



Newsletter

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Admin Message

We want to express our gratitude towards families for assisting us with not bringing their dogs on site and into the school. Also, we want to remind parents/guardians who drive to school to please be mindful of the parking restriction signs and be aware that bylaw officers are out and about.

The City of Vancouver wants to know what you think about the speed limit reductions next to Hudson. Take the survey here to share your opinion: <https://survey.vancouver.ca/s3/School-Slow-Zones-on-Arterials-Pilot-Survey>.

October / November 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30 StrongStart Book Drive	31 Halloween	1 Conferences 2pm Dismissal K Registration Begins	2 Conferences 2pm Dismissal	3	4 Diwali at Kits
5 Daylight Savings *Turn clock back 1 hour	6	7	8 Photo Retakes Indigenous Veterans Day	9	10	11 Remembrance Day
12 Diwali	13 Remembrance Day Observed Students not in attendance	14	15	16 PAC Special Topic Meeting 6:30pm in Library	17	18
19	20	21	22 *Pizza Day cutoff in SchoolCash	23	24 Professional Development Day Students not in attendance	25
26	27	28	29 Pizza Day 	30	1 CSL Written Update #1 Goes Home	

Halloween

Some classes will engage in Halloween activities throughout the day on Tuesday. Students may wear costumes on Tuesday (Oct. 31) if they wish. Please know that replica weapons are not to be brought to school, and costumes must be in line with our school Code of Conduct. Costumes that promote any form of discrimination or are culturally insensitive are not appropriate. For more information on culture not being a costume, please see attached information from our Indigenous Education Department. Also here is a great site from UBC on having an inclusive Halloween experience: <https://equity.ubc.ca/resources/inclusive-halloween/>

Photo Retake Day

Photo retake day will be on **Wednesday, November 8** for any students who missed photo day in October or who would like a retake.

Diwali in Kits

Celebrate Diwali, the Hindu celebration of light at the Kitsilano Community Centre. Activities include a Bollywood dance workshop with Karima Essa, henna tattoos, Diya painting, refreshments and more!

Guests 3 and under are free. Register for tickets at kitshouse.org.



The poster features a dark blue background with colorful bokeh lights. At the top is a lit diya with the text 'KITS NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE PRESENTS'. Below this, the title 'DIWALI IN KITS' is written in large, bold, white letters. The event details are listed in white text on a red background: 'NOV. 4, 2023 | 5-7 PM', 'KITSILANO NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE', 'DANCE WORKSHOP WITH "BOLLYWOOD STAR" KARIMA ESSA', 'DIYA PAINTING FOR KIDS | HENNA DESIGNS | GOOD FOOD | ENTERTAINMENT'. At the bottom, it says 'GUESTS 3 & UNDER FREE | \$15/PERSON | REGISTER FOR TICKETS! WWW.KITSHOUSE.ORG'. A QR code is labeled 'SCAN ME'. Logos for sponsors like KITSILANO, David Eby, MLO, Pebble Star Artists, Dear Chic Esthetiques, and Squarewave Productions are at the bottom.

Dressing for the Weather

At Hudson, students are outside for ALL recesses. It is important that students dress for the weather. This includes having jackets, water-proof gear, and boots when it rains, and sun protection for sunny days. Please try to send your child with their weather appropriate gear when they come to school to avoid calling the office to arrange for delivery to your child throughout the day. Some teachers will ask students to have two pairs of shoes and a change of clothes at school.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for children born in 2019 begins on November 1.

All kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or make a cross boundary application to attend a non-catchment school.

The priority registration period for kindergarten opens on **November 1** and closes on **January 31**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

Applying for kindergarten is a **2-step process**:

Step 1: Online Application (ApplyNow)

- Completion of an online application form (<https://applynow.vsb.bc.ca/>) for the school year **2024-25**

Step 2: Verification of documentation

- Contact your English catchment school office to set up an appointment to bring your supporting documentation
- Bring supporting documentation to your English catchment school office during your scheduled appointment

Supporting documents needed:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records
5. Court orders/documents (if applicable)

If you want to apply for a Choice Program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Choice Programs and Cross Boundary applications will begin to be accepted in early 2024.

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than available space* at the school, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1 and January 31

1. **In-catchment** kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining kindergarten spaces.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
4. Between January 31 and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

In-catchment kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31 will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space, their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

Note: There will be **no priority** given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31.

For more information on kindergarten registration visit: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

* Available Space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the District (Administrative Procedure 300).



Year of the Bicycle

Was 2023 a *Year of the Bicycle* for your family? Last spring, HUB Cycling's instructors came to our school to teach cycling safety theory and on-bike skills to our grade 5, 6 & 7 students. How did that affect your family's cycling? Has your child been biking more often? Are you riding to work, or to do errands? Please share any stories or suggestions to schools@bikehub.ca.

Feedback surveys: Please help our school provide feedback by completing both the [Parent Survey](#) and [Student Post-Course Survey](#) before Nov 10, 2023.

Next PAC Meeting

The next PAC will be held on **Thursday, November 16th from 6:30pm to 8pm** in the school library and will have a SOGI focus with guest presenters. All parents are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. Children are welcome and there will be pizza and babysitters available. We look forward to seeing you all there!

PAC Direct Donation Campaign

Each year Henry Hudson's Parent Advisory Council (PAC) raises money to enhance our children's educational experience, beyond what is made possible by public funding, through a direct donation campaign.

The money raised this year will be used to pay for items such as: *Computers, classroom supplies for teachers, library books, field trips, special performances, new gymnasium and playground equipment, and other unfunded seismic upgrades.*

Our goal this year is to raise **\$5000**. We respectfully ask you to please consider a donation of \$50 per Hudson student in your household. Any amount is welcome and a tax receipt from the Vancouver School Board will be issued for donations of \$10 or more.

You can donate online via the VSB's SchoolCash Online system (where you will receive your tax receipt immediately).

For instructions on how to donate please see below.

Please be sure to make your donation by **NOVEMBER 17, 2023**.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Henry Hudson PAC Executive

<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/1869/196/false/true?fundDestination=E-Henry%20Hudson>