

Garden City Elementary School

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Our Final Week at a Glance

March 9, 2017

- Report Cards Go Home
- Boy's Basketball Game @ Maple Lane

March 10, 2017 (Spirit Day)

Remember to wear a Rainbow of Colours

- Rainbow theatre will be here at 11:00 am in the gym presenting the history of hip hop. It should be a fun and informative presentation. After, we will recognize the Super G students for the second term.

Staff Updates

We are sad to have to say Good Bye to Ms. Li, our librarian and resource teacher. Ms. Debou is now back full time with us which is great news. We wish Ms. Li all the best in the future and hope to see her again here at Garden City.

Mrs. Steele will be extending her leave to the end of the school year and Ms. Schulz will remain here at Garden City helping out until then.



Upcoming Events

March 9

Reports go home

March 10

Last day of School

March 13

Spring Break

LOST & FOUND



Each term we end up sending clothes to goodwill because children leave them in the lost and found, and without labels we cannot return them. **Please check the lost and found before March 10, 2017.**



Spring Break- What to do with Three Whole Weeks? Play!

Spring Break begins tomorrow! It is a time to relax, rejuvenate and get ready for the final few months of the year. Some of you may be wondering what to do with your children for the next 23 days. A simple search on the Internet will reveal a number of fun, inexpensive family activities around the Lower Mainland. Or better yet, go to your local park, or playground and just play. In an age where childhood obesity is on the rise in Canada, we want to see our kids being active and playing. Enjoy the time during this break to reconnect with your children and find out what they would like to play; they will likely be able to teach you a new game, or better yet, you can teach them a game from your childhood. Have fun!

I wanted to include an article about play that I think summarizes really well what we know about play, but that we sometimes forget.

Importance of Play in Child Development by Ellie Dixon...

Play is universal throughout the animal kingdom -- whether it's a puppy chasing its tail, or young birds swooping through the air. The importance of play to youngsters should not be underestimated. Play is an essential part of growing up and researchers believe it's critical to ensure children reach their full potential in life.

Parents don't always understand the importance of play, however, and in today's competitive world, the temptation is to stop your children from "wasting time" and to put the time to what they believe is more constructive use.

For a child, however, there is no more constructive activity than play. When analyzing the importance of play, particularly if you're tempted to introduce a more "worthwhile" activity such as flash cards, educational computer games or dancing lessons, you should take into account the following points:

- Play allows a young child to be "in charge." Think about this -- in their everyday lives, they're small and powerless, always being told what to do, and how to do it. Without an adult around, they're running the show!
- Play helps children learn about the world in which they live. They can investigate and discover, test their theories, spatial relationships, explore cause and effect, societal roles and family values. Such is the importance of play, that in virtually all areas of life it can teach a child something.
- Play builds self-esteem. Children will often play at something they know they can do well, at which they can be successful.
- Play with parents shouldn't be underestimated either, as research shows that children whose parents play with them ultimately develop superior social skills.
- Play also provides the opportunity for children to work out their feelings. The importance of dealing with difficult or unpleasant emotions is immense. A child who's worried about going to the dentist, for example, may deal with the anxiety by setting up a clinic for dolls with toothache.

Finally, don't forget to consider the importance of stimulating your child's creativity and imagination.

Make a castle in the sand or a car garage out of a shoebox. Take an order in their own (imaginary) restaurant or dress up as a king or queen. All of these activities allow children to stretch the limits of their world and allow them to experience the fun in make-believe.

A Look Ahead

CALENDAR ITEMS



Important Dates

*Pizza Days on Fridays unless otherwise announced.

April

Tue	April 4 & 5	Palmer Basketball Tournament
Mon	April 10	Parent Teacher Conference (regular dismissal at 1:40 pm)
Tues	April 11	Parent Teacher Conferences (early dismissal at 12:00 pm)
Fri	April 14	Good Friday – No School
Mon	April 17	Easter Monday – No School
Fri	April 21	Assembly – Kick off of KM Club
Tue	April 24	Hip Hop Week
Fri	April 28	Hip Hop Assembly

May

Mon	May 1	Pro D - No School
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Pink Day

On Wednesday the 22nd of February, Garden City wore pink shirts to show that we do not tolerate bullying at our school. We had an assembly showcasing several performances and videos about anti-bullying. We also gave a cheque to the Salvation Army with all the money we fundraised from the lolligrams. We had an activity with our family teams as well. The artwork the family teams created is hanging all around the school

By Josh Chan

District Code of Conduct

Please click on picture below to provide feedback.



Red Cross Babysitting Course

So you want to be a babysitter? Or, your parents want you to take this course so they feel confident leaving you at home alone? Babysitting with First Aid Hero emphasizes learning through real life scenarios. information covered includes: Exploring the business of babysitting, creating safe environments, safely caring for ages 0-12, and first aid skills.

Garden City PAC will subsidize this program and pay \$50 for each child enrolled. Thank-you PAC!

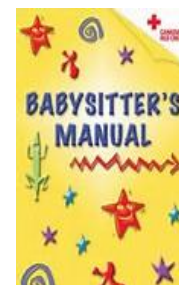
Red Cross Babysitting & People Saver 4 Course

Garden City, May.1, 2017, 8:30-3:30

Grade 6+

\$60 + GST online registration

<http://www.firstaidhero.com/babysitting-vancouver.html>



Garden City Students



Girl's Basketball Team



Family Team Activity on Pink Day!

18th Annual Learning & the Brain Conference

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION: ALL MEANS ALL

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **SHELLEY MOORE**



Come celebrate Richmond's diversity by uncovering what inclusion means in our schools with Shelley Moore. Shelley is a PhD student, a Richmond teacher and a consultant working with schools to support the learning and success for all students. Her work explores the benefits of learning in diverse contexts and embracing the strengths that every student can bring to their classroom community. Shelley is also the author of the recently published book, "One Without the Other: Stories of unity through diversity and inclusion".

SCHEDULE & INFO

- 8:15** Exhibits Open
- 8:30** Welcome and Overview
- 8:45** Keynote
- 10:00** Break
- 10:30** Workshops
- 11:45** Conference Ends

Saturday, April 1st 2017
at MacNeill Secondary School

For more information visit:
<http://latb.sd38.bc.ca>

Note: Registrations can be done online at the website above, or dropped off at either the Richmond School District board office or the front office of your catchment elementary school.

WORKSHOPS

- **CODING IN THE CLASSROOM:** Why all the fuss and what's going on in Richmond classrooms?
- **SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL CHANGES:** How to get along with my teens? 社交與情緒的轉變：如何與我的子女健康快樂地度過青春期？
- **THE IMPORTANCE OF CAREER AWARENESS, EXPLORATION & EXPERIENCE IN K-12 CLASSROOMS**
- **SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S MATHEMATICAL THINKING**
- **SENSE OF PLACE:** Connecting our Richmond student learning with Local First Peoples
- **READING & HOME WITH JOY AND MEANING**
- **HOW MINDFULNESS HELPS OUR ANXIOUS CHILDREN**
- **SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD IN THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM (even if you don't speak French!)**
- **THE NEW CURRICULUM AND YOUR ELL CHILD:** How can you help?
- **RETHINKING PREVENTION:** What Adults Need to Know and What You Can Do to Help Your Kids

FOR A FULL LIST OF WORKSHOPS, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

