

Ecole Panorama Heights Elementary School

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School Newsletter- September 2017

Hello/Bonjour Panorama Heights Families,

I hope you had a fabulous summer with your families. It's amazing how much the children have grown in only a couple of months! I've had a chance to visit in every classroom and have observed the children already working hard and actively learning.

During our first week, we had a special guest visit our school, Michael the Magician. Michael is a grandparent at our school and offered to share his magic in a fun assembly for the students. He was absolutely charming and we are so thankful to have parents (and grandparents) of our community volunteer their time and talent. Thank you Michael the Magician!

Please join us on Wednesday, September 27th from 6pm-7pm for our **Meet the Teacher Night**. It will be an informal event and an opportunity to say hello to your child's teacher and see the classroom. Please note that this will not be a time for individual questions or conferencing. Your child's teacher is happy to meet with you in a more private setting if you make an appointment.

Again, welcome back and welcome to all our new families!

Ms. Yu

SCHOOL GOALS

This year we have narrowed down our school goal to be:

For students, parents and staff of our community to build relationships by actively listening and supporting each other.

This will correlate with the new Core Competencies. Each month we will meet as a large group in the gym with a 'focus' of the month. We started the year by explaining to students what our goal is and got ideas from them about how to build these relationships, how to actively listen and how to support each other. To see some of the ideas the children came up with, take a look at our big display board in our front foyer.

TRAFFIC/Drive Thru



For those of you new to the school please take a moment to read the following section. Here are some tips to make drop off/pick up a smooth and happy event!

1. The front of the school is a drive-thru. Pull right up to the car in front of you and keep moving so that there is a continuous flow.
2. NEVER leave your vehicle unattended in the drive thru during drop off/pick up times. If you need to park your car, park on one of the side streets and walk into the school.
3. The parking lot is for staff only. Please respect this. Some of the staff who have different start times have difficulty finding a spot. Staff often have to leave right after school for meetings, district events or other appointments.
4. Have your child get out of the car on the curb side. Cars pass by and we don't want our kids getting hit!
5. DO NOT engage with another parent if things get heated. Take a deep breath, make notes about the incident and let us know.
6. Wave at our friendly and helpful Grade 5 helpers. They are going to encourage you to keep the traffic flowing. Please be kind to them!

I know nobody likes to be told how to drive, where not to stop, to keep moving, etc. But please remember the first priority for ALL of us is to make sure the kids are in a safe, orderly environment. Thank you!



LITTERLESS LUNCH

With the large number of students at our school recycling and composting is much more difficult to manage than at a household level. This year students will “pack in pack out” and take everything home for recycling/composting. Thank you for your help!

WELCOME NEW STAFF

We'd like to welcome the following new staff to our school.

Mrs. Crawford – Grade 4/5

Ms. Folz – Grade 3/4

Mme Lozynyc – Grade 4/5 French Immersion

Mme Szymczyk – Grade 2/3 French Immersion

Mme Reskovich – Kindergarten French Immersion

Mrs. Niguma – Gifted Education

Miss Meston - Secretary

Welcome back to Mme Thomson who has returned from maternity leave. She is teaching Kindergarten French Immersion.



TO DO LIST



The beginning of the school year is so busy so here is a list of items for you to do to help you keep track. These items need to be completed each year and we thank you for your prompt attention to them.

1. Student Fee for planners and magnets, some activities. Pay \$10 [online](https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/). If you already have an account you will have been prompted to pay with a reminder but if you do not, please set up an account. It's fast and easy, there are no fees and it will stay with your child right through Grade 12 (no need to sign up again!)
Link: <https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/>

2. Complete [e-forms](#). Follow instructions on our website. Please complete these forms now.
Link:
<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/panoramaheights/Parents/Forms/Pages/default.aspx>
3. Emergency forms are coming home today with your child. Please complete the form asap and return to your child's teacher.
4. Review the first few pages of the planner with your child. There is valuable information about our Code of Conduct and school procedures. This includes the schedule (being on time is very important), how to report an absence, traffic rules and more.



SICK KIDS



Thank you for informing us when you decide to keep your kids home if they are sick. The best way to do this is through an [absence report](#) which can be found on the home page of our website.

Thank you also for being considerate of others at the school and keeping your child home if he/she is contagious.

CHOIR

Mr. Spira is looking for a piano accompanist to help with our choir program. If you can play the piano and would like to volunteer, please contact him directly.

pspira@sd43.bc.ca

BOOK FAIR

Our librarian, Mrs. Howard, has arranged for a Scholastic Book Fair to come to our school on Wednesday Sep 27 and Thursday Sep 28. Please come by the library and check it out. The school earns a portion of the funds to buy more books for our library! Thanks for your support.



Wed Sep 27 3:00-7:00

Thu Sep 28 3:00-4:30

PAC NEWS

<http://panoramaheightspac.ca>

Thank you to the many parents who turned up at the PAC meeting on September 18, 2017. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to donate their time and efforts to our school. Thanks to these gracious parents our PAC is up and running! Congratulations to our executive:

Co-Chairs	Kelsey Jones Leah McGeachie
DPAC	Dulce Myles
Treasurer	Melda Okucu
Secretary	Leah Barrington Maria Recinto

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Our school counsellor is Ms. Silver. School counsellors are teachers who have received extra training and education in areas of counselling. They are specialized in helping children and their families with social/emotional/family issues that affect learning. Ms. Silver is at our school on Monday mornings, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and can be contacted directly at msilver@sd43.bc.ca

ANNOUNCEMENTS and ATTACHMENTS

Please see attachments for information on the following:

- Michael Mitchell Parent Invitation and Order Form
- Continuing Education
- Aboriginal Education Self-Identification

- Spanish Classes at Panorama (not affiliated with the school)
- Music Adventure - Guitar

To learn about a variety of community organizations' events, activities and information [please visit this webpage](#).

PANORAMA MONTH AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER

- 22 Pro-D Day- No school
- 27 Individual School Photos
- 27 Meet the Teacher Night 6pm-7pm
- 28 Terry Fox School Run 1pm– come run with us!

OCTOBER

- 9 Thanksgiving – School closed
- 16 PAC Meeting 7:15pm
- 19 Interim Reports Home
- 20 Pro-D Day – No school
- 26 Photo Retakes (for those who want retakes or who were absent)
- 31 Halloween Parade 1pm (come to the gym and see our costumes!)

Be in the Know: The School Calendar can be found on our [website](#).