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ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VANCOUVER

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St. Patrick's Elementary School Vancouver

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Welcome to the 2026–2027 School Year

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to a new school year! I hope that you and your families had a wonderful, restful, and enjoyable summer. As we begin the 2026–2027 school year, there is a wonderful sense of excitement and anticipation as we look forward to all that the year will bring.

A new school year is a time for new beginnings, new friendships, new opportunities, and continued growth. We are excited to welcome our returning families back and extend a very special welcome to all of the new families joining our school community. We are grateful to have you as part of our school family.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Tuesday, September 8th

- Students are to be dressed in their full school uniform, bring their backpacks, water bottles and a snack.
- All students are asked to line up in a single file by the basketball courts. Parents may line up with their children, however they will not be permitted inside the school.
- Staff will be on site at 8:30 a.m. (wearing safety vests) if assistance is needed.
- Doors to the school will open at 8:40 a.m. allowing students to enter.
- Coffee will be available in the gym between the Meet the Teacher Schedule 9:00–11:00 a.m.
- Students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. Teachers will bring the class to the basketball area and release students to their parents.
- As students and staff return to school, we remind our community to be alert and exercise caution when it comes to driver and pedestrian safety around schools. Please be vigilant and alert!

Upcoming Events

Meet the Teacher Parent Meetings

- Meet-the-Teacher Parent Meetings will take place on the first day of school at the following times.

Grades 6–7 9:30–10:00 am

Grades K–2 10:00–10:30 am

Grades 3–5 10:30–11:00 am

- Parents are asked to go directly to their child's classroom at their meeting time for a group parent meeting. Please don't be late as important information and classroom expectations will be shared.
- Following your meeting, parents are invited to continue socializing in the gym until dismissal.

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During the week, students will be given their school supplies. Please assist the teachers by labeling and returning all items. Students in the intermediate classes may be asked to supply a pencil case. Parents are also reminded to label all clothing.

On Tuesday, students will also be given a copy of the "Computer and Personal Electronic Device Acceptable Use Agreement" document. (pink page) Both student and parent must sign and return this page to school. Student emails, passwords and usernames for the IXL program will also be distributed during the Meet-the-Teacher parent meeting. Parents should also download the SEESAW app so that you can receive timely samples of your child's learning. Please keep these in a safe place at home.



ONLINE STORE

Parents are reminded that our on-line store for Physical Education (gym uniform) closes on September 15th. Orders will take approximately 6 weeks to arrive; so order now!

Sweatpants, Sweaters, and gym shorts are mandatory. All other items are optional Spirit Wear.

<https://stpatrickelementaryfall2025.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

REMINDERS: EXTENDED GRADUAL ENTRY FOR KINDERGARTEN

September 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th, kindergarten students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. Children are expected to come in full uniform and bring a snack. Students will be dismissed outside on the ramp at 11:00 a.m.

September 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th & 18th, kindergarten students will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m. On these days, please bring a snack and a lunch and wear full uniform. Students will be dismissed outside on the ramp at 1:00 p.m.

Kindergarten will start full-days (3:00 p.m. dismissal) starting on September 21st.

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK.

For the safety and protection of all our students, all adults who volunteer, participate in school activities, or supervise students must have a valid Criminal Record Check (CRC) completed and on file with the school.

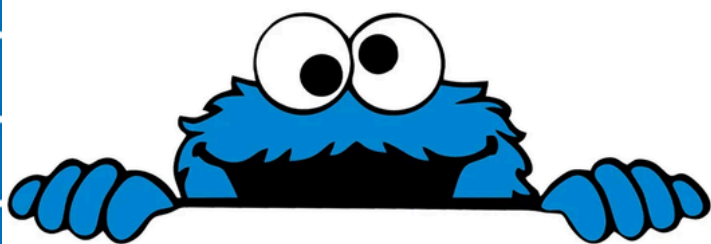
Parents/Guardians who do not have a Criminal Record Check completed through the school will not be permitted to participate in Parent Participation activities or attend school field trips. We strongly recommend that both parents/guardians apply for a Criminal Record Check, where applicable, to avoid any confusion or delays with participation throughout the school year.

Please note that we do not accept Criminal Record Checks completed through other schools, organizations, or institutions. A new CRC must be completed through our school using the link and access code provided below.

Please complete your Criminal Record Check as soon as possible to ensure that you are able to participate in school activities when needed. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain a safe and secure environment for all of our students.

Link: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>
Access Code: AZ7NZDY85J

Reminders



SNACKS AND LUNCH

Morning snack is 15 minutes and lunch is 25 minutes. Students will need to eat on their own and within this time frame. Students will be eating in their classrooms.

Sharing of snacks and lunch is not permitted.

NO PEANUT OR PRODUCTS MADE WITH NUTS/PEANUTS DUE TO ALLERGIES WITHIN THE SCHOOL.

There is no access to microwaves or refrigerators. A thermos is a good way to keep food warm. Food from Fast-food restaurants are not recommended as a healthy lunch. Food must be brought to school with the student, not dropped off.

We also recommend that students bring a spill proof water bottle. No Glassware.

More information will be provided in late September as to when the Hot Lunch program will begin.

RECESS

Parents are not allowed on the grounds (unless signed in at the office to work). Students are not allowed to go to the parents car during the school day or during their recess.

CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Children with medical conditions such as seizures, anaphalaxis, asthma or diabetes should have a care plan completed and stored at the school. For children with severe allergies, please see below.

Parents' role

- Make the school aware of their child's medical condition and provide updates if this condition changes.
- Assist the school in completing a care plan for their child.
- Provide appropriate medications both for management and emergency, and determine a plan with the school about where and how these should be kept and administered.

SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY

All parents must enter and exit at the front door at all times including parents on yard supervision.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school uniform is ordered through Neat Uniforms, Cambridge and the School's on-line Spirit Wear Store. Please see the uniform policy in the school's handbook. Please label all clothing as they can get mixed up or misplaced. Students are not permitted to wear uniform from the high school, please ensure that our students are properly representing our school.

It is recommended that girls wear shorts under their tunic. Hair accessories should reflect the school colours. Green, black, white or the school's tartan pattern. Jewelry, such as necklaces, should not be worn and earrings should be kept small. Nail polish should not be used. Students will wear gym strip on Physical Education (PE/gym) days and full uniform on non-PE days.

Shoes:

Students are asked to wear all black non-marking shoes as part of their uniform. Please see the uniform policy for more information.

Students should arrive to school (weather dependent) in rain or snow boots during the winter months. They should bring their school shoes in their bag and change at school.

Gym Uniform:

On gym days, students are to wear their non-marking gym shoes and their full gym uniforms. The only gym t-shirt currently permitted to be worn is the black t-shirt with Celtic cross.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE - UPCOMING EVENTS



Used
Uniform Sales
SEPT 11,
DEC 10



TRUNK OR
TREAT
OCT 30



Purdy's
Fundraiser
NOV 1-30



Christmas
Silent Auction
DEC 10



Jollibee
Fundraiser
2027



Spring Fair
2027

Interested in joining the committee?
Email: pecfundraising@spev.ca

PEC Fundraising Kickoff!

We're back for 2026-27! This year's lineup includes Trunk or Treat, Purdy's Chocolates, our Christmas Market Silent Auction, Restaurant Spirit Nights, the Used Uniform Sale, and our biggest event - our Spring Fair.

Every purchase and volunteer hour helps fund equipment, furniture and programming for our kids. Watch upcoming newsletters for dates - and come say hi at our AGM to learn how to get involved!

PARENT PARTICIPATION AND ONVOLUNTEER PARENT PORTAL:

Due to some last-minute upgrades, the OnVolunteer parent portal is not quite ready for the start of the school year. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we work to ensure everything is set up and ready to go. We will let you know as soon as the portal is available and provide any necessary instructions for accessing it.

Thank you for your understanding and patience!

REMIND 101

Please be advised that we require all parents to sign up for REMIND 101. This is a very important form of communication between the school and parents.

Please sign up for the group that applies to your child. If you have more than one child, you will need to sign up separately for each child in order to get grade level notifications. Please include your name as well as your child's first name so that we can identify you.

Instructions: Download the REMIND APP from the App store. Join the class that pertains to your child and enter the codes as listed. You should also enable push notifications and add your email address in the REMIND App settings.

Child's Grade:	Class:	Code:
Kindergarten	SPEV2021	@487f83a
Grade 1	SPEV2020	@k362bg
Grade 2	SPEV2019	@d36ke2
Grade 3	SPEV2018	@c26ghc
Grade 4	SPEV2017	@fa4deek
Grade 5	SPEV2016	@dhg3kgc
Grade 6	SPEV2015	@887g8a
Grade 7	SPEV2014	@8hd9hb

Thank you for your continued support, trust, and commitment to our school. We look forward to a wonderful year filled with learning, laughter, friendship, faith, and many special memories. Welcome back, everyone! We are so excited to begin another great school year together!

*God bless,
Diane Sorochnik, Principal*

Staffing

ADMINISTRATION

PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Sorochuk
VICE PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Pineda
OFFICE MANAGER: Mrs. Evans
BOOKKEEPER: Mrs. Phillips
MAINTENANCE: Mr. Fernando

CLASSROOM TEACHERS

KINDERGARTEN: Ms. Retuta
GRADE 1: Ms. O Mahony
GRADE 2: Ms. Angeles
GRADE 3: Ms. Mc Garvey
GRADE 4: Ms. Tolan
GRADE 5: Ms. Lawler
GRADE 6: Mrs. Gaspar and Ms. Stewart
GRADE 7: Mrs. Kelly

SPECIALISTS

SPECIAL EDUCATION PRIMARY: Mrs. Pineda
SPECIAL EDUCATION INTERMEDIATE: Mrs. Pink
MUSIC: Ms. Stewart
PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION: Mr. O Sullivan

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

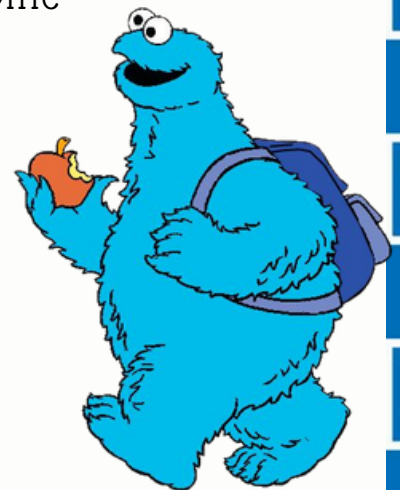
Mrs. Josephine Cabanting and Ms. Ciara Kennelly

PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Rachel Reade and Mrs. Andrea Reynold

EDUCATION ASSISTANTS

Ms. May Laureles
Mrs. Denise Macgowan
Ms. Isabella Wong
Mrs. Janet Madhavan
Ms. Maria Reluga
Ms. Maria King
Mr. Kyle Sancon
Ms. Christina Larkin
Ms. Clodagh Burke
Mrs. Sawani Ranaweera
Mrs. Trisha Reyes
Mrs. Josephine Cabanting
Mr. Kirk Robles
Ms. Lindsay Miemban
Ms. Ciara Kennelly
Mrs. Rachel Reade
Mrs. Andrea Reynolds
Ms. Ria Sotong
Ms. Clara Devine



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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT/SUN
31	1	2	3	4	5
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7 Labor Day Holiday	8 School Starts Meet the Teacher 11:00am Dismissal	9	10 9:15 am Whole School Mass	11 Walk-a-Thon Launch AGM	12
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14	15	16	17	18	19
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21	22 PEC Meeting	23	24 9:15 am Whole School Mass	25	26
			Grade 6 Immunization		27
28 Individual School Photos	29 Orange Shirt Day Assembly. Non Uniform - wear orange shirts + black bottoms 12:00 NOON DISMISSAL	30 NO SCHOOL National Day Truth & Reconciliation	1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3
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St. Patrick's Elementary School acknowledges that we are gathered, learn and work on the traditional and unceded territory of the Coast Salish people, including the territories of the Squamish, Musquem and Tstsleil Wututh Nation.

