

**HENRY HUDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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April 2018 Newsletter

Principal's Message

With the wet weather hopefully behind us, we optimistically look forward to some seasonably warm and sunny days. April is traditionally when the school district begins discussions on the upcoming school year's budget. This year, a preliminary operating fund budget has been released that does not contain a deficit but one that is balanced. After several years of deficits we find ourselves in the unique position of not having to reduce programs. For Hudson, we may be looking at slight increases in our school funds – funds we use to purchase supplies and learning resources. The preliminary budget is posted on the district website.

The school district will be passing a final budget on June 25. Part of the budget process involves discussions with stakeholder groups, conducting a public meeting and seeking feedback from individuals through a survey also available on the VSB website.

With an additional division being added to our school next year, a portable classroom will be located on the field next to the gym building. This solution is preferred to converting the former basement lunch room that is currently used as a staff room and shared day care space with Hudson Out Of School Care (HOOSC). The extra division will be added to the English program. At one point, the out building currently leased to HOOSC for their pre-school program was going to house the new class. The portable will be set up during the summer months and will be ready for school opening in September. No decision has been made about what class will be in the portable. Along with the portable, we look forward to the school district improving the drainage on the grass field during the summer. The Hudson PAC has been a strong advocate for the field repairs.

The school district recently completed some exterior security lighting improvements and maintenance has been scheduled for the children's washrooms.

Finally, there will be changes in the ways parents pay fees. The district is moving to a new system wide format next year, Hudson and few other schools are piloting the new system. It should prove easier and more convenient for both parents and the school to manage fees. The new system will be in place on Monday, April 30, 2018 and we hope that all parents sign up to use the new online payment and management format. The link is available on the school's website.

Thank you for your support,

Ian Cannon
Principal

**Overview of Upcoming
Activities & Events**

- Week of Apr 23 – Parkour in the Gym
- Fri, Apr 27 – School is **IN SESSION**
- Mon, Apr 30 – Pro-D Day – No school in session
- Wed, May 2 – Div 8, 9, F17 – Field trip to Science World
- Thu, May 3
 - Mobile Dairy Classroom Experience
 - The Big One
 - Div F15 – Field trip to MoV
- Wed, May 9
 - Div 2 – Field trip to Museum of Anthropology
 - PAC Career Fair
 - Ready, Set, Learn!
- Fri, May 11 – Jump Rope for Heart
- Thu, May 17 – Sports Day
- Fri, May 18 – No school in session
- Mon, May 21 – Victoria Day – No school in session
- Fri, May 25
 - Div F13 – Field trip to Pacific Spirit Park
 - Welcome to K event



Attendance

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 email: hudattendance@vsb.bc.ca, or

By leaving a voice message: Call [604-713-5159](tel:604-713-5159), extension 37

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.

Community Schools Team

Attention grade 6 and 7 students: There are still a few spots left in the all-day babysitting program on Monday, April 30th! This program will run on the non-instructional day from 9-4pm in the Hudson library. Students will learn basic first aid skills, babysitting skills, safety tips and the rights and responsibilities of a babysitter. All students will receive certification after completing the program. To register go to: www.pacificfirstaid.ca or email betty@pacificfirstaid.ca.

All students should bring a water bottle, lunch and snacks. For any further information, please contact Dianne Sankey, CST Programmer at dsankey@vsb.bc.ca.

News from the Library

- Henry Hudson's French Reading Challenge - Livromanie - has begun!

This program runs across the District and encourages FI students in grades 4-7 to read from a selection of Fiction books supplied by the Modern Languages Department of the VSB. At Hudson, we are having weekly draws for small prizes to amp up the motivation factor!

Thank you to PAC for supporting Livromanie!

Henry Hudson School Store

- Opening next week, Henry Hudson School Store will be selling a selection of school supplies and gently used books. Money raised will go to Children's Hospital and the Hudson Library.

WHERE? Main foyer just outside the Library

WHEN? Tuesday before school 8:30 am - 9:00 am AND Friday afterschool 3:00 pm - 3:20 pm

Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart 2018 is on! For over 60 years, the Heart & Stroke Foundation has been dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke. \$1.52 billion has been raised since 1952 and this money has saved thousands of lives and improved the lives of millions of others.

Official Jump day is May 11. Please return pledge envelopes to the office by May 16.

2018-19 General School Fees

The 2017-18 School Fees notice sent home in May of last year stated that this school year would be the final year that school supplies would be purchased for a set fee by the school district and that starting in September 2018, parents would need to purchase items on their own.

Please note that the general school supplies fee will still be charged for the upcoming 2018-19 school year.

The Vancouver School Board will continue its service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2018-2019 will remain at \$25.00 per student.

This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year.

Some Classroom Highlights

Division 11K (Miss Chang's class) are planting kales! We have started seeds in the classroom and we are very excited to observe the changes that take place from seedlings to mature plants. In Social Studies, we will be starting our Community unit and Community Helpers. We would like to invite parents from Div. 11K to share with the class some information about your job. Please come see Ms. Chang if you are interested.

Division 4 (Mrs. Tso's class) is delighted to invite Sally from HSBC as part of the Junior Achievement Program. Students are learning how to earn, spend, share and save money through the concept of starting a small business. We look forward to her next visit on April 23rd.

Division F18K (Mme Friess' class) - To help celebrate and promote Earth Day, Hudson students helped decorate brown paper bags donated by local grocer Be Fresh. The bags were returned to the local grocer and distributed to happy and amazed customers on Earth Day weekend. Thank you BeFresh!

Division 7 (Mrs. Morehouse's class) is learning about plant and animal life cycles.

Division 9 (Miss Johnson's class) is currently studying about matter in science, making up their own poems for language arts, and collecting student information to make graphs in math.

Division 10K (Miss Reed/Miss Robinson's class) is learning about Spring and recently celebrated Earth Day by learning fun facts about Earth, creating Earth art and decorating customer bags for Be Fresh. The students are also working hard on their writing by using story starters (once upon a time), sight words, colour words and

letter sound knowledge for spelling new words. It is exciting to see them grow as emergent writers! They are also enjoying literature based activities by making connections with stories through art, writing and drama. Students are practicing making good choices and challenging themselves to do their best as they get ready for grade one.

School Sports

Track and Field Team – the Junior Mini Meets are on May 10th and 16th, the Senior Mini Meets are on May 8th and 14th at Camoson Park. The District Track Meet is on May 23rd at Point Grey Secondary School, the Junior Meet is in the morning and the Senior Meet is in the afternoon. Track and Field Team schedules are posted throughout the school. The volunteer coaches are Mrs. Tso, Mr. Lerch, Mr. Hunter, Mme Wild, Miss Johnson and Mr. Cannon.

*“You are braver than you believe,
Stronger than you seem,
And smarter than you think.”*
— [A.A. Milne](#)