



Newsletter

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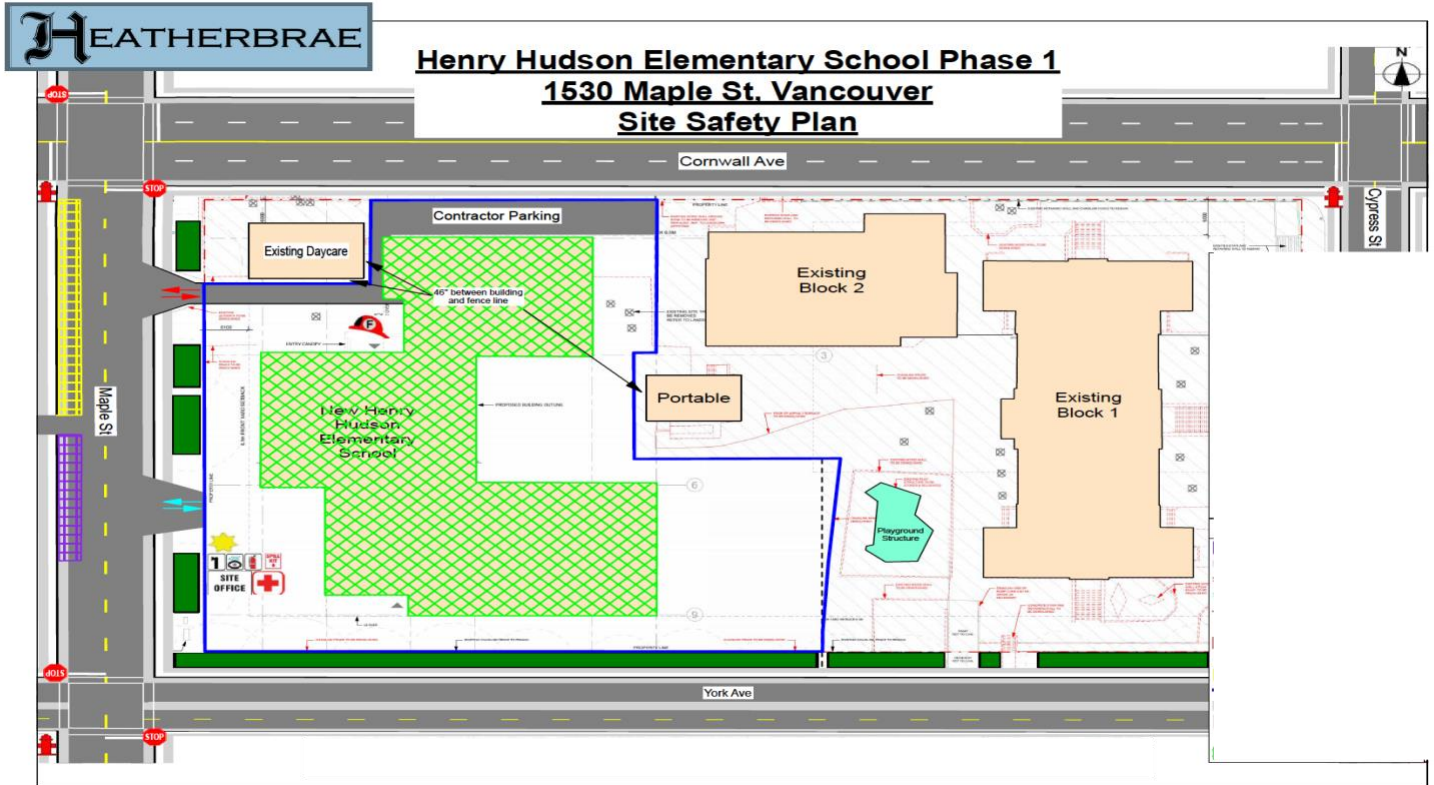
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Construction Update

You likely know that Henry Hudson School is to be replaced as part of the provincial seismic mitigation program. The new building will be constructed on our existing field. We are excited to share with you that the construction contract has been awarded and we anticipate work to commence next week. The contractor will be starting preparations in the next few days, which includes placing fencing around the field, and moving in some of their equipment. As the work commences, you will see more construction workers onsite. We kindly ask you to refrain from approaching construction staff directly. As this is a construction zone, students will not be allowed in the fenced areas. We will continue to stagger outdoor play times for lunch and afternoon recesses for primary and intermediate students, and we will be using Vanier Park for special activities.

Entry to and exit from the construction site will be on Maple Street. We ask families to please follow traffic/parking signage, as well as the directions of construction flaggers on Maple Street. As part of the construction work, parking will no longer be available along a part of Maple Street to allow trucks to have ease of access to the site. We encourage you to stop/park a few blocks from the school to help alleviate traffic around the school. We also recommend that families consider using sidewalks closer to the existing school buildings and avoid construction traffic areas on Maple Street. We will continue to provide regular updates regarding construction and anticipated timelines. Thank you to all of our students, families, staff, and our Kitsilano community for all of your support for our exciting new school project!

If you have any questions or concerns during the project, please reach out to the school.



Updated September Calendar

| September 2022 | | | | | | |
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| 18 | 19 National Day of Mourning Students not in attendance | 20 | 21 | 22 Meet the Staff 8:30am Terry Fox Run 9am | 23 Professional Development Day Students not in attendance | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Students not in attendance | 1 |



National Day of Mourning

As you may have heard, the federal and provincial government declared September 19, 2022, as a day of mourning to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth II. As the District informed you on Tuesday, schools in B.C. will observe the one-time holiday which has been decided by the Provincial government. This is a reminder that Hudson Elementary **will be closed on Monday, September 19.**

Meet the Staff

We invite our families to join us for our Meet the Staff Open House on **Thursday, September 22nd at 8:30am.** Meet the Staff will begin with an open house in all our classrooms at 8:30am. We will then gather in our gym at 9:00am for our annual Terry Fox Run. See you then!

Terry Fox Run

On April 12, 1980, Terry Fox began his journey across Canada in the hope of raising money for cancer research. Years later, we continue to support his Marathon of Hope. On **Thursday, September 22nd at 9am,** Henry Hudson will be participating in our annual Terry Fox Run. The primary students will be running around Hudson and the intermediate students will be running at Vanier Park. We are hoping to double our 2021 goal of raising a thousand dollars for cancer research. The teachers have agreed to receive a whipped cream pie in the face if their division raises the most money! We encourage families to donate online through our Henry Hudson team page:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/HenryHudsonElementary>

Please enter your child's name and division in the 'Show my name as' field.

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause and keeping Terry's dream alive!





Volleyball (Grades 5-7)

It's volleyball season! For all grade 5, 6, and 7 students, practices will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7:55 am to 8:45 am. Games with other schools begin at the end of October. Students will need to arrange their own transportation to their games. *Please note that students may play with the gender they identify with. For more information, please see attached permission form. Coaches for volleyball this year will be Mrs. L. Dawson and Ms. R. Reed.

Cross Country (K-7)

All students at Henry Hudson School are invited to participate in three Cross-Country mini meets. Practices times are Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Primary students and Intermediate students will meet in the gym and run off site from 3:15-4:00pm or at 8:15am-8:45am. Sponsor teachers for cross country this year are Ms. JJ Roberge, Mr. T. Dong, Mme C. Pedersen-Arseneau, Mrs. J. Johnson, and Mr. J. Hunter. Please see attached cross country permission form for more information.

Safe Arrivals

We will continue to use the district Safe Arrival line to report student absences. This is effective immediately. Please call (604) 713-5159 and enter school code 37 for Safe Arrival (there is a prompt). You will then leave a message for the office. It is vital that all absences are called into the school prior to 9am. If you prefer to send an email, please use hudattendance@vsb.bc.ca. When leaving a message or sending an email, please include your child's full name (first and last), their division, as well as how long the child will be absent.

Allergies

Please note that we are an allergy aware school. We have several students with severe allergies to peanuts, tree nuts, and nut products (peanut butter, Nutella, etc.). We ask that everyone avoid bringing lunches and snacks with these ingredients as such ingredients can be dangerous to others. We appreciate our families working together in this regard.



Medical Conditions

1. Please ensure that the school is informed of any medical condition that may require emergency care at school, i.e., anaphylaxis, diabetes, seizures, severe asthma, and serious heart conditions.
2. A "Request for Administration of Medicine at School" form, completed by a physician, is required for any medication being dispensed by a school staff member. Copies of these forms are available in the office.
<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/killarney/Families/Forms/Documents/sbfile/200218/Permission%20to%20give%20Medication.pdf>
3. Parents choosing to keep medication such as an epi-pen or inhaler in the First Aid area at school are responsible for checking expiry dates and providing new supplies as needed.

Hudson School and District Student Code of Conduct

All VSB schools have a school code of conduct that students, staff, families, and visitors are expected to follow as is developmentally appropriate. Here is the link to ours:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/henry-hudson/Guidance-and-Support/Code-of-Conduct/Pages/default.aspx>

Here is a link to the VSB Student Threat Risk Assessment Protocol (Fair Notice to Parents/Guardians):

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Support/Safe_Caring/Student_Threat_Risk_Assessment/Documents/VSB%20%E2%80%93%20Student%20Threat%20Risk%20Assessment%20Protocol-Fair%20Notice.pdf

Combined Classes

Sometimes parents have questions about combined classes (e.g., a class with Grade 6 & 7 students, 3 & 4 students, and so forth). Here is a VSB document that is intended to answer parent questions:

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Support/General_Resources/combinedclass/Documents/sbfile/180621/combined-classes-brochure-web.pdf