

**HENRY HUDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER**

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**Principal's Message**

With autumn now upon us, we are only a day away from the civic election that will have a new school board elected. Please take a moment of your time tomorrow and exercise your right to vote. Vancouver will elect nine trustees, there are 19 individuals running for the positions; representing a variety of parties, some former incumbents and others hoping to be elected for the first time. School trustees set education policies reflective of community aspirations that are consistent with overall provincial guidelines. Following the election, the elected trustees will be assigned specific schools that they will be the individual liaisons for. Once Hudson is assigned to a trustee, the school will be inviting the trustee to the school for a visit to become more familiar with both our school and community in general.

Our school PAC is having their election on October 18 at their monthly meeting. The PAC is having a direct drive donation campaign commencing this morning. Donations are eligible for tax donation receipts. The direct link to the donation form is <http://hudsonpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Hudson-direct-donation-appeal-letter-2017-Final.pdf>

With the seasonal change to wet and cold weather, please ensure students are dressed for the elements. The younger students need to have dry socks and footwear available. Older students can store an umbrella or extra coat in their coat rooms or lockers. As we have less space available to use for indoor options on rainy days, students will be outside more often in the wet weather. Once the field becomes sodden and muddy it will be closed to student use.

Parking and student drop off is always challenging at Hudson. Please think "safety first" when dropping off or picking up your child. Please be aware of the posted traffic regulations on York and Cypress Streets, the school does not "cover" parking tickets. At times, there are by-law officers and VPD members patrolling the area. As well, please do not use the staff parking lot for pick up and drop off.

Ian Cannon  
Principal

**Overview of Upcoming  
Activities & Events**

- Tue, Oct 17 – UBC Math Games (Gr 5 to 7)
- Wed, Oct 18
  - PAC Meeting
  - Sea Smart Marine Biology Session
- Wed, Oct 18 & Thu, Oct 19 – early dismissal at 2:00pm (Parent Teacher Conferences)
- Fri, Oct 20 – Pro-D Day (school is not in session)
- Thu, Oct 26
  - Gr 3 Fire Safety House Visit
  - Superstar Assembly
- Tue, Oct 31 – Halloween
- Mon, Nov 6 – Photo retakes
- Thu, Nov 9 – Remembrance Day Assembly
- Fri, Nov 10 – Pro-D Day (school is not in session)



## School Sports

### Goal Setting Conferences

The term one goal setting conferences are on October 18 and 19. Students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm on both of those dates. The Hudson Out Of School Care is aware of and prepared for the early dismissal times. Please make sure you have contacted your child's teacher for a meeting time. If you are unable to keep the appointment, contact the teacher or the office.

### Administering Medication

At times when students are ill, parents request that their child receive medication at school. In order to have the request fulfilled, parents need to obtain a *Request to Administer Medication Form* for the school and have it completed by your doctor. While teachers are unable to administer medication, office and support staff are able to. There is a small fridge in the office where medication may be stored.

A reminder to parents that have epi pens at the school to please check the expiration dates and to replace the pens if needed.

### Earthquake Comfort Kits

Earthquake comfort kits are intended for student use following an earthquake who may be waiting at the school for pick up by parent or designated pick up person. Comfort kits will be collected in the classrooms for the next 2 weeks. The comfort kits will then be stored in our earthquake bin and returned to students at the end of June. Parents may include small personal items such as mittens, hat, socks, deck of cards, personal message, photograph, novel or similar items. The items must fit into a 7 inch by 7 inch plastic zip lock bag.

### Community School Teams

There is still room for students to sign up for the Community School Team's afterschool programs. The Young Rembrandts drawing program still has 3 spots (Fridays, Oct 6 - Dec 15), and there is lots of space left in MoreSports Basketball (Mondays, Oct 16 - Dec 11). Registration forms are available outside the school office. Please contact Dianne Sankey, the Community Schools Team Programmer at [dsankey@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:dsankey@vsb.bc.ca) with any questions.

### Some Classroom Highlights

Div F17 - We are working hard on learning our sounds and writing simple sentences using picture flash cards to help. In Math we are practicing adding and subtracting 1 and 2 to and from numbers to 10 and we are also making groups of 10. We recently finished our unit on diversity in our classroom and have started looking at living things. We will grow seeds in the classroom and document it with the iPads using the app "Book Creator". Regular updates are available on the class blog at [www.chezmadamegauthier.wordpress.com](http://www.chezmadamegauthier.wordpress.com).

Div F15 - The students of Division F15 have delivered tremendous efforts to building stamina for the Daily Five; succeeding in 20 minutes of non-stop reading, as well as 20 minutes of writing. We are looking forward to adding "Read to Another" soon. Our very curious class pet, the octopus Gribouille, has been enjoying her weekend sleepovers with students of our division. She's learning all about their lives outside of school and getting their

help to describe her adventures in her diary. Come say “bonjour” to Gribouille and read her diary whenever she’s at school!

Div F14 has a penpal class in France now! They are corresponding once a month with a class of CM1/CM2 (grades 3/4) and sent out their first letters last week. Their teacher is the wife of the coach of France Team Rugby 7's, so we can expect to talk about rugby of course!

Div 11K - One of our focuses in Div 11K is Social Responsibility. As we settle into our routines this term, students strive to be bucket fillers and peacemakers by treating each other with respect and contributing to classroom jobs.

Div 4 is eagerly awaiting their next STEM (Skills Technology, Engineering and Math) challenge. Each week students use critical thinking and design to collaboratively solve a new problem.

Div 1 has had an exciting start to the year. We have our exceptional student teacher Ms. Donich teaching at 80% in the class and she is bringing in so many fresh and interesting new ideas. For example, we have already had a field trip to the beach with our own personal Marine Biologist. In fact, field trips seem to be the theme of this term, with a climbing trip, Ballet BC and Mossom Creek hatchery in the works. With our small, well balanced straight grade, I anticipate many rich experiences this year.

Div 6 - We have had a lovely start to the school year in Division 6. We have been busy reviewing ways to express numbers and identify their values. We are embarking on a new learning unit about the hydrological cycle, (the water cycle,) and the different states of water. We have been busy composing compelling journal entries with personal narratives which highlight our personal experiences. Finally, we have been working together to foster a sense of community in our classroom, where we support and respect one another, while acknowledging each other's unique qualities.

### Lunch Time Activities

**No Guitar Class Thursday, Oct 19th** -- Marc is away next week, so there will be no guitar, however he has scheduled a make-up session on **Thursday, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### Attendance and Safe Arrival

If your child will be late or absent, please contact us with this information:

- Your child’s name
- Grade and Homeroom (if possible)
- When and how long your child will be absent

**By phone: Call 604-713-5159, extension 37 , or**

**By email: hudattendance@vsb.bc.ca**

**Student Sign-In/Out Procedure**

If your child arrives after 9:00am, please ensure that your child signs in at the office. Similarly, if you pick up your child during the school day, please sign them out at the school office.

*“Only the lesson which is enjoyed can be learned well” – Judah ha-Nasi*