

**HENRY HUDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER**

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**Principal's Message**

As a soggy and wet November comes to a close, we have completed very busy month and move into a short and busy last few weeks before Winter Break.

Having 27 days of rain this month has made the drainage issue with our grass field very evident. Working with our PAC Executive, we are meeting next week with a school district representative to explore ways to address this ongoing challenge. When areas of the field are flooded and unsafe, the field is closed to student use.

This month we had a student organized Remembrance Day service that was attended by many parents. Many classes actively participated in the program and all divisions were involved in class based learning activities. The school also made a donation to the Billy Bishop Legion Poppy Fund. As well this month, many classes went on field trips to such locations as Victoria, the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, Ballet BC, Museum of Vancouver, Origins Parkour, Maritime Museum, The Hive Bouldering Gym, Stanley Park, UBC Botanical Garden, Mossom Creek Hatchery and McMillan Space Centre. The Vancouver Fire Department's "Fire Safety House", Unique Minds Learning and the SPCA presented programs in the school.

December promises to be a busy month with choir performances, a PAC Fair, Winter Concert, field trips and a school wide dance program. Term 1 report cards will be issued on December 22, the final day of school before Winter Break.

With all the rain and challenges with our field, combined with a lack of space for use on rainy days, students are often expected to be outside at recess and lunch regardless of the weather. While there are some lunch hour activities and a recess option for Kindergarten and Grade 1 students, it is important for students to come prepared to be outside. A set of dry socks and shoes are highly recommended especially for our primary students.

As you have undoubtedly heard through the media, there is a shortage of substitute teachers and Student Support Workers. At Hudson, there have been several occasions where Resource Teachers have been reassigned to cover enrolling classrooms and Student Support Workers have been reassigned during the day. Resource Teacher service has been affected and some of our special needs students have had changes to their support schedules. I am hopeful that recent and ongoing staff recruitment efforts by the District will alleviate this issue.

Thank you for your support!

Ian Cannon  
Principal

**Overview of Upcoming  
Activities & Events**

- Fri, Dec 8 – Sr. Choir performance at Fortis BC Building
- Mon, Dec 11 – Immunization Clinic
- Wed, Dec 13 – Jr & Sr Choirs - Concert
- Fri, Dec 15 – Winter Fair
- Wed, Dec 20 – Winter Concert
- Thu, Dec 21 – Div 2 Field Trip to Robson Square Ice Rink
- Fri, Dec 22 – Last day of school before Winter Break
- Mon, Jan 8 – First day back after Winter Break



### FSA Results

The grade 4 and 7 FSA tests have been marked and student booklets will soon be returned to students to take home long with their individual official results from the Ministry of Education. The FSA results are not used for report card purposes at the school.

### School Sports

The school volleyball teams have been quite successful in their matches against other schools. The students have demonstrated great levels of commitment and sportsmanship. The season comes to a conclusion next Wednesday at the City Championship Tournament at Lord Byng Secondary School. Many thanks to our parent volunteer drivers; the School District provides extra third party car insurance for this purpose. Staff involved in coaching and sponsoring volleyball are Ms. Tso, Ms. Dawson, Ms. Reed, Ms. Wild and Mr. Hunter.

### Winter Concert

The Winter Concert is on Wednesday December 20 in the school gym. There will be two performances; at 9:15 am and at 1:15 pm. Ticket order forms will be distributed by Monday. We are providing 2 tickets per family and extra ticket requests will be considered after December 8<sup>th</sup>. Included on the form is a section for requesting extra tickets, please return forms to the classroom teacher or directly to the office.

### School Choir

The Hudson Choirs are preparing for a few concerts. The Senior Choir will be singing downtown on Friday, Dec. 8th at the Fortis BC Building at Georgia and Thurlow between 9:30 am and 10:30 am. If you work downtown and can take a coffee break, we'll be singing in the foyer and would love to see you there.

Both choirs will be giving an evening performance this year in the gym on Wednesday Dec. 13th at 6PM. All Hudson families are welcome. We will be collecting donations for the Vancouver Food Bank and the Hudson PAC. There will be goodies and drinks at the end of the concert.

Choir rehearsals for second term will start on Wed. Jan. 24th running until Wed. Mar. 7th. Registration forms will be available January 8, 2018. If you have any questions regarding the choir programs please contact Miss Catherine at [ccampolin@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:ccampolin@vsb.bc.ca).

### Dance Program

Through the Hudson PAC, all classes will be participating in a school wide dance program as part of their physical education program. *Dance With Life* is providing the instruction. The program was coordinated through the gym teachers. *Dance With Life* may be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHH8sHtxevg>

### Hot Lunch Program

The Hot Lunch Program is one of the biggest fundraisers at Henry Hudson. In order for the Program to run efficiently, we need more volunteers. Please come and join our fantastic team!

We need people on Tuesdays, (Cooking Days) from 9:00am - 1:30pm, and Thursdays (Delivery Days) from 11:00am - 1:30pm. Whether you can commit to a whole shift or even one hour, your help is greatly appreciated!

Please Contact Marina Bondarenko (Hot Lunch Coordinator) - [musea79@hotmail.com](mailto:musea79@hotmail.com)

A huge thanks to all the parents who already come and help!

### Community Schools Team (CST)

The Community Schools Team will be offering the following after school programs for the Winter term:

**MoreSports Basketball** (Mondays, Jan. 8 - Mar. 12, grades 1-7)

**Young Rembrandts** (Fridays, Jan. 26 - Mar. 16, grades 1-7).

Registration brochures will be available outside the school office **afterschool** on Wednesday, December 6th. The registration deadline will be Friday, December 15th. Please contact Dianne Sankey, CST Programmer at [dsankey@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:dsankey@vsb.bc.ca) with any questions or for more information.

### 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](mailto: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.

*"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." -- AESOP*