



## Weekly Communication from False Creek School and PAC to Parents, Students, and Staff

### Important Upcoming Dates

**Wednesday, October 13**

- Soccer at Mt Pleasant

**Monday, October 17**

- Gymnastics Begins

**Wednesday, October 19**

- Senior Boys Soccer at Mt. Pleasant

**Thursday, October 20**

- Cross Country Meet at Trout Lake (1 to 3 pm)

**Friday, October 21**

- Professional Day—No School for Students



### Photo Purchase and Photo Retake —Tuesday, November 8th

A reminder to place your photo order by today. You can order online at [order.mountianwest.ca](http://order.mountianwest.ca). Each student has their own unique login code written on the order form.

For student who missed their individual school photo or would like a retake, the photo retake day is Tuesday, November 8th.



### Mini School Application for Grade 7 Students

For Parents of Grade 7 students:

All 18 secondary schools in Vancouver offer challenging and comprehensive programs. Many schools have developed their own school-based enrichment programs for a wide range of student interests and abilities. In addition to the neighbourhood school, District programs also offer a set of enrichment programs to meet the needs of students.

To apply for most District programs, students must complete the District Cognitive Skills test on Nov. 24th, 2016.

Important Dates REGISTER ONLINE for the test: Nov. 5 to Nov. 13, 2016  
Test Date Nov. 24 at 1:00 p.m. 2016  
Application to Programs Deadline Dec. 15, 2016 by 3 p.m.

Explore our Programs  
[www.vsb.bc.ca/programs/mini-school-registration](http://www.vsb.bc.ca/programs/mini-school-registration)

Mini-School Brochure;  
<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/sites/default/files/Secondary-Program-June16-2016.pdf>



## Message from the School Board regarding “Clown” Specific Threats and Safety Concerns

As you are likely aware throughout media and social media, there have been some recent “clown” specific threats and safety concerns that have occurred across North America. These threats can sometimes reference and target specific schools. The majority of these threats are appearing throughout social media platforms – and mostly through Instagram, Facebook and Snapchat accounts.

We would encourage you to talk to your children about reporting any concerning images or threats should they come across them on social media. Students are encouraged to report directly to school administration, counsellors or their school Police Liaison Officer.

The Vancouver School District has a close partnership with the Vancouver Police Department, and we will continue to work together to monitor this particular situation. Schools also have access to a School Liaison Officer who will work closely with the school staff and students when needed. Along with other school districts in the province, our district receives training in assessing and responding to threat related behaviour through the ERASE Bullying Strategy. The safety of our students remains our top priority, and we thank you for helping by speaking with your children about this issue.

Should you have any questions or concerns please talk to your school administration.

## BC Ministry of Education Request for Student Reporting Feedback —from Mike Bernier, Minister of Education

Dear Parent,  
I’m writing today to ask you to share your opinions with the Ministry of Education as we work to update student reporting in kindergarten through Grade 9. Students in these grades are experiencing B.C.’s new curriculum in classrooms in every part of the province.

We are adapting the curriculum in B.C. schools so kids learn the skills they need to succeed in our changing world. This means we also need to develop a new reporting approach. Right now the progress of your child is reported in many different ways, including report cards, parent teacher meetings, and regular student/parent/teacher check-ins.

Reporting is all about keeping parents like you informed, and we want you to tell us HOW you want to be informed and keep track of your child’s progress. Until February 28 next year you can submit your thoughts online at [engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress](http://engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress).

As well, community meetings will be held in 10 communities across the province

over the coming months so parents can ask questions and share their input. Check the website for times and locations as they are scheduled.

The ultimate goal of this engagement is to develop a student reporting process that gives families a deeper understanding of their child’s progress at school through timely and comprehensive information. We’ll gather the feedback and share our plan next June.

Our education system is one of the most highly ranked in the world. Students are finding success in music, in academics, in sports – and in every subject in between. Together parents, teachers, and the education system are making sure we build on that for an even better tomorrow.

For more details on our new curriculum, please visit [www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca](http://www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca).

Thanks for your help,  
Mike Bernier, Minister of Education



# Arts Umbrella Community News

Join us for a

## Monster Mash

**\$10** per ticket  
(includes pop, chips &  
all games/activities)

**Friday, Oct 28, 2016**  
from 6:00 to 9:00 pm

For kids Grade 3-7

Don't forget to wear a costume!

Lots of fun activities!

- costume contest • face painting
- scary haunted house • spooky treats
- fun cake walk • dance party room
- games room • arts & crafts

Concession Stand

at Arts Umbrella Granville Island,  
1286 Cartwright St

hosted by

**ARTS UMBRELLA** dance company

All proceeds will support the 2017 Touring Fund for Arts Umbrella Dance Company (AUDC), a not for profit repertory company developing young dancers (ages 12-20). To learn more visit:

[www.artsumbrella.com/AUDC](http://www.artsumbrella.com/AUDC)

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