



# Newsletter

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## Admin Message

Happy end of September! It is incredible to think how quickly this month has progressed! We have really enjoyed seeing our students ease into their new classroom communities and have had a few exciting school wide events so far this year such as Meet the Staff, the Terry Fox Run and our Truth and Reconciliation assembly. It was amazing to see so many orange shirts today in the gym and to hear from a variety of students what reconciliation means to them.

October 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (in lieu) Students not in attendance	3	4 Photo Day	5	6 PAC Costume Sale	7
8	9 Thanksgiving Students not in attendance	10 Gr. 6 Vaccinations	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Big Shake Out @10:19am *Pizza Day cutoff in SchoolCash	20 Professional Development Day Students not in attendance	21
22	23 StrongStart Book Drive  Aussie Football	24	25 Pizza Day 	26 PAC Meeting 6:30pm in Library	27	28
29	30 StrongStart Book Drive	31 Halloween				

## Dogs on School Grounds

### What is the issue?

Dog owners have been allowed to bring their dogs on to school property under specific conditions for many years. In recent years, usage of school property by dog owners has increased. As well there have been increases in the incidents of dog owners abusing this privilege.

### What are the rules?

District adopted a 'Dog Code' to describe the conditions for pet owners to bring their dogs onto VSB sites and our grounds are marked sites with signs indicating the rules. The Dog Code stated:

- Dogs are permitted on school property weekdays 6-8 AM and 5-10 PM, and on weekends.\*
- Dogs are not permitted on school grounds or playfields at any time while organized play is in progress.
- Dogs must be on leash at all times on school property.
- Dog owners must pick up and remove waste.
- Owners must not allow their pets to dig holes or otherwise damage property.

### What is the issue now?

In recent years, there has been increasing numbers of pet owners using school grounds. Unfortunately this has resulted in a growing problem of owners that that are not following the dog code.

### What are we doing now?

The former signage has been replaced with new signage that more clearly addresses the key issues that the District is facing.

### Are the rules changing?

No! The new signage represents no change to the current Dog Code. It does make more explicit the key compliance requirements.

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**SCHOOL ZONE: ACTIVE CHILDREN PLAYING**  
**DOGS NOT ALLOWED**  
**MON-FRI 8 AM-5 PM**

*Outside of these times*

  
Dogs **MUST** be leashed at all times\*

  
Do not allow your dog to dig

  
Always clean up after your dog\*

*\*It's the law. Max fine up to \$10,000  
Animal Control Bylaw 9150*

## Student Fees 2023-2024

Just a reminder that student fees are due on SchoolCash Online. The *Supply Fee* continues to be \$35, and *Agendas* are \$6 for those classes who use them. Performance fees, activity fees and field study costs will be determined throughout the school year at a classroom level. Families who are unable to pay the student fees, are asked to contact the office to receive financial assistance.

## 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](mailto: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.

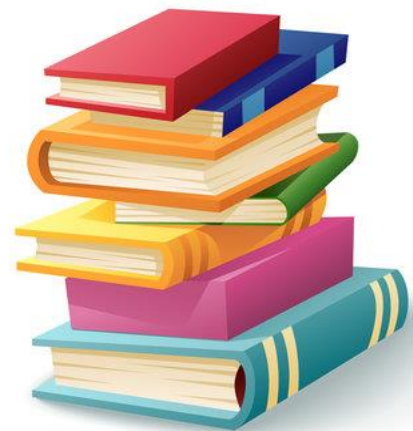


## Medical Conditions

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.

## Strong Start Book Drive

The "Thousand by Five" project is run by the Rotary Club of Vancouver Arbutus, and since cultivating a partnership with the VSB they have helped to contribute over 500 picture books to our StrongStart programs. The vision of the 1000 x 5 project is to have children hear 1000 books by age 5 to prepare them to succeed in learning before they enter kindergarten. The vision of this project is to have schools participate in a "Book Drive" and have students and parents contribute picture books that will be collected and distributed to our StrongStart programs. **A bin will be placed in the library where students and parents can donate their used books from Monday, October 23 – Friday, November 3.** They are in desperate need of books for children aged 0-5 years, so if you can donate a gently used book or two, it would be greatly appreciated.



## 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](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)

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## Foundation Skills Assessments (FSAs)

In the coming weeks, students in grades 4 and 7 will participate in the Foundational Skills Assessments (FSA). These assessments focus on students' literacy and numeracy development. As mentioned earlier this week in a message from our superintendent to families of students in grades 4 and 7, the FSAs provide valuable information about how students in Vancouver schools are doing. Individual classroom teachers can use assessment results as one measure of how students in their classrooms are doing and where they need more support. As a school district, FSA results are used to help make evidence-informed decisions about where we need to focus resources and supports to enhance student learning. The Ministry of Education and Childcare has more information about FSAs – available in a variety of languages. Here are links to that information.

- [Foundation Skills Assessment for Parents and Caregivers \(English\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [French \(Français\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Chinese \(Simplified Chinese – 简体中文\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Chinese \(Traditional Chinese – 繁體中文\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Farsi \(فارسی\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Punjabi \(ਪੰਜਾਬੀ\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Tagalog \(PDF\)](#)
- [Urdu \(اردو\) \(PDF\)](#)

If you have any questions about these materials, how the FSA will be conducted in our school, or the implications for your child, please contact the school vice-principal, Ms. Gill ([cgill@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:cgill@vsb.bc.ca))

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## PAC Hot Lunch Program

The PAC has secured Calhoun's Catering as our exclusive hot lunch vendor, and they will be providing our children with lunches on **Tuesday's** and **Friday's**. **The first hot lunch will commence on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**. The PAC will be sending out communication to inform you as to when hot lunch ordering will commence. Calhoun's Catering will provide a \$10.00 hot lunch credit for any new parent who registers an ordering account with the Munchalunch platform. Existing parents will also be given the same \$10 credit.

They will be sending more information shortly. Please email [HUDSONPAC@gmail.com](mailto:HUDSONPAC@gmail.com) for more information.

## Next PAC Meeting

The next PAC will be held on **Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 8pm** in the school library. 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!