

The lost and found is on display outside the Library. Please check the table for missing clothing. Those items not picked up will be sent to families in need. It is recommended that you put your child's name inside their clothing as it makes it much easier to return lost items.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Thanks to Div. 1, 2, 7, 8 & 9 for performing and helping to make our assembly so meaningful. Div 3 created the white crosses with poppies decorating the stage and lecturn. Thanks Div. 3. Once again we would like to thank the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 (2655 Main St.) for their generous donation of \$400.00 to our school.



Kindergarten Registration

We are now accepting applications for Kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year. Children born before December 31st 2007 should register by January 31st, 2012. To register the parent/guardian will need to bring the child's birth certificate, child's immunization records, child's Care Card number and the family's proof of address, ie: Property Tax Notice or Rental/Lease Agreement to the school. If there are neighbourhood children of Kindergarten age please remind them to contact the school for registration information.



Student Council Update

Our Student Council is asking Fraser Families to help support our local Food Bank. Your contributions to needy families at this giving time of the year are greatly appreciated. Donations will be received from Wednesday, November 30th to Wednesday, December 14th.



Light Up Ceremony

Students from Fraser will once again be making decorations for the light up ceremony at the big tree at Kingsway and Broadway. The light up ceremony will be on Friday, December 9 between 5:30 and 7:00 pm. There will be Kids Sing and JJ Sunshine performing, Santa on hand and free hot chocolate for the children. Mark the date on your calendar.



Winter Sing-a-long

You are invited to join our students and staff from 9:00 - 9:30 on December 14th, 15th and 16th. We gather in



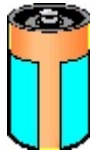
the gym to celebrate the joy of the festive season together. We welcome parent's participation. If you have a musical instrument that you would like to play, please inform your child's teacher.

Volleyball Teams

Both the Sr. Boys and Sr. Girls enjoyed a fun volleyball season which is coming to an end this week. Many thanks to coaches: Tony Ramsell, Jon Hooton and Sean Hughes.

Battery Recycling

The VSB has partnered with Vancouver Battery to recycle household batteries. We now have two containers in the office for families to drop off their batteries for recycling. Vancouver Battery is



providing their services free of charge and are also offering families a 15% discount off the retail price to purchase new batteries. They are located at 2192 W. Broadway.

Student Progress

At anytime if you would like to connect with your child's teacher to check on progress you may do so by filling out a pink "Request for an Appointment" form and returning it to the office. These forms are located outside the classroom door or in the office.

PAC Meeting

The next PAC meeting is on November 30th at 6:30.

PRO-D Day

Friday, November 25th is a Professional Development Day.

No School for Students!

Family Dinner

Thanks to all the families who came out for the Family Dinner Night on November 10th. It



was a great success and everyone had a great time! In total we raised \$870.

A big thank you to all of the parents who helped at the event - when we work together we can do great things!

Christmas Tree Chipping - on Sunday, January 8th, 2012 at Kingsgate Mall (lower east side parking lot) from 10 am - 4 pm bring your Christmas tree to be chipped by donation. All proceeds go to Mount Pleasant Elementary School.

Ruth Wrinch
Acting Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Nov. 25	Pro-D Day - No School for Students
Nov. 30	PAC Meeting @ 6:30
Nov 30-Dec 14	Food Bank Donations
Dec. 6	Hearing Screening Clinic K's and Follow-up
Dec. 8	Immunization Clinic Follow-up
Dec. 13	Pizza Day
Dec. 14-16	Winter Sing-a-long 9:00-9:30 in the Gym Parents welcome!
Dec. 16	Last Day Before Winter Break
Dec. 19-Jan 2	Winter Vacation
Jan. 3	1 st Day Back to School
Jan. 4	Sushi Day

