

Hi everyone,

We've changed the clocks - apparently for the last time - and March break is around the corner... it might not totally feel like it outside but happy spring!

Here's the latest news from the Henry Hudson community.

PAC Minutes

Last week's meeting minutes can be found here <https://hudsonpac.ca/archive-minutes/>.

Vice Principal Keo shared an overview of the various drills that take place throughout the year at the school. Please see minutes for further information.

Update on school grounds

- The school admin team is looking into garden programs students now that the garden boxes have been re-installed
- A "mosquito device" will be installed (sound device to discourage loitering after 10pm - sound is only audible to those under 20ish)
- Long Jump Pit - aiming for install in time for track season (next to field)
- Lines will be painted in school yard area near playground (four square, hopscotch, games & activities, etc)
- Benches for around the playground have been ordered - delivery date TBC

Safe arrival

Student safety is a top priority for all of us in the Henry Hudson community. Student arrival is a key moment each day when parents hand off responsibility for that safety to the school teachers and administrative team. In order to make sure that transition happens smoothly, we all have an important role to play.

Each morning, as students arrive and settle into their classrooms, teachers take attendance promptly and send the attendance report down to the admin team. The attendance list is used to compare with messages received in the safe arrival inbox or voicemail, and names in the sign in binder. Parents can help make this process smooth and easy by ensuring that they use the safe arrival system consistently and have their kids sign in to the late arrival binder located next to the office.

Safe arrival contact

- Phone 604-713-5159 ext 37
- Email - hudattendance@vsb.bc.ca
- Include name, division, teacher name

- Advise each day (ex when several days sick)
- Unless absence is for a set period (eg gone a week for vacation)

Drop off parking on York St

We have heard from some parents that the city has been handing out parking tickets to cars parked on York St during drop off. We have contacted the city and confirmed that the current signage (no parking 8am-5pm) does account for a short 5 minute stop off allowance. Therefore, if anyone is given a parking ticket when having only parked for a few minutes during drop off, we do advise you to contact the city for follow up.

Traffic Safety

While the PAC and Henry Hudson team continue to look for ways to work with the city on enhancing traffic safety around the school, we do encourage any parents concerned about traffic at Maple and Cornwall to consider communicating those concerns with the city. To make it easier, please find a letter template below - copy and edit as needed.

[Letter](#)

PAC events



Community events

Drawing

Classes for Kids

\$5 TRIAL CLASS
 March 30, 3-4:30 PM
 Register online
 Limited seats.

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 Young Rembrandts

Henry Hudson Elementary

Grades 1st to 6th

New lessons every session! Get ready for a creative adventure this term! Our young artists will travel back to the Jurassic Era to draw a mighty mother dinosaur. Sports fans will have a blast creating a baseball still life and an action-packed race horse drawing. Students will also explore the magic of warm and cool colours while designing a fancy graphic flamingo and a beautifully detailed Taj Mahal masterpiece. To top it all off, we'll discover the legendary Mars Rover and bring it to life on paper! Sign up today!

classes	tuition	enrollment
Tuesdays 03:00 PM - 04:30 PM 04/21/2026 - 06/16/2026 9 Lessons	\$ 211.50 (tax included) 9 Lessons Payment plan available	ENROLL ONLINE at www.youngrembrandts.com/ metrovancover/

ALL NEW LESSONS EVERY SESSION!

YOUNG REMBRANDTS provides all classroom supplies and a trained instructor. Classes are held immediately after school inside the school.

Young Rembrandts is an independent afterschool program and is not affiliated to the School Board.

www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancover/ - 604-345-9053 - metrovancover@youngrembrandts.com

VEMS Choral Program

Henry Hudson Elementary

Spring 2026

Junior Choir: Grades K to 3 – Fridays 3-4 PM
Senior Choir: Grades 4 to 7 – Wednesdays 3-4 PM
 10 rehearsals and a concert (\$143)
Registration: vems.ca/signup

This is your Brain on Music

Concentration
Focus on your vocal, when performing, when the conductor

Planning
Anticipate the next part of the music

Emotion
How does the music feel?

Speech
With song words
Clarity for audience

Hearing
Hear the line and others notes

Memory
Remember lyrics
Remember finger positions

Vision
Watch the conductor, performers, lyrics, music, instructions

Balance
Balance the feet
Body percussion

Your Conductor

Catherine Campolin, a.k.a. Ms Catherine, is the Choral Program Director for VEMS with over 15 years of experience guiding children in choir and song, helping them find their voices, and learn the joys of live music-making.

What do the Children Sing?

- Ensemble pieces suitable for young voices.
- Folk, Contemporary, Traditional, Show Tunes, Pop, Indigenous, and Multilingual from around the world. See vems.ca/ChoosingMusic.html for more.

Rehearsal Dates – in Room 210
 Junior Choir: Apr-10, 17, 24, May-01, 08, 15, 22, 29, Jun-05, 12
 Senior Choir: Apr-08, 15, 22, 29, May-06, 13, 20, 27, Jun-03, 10
 Concert to be announced.

Presented by ...
The Vancouver Extracurricular Music Society

- VEMS is a BC nonprofit society dedicated to bringing more music to more children.
- Financial assistance is available; please apply when registering. www.vems.ca/donate/
- VEMS is registered with the CRA and issues tax receipts.
- 20 children need to be enrolled for the choir to run.
- Questions? Email president@vems.ca

Next PAC meeting

The next PAC meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30pm in the library.

Wishing everyone a restful and fun break
 PAC team